Boys Classes were formed due to larger number of male enrolments compared to girls and based on educational research in this area. Boys are generally “hands on” or sometimes more visual learners, they like competition and learn through their interests. “Hands on Tuesday”- learning Maths and science facts in the outdoors using activities they enjoy such as the concept of time, measured how many push ups they achieved in 30 secs or the distance they run in 30secs. The class has regular breaks for 10 mins after each 50 min session. The class are building a rapport, relationships and bonding with each other to feel more in control of their learning and having more success as a result. They enjoyed the construction of the chicken coop and practical learning activities as well as access to technology resources. Some parents have been involved in coaching sport and the children are really enjoying this experience. Both classes are harmonious and the boys are not being distracted by girls whilst learning. Both teachers Relate well to boys and are using innovative ways to improve individual learning outcomes.

**Attendance:** See the book.

**Apologies:** Tim H, Michael C, Alison B, June W

**Minutes:** Posted on school website, read by Bronwyn, minutes be accepted

Moved Melissa T Snr, seconded Melissa T Jnr

**Matters Arising:** none

**Correspondence:** (In) - Fundraising

Email from Alison B

**Matters Arising from the Correspondence:** dealt with in GB.

**Presidents Report:** Thank you again to the parents that came along to the Fundraising meeting at Warnies we planned a draft fundraising calendar for the year which can be added to and changed however helps to provide a guideline. I wish to say a huge thank you to the team of volunteers in the canteen and Mr Garry and Mr Michael for making our Pancake Meal Deal held on Shrove Tuesday 4th March was a great success. Lots of families came and enjoyed lunch with their children. Thank you to Sue for all her help with organizing the P&C Newsletter, ordering Mothers Day gifts with helpers ready for Term 2. I would like to thank the staff, Tricia Carlson from WF&CC and the team of volunteers who helped to provide an amazing day of celebrations and activities for the
children to participate and enjoy on Friday 21st March. Thank you to families for the incredible Easter donations and for selling tickets in our fundraising raffle! I hope everyone enjoys the yummy Easter buns and has a safe and happy Easter holiday break. See you all in Term 2.

**Fundraising:**
Dealt with in General Business

**Uniforms:**
Second hand Uniforms available for a gold coin donation.

**Treasurer:**
January and February Financial Reports read and tabled by Sue. C
Opening $ 8099.57
Closing Bank Balance $7602.02
Financial Reports be accepted Moved Sue C, seconded, Sarah W

**Principals Report:**
Table Annual School Report 2013
Principal’s Report P&C April 8 2014
Enrolment – 444

**Annual School Report**
Tabled and copy handed out. Available on the website

**My School – ACARA**
2013 school details including financial and academic information available on the ACARA site:
http://www.myschool.edu.au

**Year 3 Class Movies**
3P and 3S are involved in an exciting project Class Movies. Utilising Equity Funding we have employed an extra teacher 2 days per week to work in Year 3. They are able to create some unique experiences with classes in a team teaching situation with the extra support of Rebecca Mansfield. They are creating a movie for the DEC highlighting the wonderful educational outcomes that are being achieved.

**Staff Professional Learning**
L3 training for 3 staff has commenced- Margaret peacock, Cheryl Jacobs and Amanda Donohue training.
Clarissa C attended an aboriginal PLP training day
All staff are attending workshops on: New Curriculum, Literacy, Numeracy and Technology
3 staff attended Accreditation Course

**Aboriginal Education**
Meet and Greet Afternoon Tea held in week 6 – very successful
Didgeridoo group of 12 boys is going well
PLP staff meeting held – all Aboriginal students need to have a personalised learning plan

**2014 Term 2,3,4 Costing Sheet**
All final costings are being worked out for the remainder of the year. Costing sheet will be coming home early

**Performing Arts**
School Spectacular – 9 girls trialled and submitted a video – will hear in June
Wizard of Oz – trials for main parts are being finalised. Production will be later in the year.

**Anzac Day**
Choir to perform at Toukley as part of the Anzac Day Service. Thanks to Mrs Nakhoul and Mrs White

**SPORT**
Swimming Carnival was very successful – thanks for support. Same format for 2015. We were named Wallarah Bay Champions. 10 students will be attending Sydney Nth carnival
Cross Country will be held early Term 2
LMG Sport 5 week session will be held last 5 weeks Term 2 at Hamlyn Terrace Ovals
Life Education still a lot of money outstanding. Very successful program

**Harmony Day – March 21**
Art Show was a great success. Activities son the day were fantastic, great to have such community involvement and support from Warnervale Family & Community Centre and Tricia Carlson in particular. Planning for 2015 has already begun!

**Parent / Teacher Interviews**
Over 65% of parents attended Interviews. Online booking scheme worked really well. Next year we will allocate 15 mins for the Interview. 4B and 1J Interviews will be held early in Term 2

**Electronic Sign**
New sign will hopefully be up early Term 2

Facebook
Follow up to last week’s Wordabout re Facebook comments – parents need to be very aware of what they write and comment on. Legal advice is often sought and can result in action if defamatory comments are made concerning any individual.

DATES for Term 1/2
April 10  Stage 1 Excursion / Stage 3 Incursion
April 11  Anzac Day Ceremony, Term 1 ends
April 25  Anzac Day – choir at Toukley Anzac Ceremony
April 28  Staff Development Day
April 29  K – 6 students return
May 8   Cross Country Carnival
May 9   SRC Fundraiser
May 12  NAPLAN Year 3 and 5
May 12,13,14 Year 6 Canberra

General Business:

Biggest Afternoon Tea: Melissa T Snr will kindly co-ordinate on Monday 19th at 1.30pm before recess. K-2 assembly generally has more parents in attendance.

Facebook: Everyone should be more mindful of what is written on Facebook at ALL times. A reminder was put in in the Wordabout last week. Legal action can be taken for defamatory remarks. Laws are changing all time and becoming tougher. Any defamatory or demoralising material being posted about the staff and school. Children under the age of 13 should not have a FB site. It is better to report positive things and use the correct channels for any grievances or complaints.

School donation: We would like to provide the school with $3500 amount from P&C funds towards the electronic sign for the school. This is the corresponding amount raised at Warnervale Wonderland from last December. Moved B.B, seconded, H.D, all in favour.

Old Sign & New Sign: P&C can be trained to use the old sign for messages, if Mr Garry is able to reuse the sign facing Minnesota Rd.

Easter Raffle: Great response to the mufti day donations. We made 30 prize baskets and plenty of tickets returned. Money raised approx $500, a little down on last year. Not as many tickets sold.

Canteen: Look out for Meal Deals next term! Helpers always welcome and needed for recess.

Mothers Day: Gifts have been selected and ordered by Sue C and Kim M, Cards have been stamped by Bronwyn B, $5 for gift and card on the stalls, 7th May during class time and, 8th and 9th May before school.

Recipe Book: Thank you to Alison for all her time and creative talent collating and editing the recipe book, a copy was circulated at the February meeting for everyone to look at. A few gaps in main meals have been added and we are just waiting on one more addition by Maddie C. Alison investigated material costs for printing the books, The cost of
the items are 10mm Binding combs $6.17 box of 100, leather grain backs $13.33 for 100 and Transparent covers $14.75 for 100 plus a ream of paper $6.50 = $40.75 divided by 200 because we can get 2 out of each sheet = $0.20 each one not including toner for printers. Prices to be discussed and when to order then make the recipe books. Prices will be set at $10 for printed copy and option of $15 for printed and digital copy together. Action- Alison and Sue

Fundraising: Draft Calendar to be available on the website. Action- Bronwyn

Family Portrait: Advanced Life family Portraits offer is $15 portrait sitting per family and this money is a directly paid to the P&C The date Sunday 25th May was chosen with consensus due to sport commitments. You will receive a photo or Pencil sketch, wallet and key ring for the amount. You may purchase other photos and packages available.

Meeting closed: 10.50 am
Next meeting: Tuesday 13th May, 9.15am