

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Woonona Public School P&C Association

**OUR PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (P&C) BRINGS PARENTS, STAFF
AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER, TO ADVANCE THE
BEST INTERESTS OF OUR GREAT SCHOOL AND ITS STUDENTS.**

DATE:

Wednesday 10th of April, 2019. 6:30pm.

ATTENDEES:

Tim Fisher, Alison Strinic, Matt Argæet, Andromeda Lembo, Terri Toneguzzo, Rebecca Griffith, Justin Dixon, Marg Nichols, Kris West, Angelika Wachs, Maryann Bransdon, Kim Walker, Rob Burgess, Sarah Longhurst.

APOLOGIES:

Kristy Smith, Jayde Neal, Elizabeth Phillips.

MINUTES ACCEPTED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Andromeda Lembo and Justin Dixon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Appointment of Auditors

Marg contacted our current auditors (Ruiz and Associates) and they are prepared to undertake the 2019 audit. Fee is ~\$750.00.

Motion: Ruiz & Associates be appointed as auditors for the coming year. Moved: Terri, Seconded: Marg. Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

1. Account signatories

All new signatories have been added to CBA Accounts. Marg to attend IMB to change on term deposit.

2. Playground upgrade / Working Bee

Alison Strinic advised that all three proposed design plans were presented to all classes for voting. There was concern among staff with Option 2 regarding the two sliding rails and the threat of injury or children becoming stuck, but after some discussion the benefit was agreed on by staff. Also, should they pose a problem down the track they can easily be changed. The students voted as follows: Option 1 – 33/600, Option 2 – 329/600, Option 3 – 209/600. Option 2 wins! This will be announced at the Easter Hat Parade and print outs will be put up on the wall for viewing by parents and students. Soft fall v's mulch - external opinions lean towards mulch being better.

Next steps: The contract from ModuPlay has been received and needs to be signed off by Tim, Marg and Justin. The invoice is to be paid by the school and P&C will reimburse, to avoid GST. Installation is proposed for the July school holidays (~12 weeks).

Working Bee – A committee will be formed to manage the working bee. Justin Dixon advised that the existing playground has treated pine edging that needs to be replaced with a permanent solution, so the aim is to have two working bees – one to update the edging, and one to replace the mulch and install drainage.

Justin also advised that we will need temporary fencing, which he has already possibly sourced. Justin will confirm.

The working bee and formation of a group will be announced at the Easter Hat Parade, with anyone interested to write their details on the form in the office or contact Justin. An option for people wishing to contribute, but unable to assist with manual labour, could be to request they buy and donate supplies needed for the jobs.

The budget has already been approved. Marg has recently also applied for a BluescopeWIN Community grant \$15,000 for the playground – results due late April.

3. Sentral Parent Portal

While the initial sign-up rate to Sentral was low, by Parent Teacher Interviews it was very good, with ~500 interviews booked through the system.

4. New Canteen Menu

All good and ready to go in Term 2.

5. Outdoor Learning Space

Discussions with staff and the staff executive have been held regarding wants/needs for an outdoor learning space.

Marg has been approached by a parent (Vanessa) who is unable to attend P&C meetings but is skilled in grant application and has offered her services. Vanessa has kindly offered to start the process of applying for the My Community Project Grant that will help us move forward with the outdoor learning space. The grant conditions are that build is to be completed by the end of 2020 and the amount of funds available range from \$20-\$200k. There is also a voting component.

Two potential areas have been identified – the top end and the bottom end of the school. Tim has spoken to assets and is working through questions. If the grant application is unsuccessful, the P&C will then need to decide whether to fund the project, apply for other grants, or not proceed. Proposed budget is approx. **\$35,000**.

Motion: The P&C proceed to apply for a My Community Project Grant for an Outdoor Learning Space. Moved: Marg, Seconded: Justin. Motion carried.

6. Library Refurbishment

Andromeda, Marg, Tim & Julie Lake have met and discussed the plans for the library. All agreed that the design ideas are good and moving in the right direction, to provide a more functional, inviting and attractive space. Assets have been advised and quotes will be arranged via Lisa at Assets with approved contractors. Potential timeframe is for Term 3 while Julie Lake is on leave.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bank statements, and Entertainment Book promotional material.

REPORTS

1. President's Report

Marg ran through the 'What is a P&C?' – see attached report. Marg also advised that she will lead the grant application process for the school, with Vanessa W assisting. The grant team will be formed into a sub-committee, as will working bee (Justin) and social (Andromeda) groups.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Change of signatories of Commbank accounts; General, Uniform Shop and Canteen was transferred to new signatories on 29/3/2019. Greater Term Deposit still to be arranged for transfer.
- Treasurer access to Quickbooks account keeping was activated on 2/4/2019.
- Events float has been reduced to \$200 with the excess \$220 returned to bank account. Float is now stored in school safe to be accessed by Treasurer.
- Uniform Account balance as at 31/3 is \$26447.89, with \$15000 needed for running costs.
- General Account balance as at 31/3 is \$38394.59.
- Canteen Account balance as at 31/3 is \$30178.00 with \$15000 needed for running costs.
- All accounts have been reconciled. Reports attached.

Treasury Tasks 2019:

- Encourage all members of the school community to understand the state of the association's finance so that the school community has understanding and confidence in the P&C operations.
- Ensure that the association and subcommittees follow appropriate financial management procedures.
- Prepare annual P&C budgets (with assistance of others).

Prepaid Debit Card for Canteen:

Currently the canteen relies on a large amount of petty cash to pay weekly purchases. To ensure that all takings are banked weekly and cash is not needed to be kept, the Canteen Manager requires a prepaid debit card to replace the current use of petty cash. All purchases are still required to have all receipts kept as record to match up to card expenditure. The Canteen Manager will be the only person with the PIN on this card and they are responsible for reporting the card lost or stolen. The initial amount to be kept on this card is to be \$400 and it may be continued to be topped up to \$400 with two signatories. \$6.95 cost of card with a \$0.09c fee per transaction.

Motion: A prepaid debit card to the value of \$400 for use by Woonona Public School P&C Association to purchase fresh produce and grocery for Canteen use and that all receipts must be retained for reconciling to allow the ongoing top up to the value of \$400.

Moved: Terri, Seconded: Marg. Motion carried.

Purchase of Gifts of Recognition:

The recognition of volunteers of the P&C who have made a substantial contribution, as well as other gifts of major events has generally been an expenditure by the P&C to date, and we wish to discuss this for inclusion in the budget. The need has arisen to purchase gifts of gratitude from the P&C committee and the President requests that the P&C spend \$220 for gifts to five outgoing executive members.

Motion: To purchase gifts totalling \$220 for five outgoing executive members by 10/4/2019.

Moved: Marg, Seconded: Rebecca. Motion carried.

3. Principal's Report

Report attached.

4. Canteen Report

Canteen is reviewing the specifications around the new oven, and the new menu has been finalised and will start in Term 2 2019.

5. Uniform Shop Report

- Policy Creation meeting was held last week. Terri will compile the Minutes and actions accordingly.
- Winter stock of jackets and jumpers has arrived. Tunics are on order.
- Recently staff have shown an interest in wearing white Woonona promotional polos. They have embraced the 'uniforms' and wore them at the Cross Country Carnival. Tim advised that he has been having positive discussions with the staff around uniforms – Hayley Mulrooney will be taking the lead to source some modern options for all staff, shirts and possibly jackets. Terri advised that there is a box of 21 shirts in the uniform shop that has been there for 10 years. It was agreed that the staff could use these (donation) as an interim option.

Motion: Donate \$315 of value staff shirts from uniform shop stock to staff.

Moved: Terri, Seconded: Justin. Motion carried.

6. Fundraising Report

- Fundraising meeting on 3/4/2019 was very productive and provided the platform to bring ideas for discussion, receive feedback, and share new and exciting ideas for possible upcoming events. Financial expectations were clarified to ensure that all P&C expenditure is requested.
- Election BBQ 1 Gross Profit \$1991.11
- Hot Cross Buns will be delivered tomorrow morning 11/4, Gross Profit \$870.
- Date soon announced for Election BBQ 2. Probably 18th May or following 2 weeks. Terri to coordinate. Predicted profit \$1000.

Motion: Expenditure request of \$375_ (Oil \$6, 5kg bacon \$40, 30kg sausage \$120, 30 loaves bread \$30, 9 dozen free range eggs \$45, 110 rolls \$55, 48 juice poppers \$26, soft drink \$33, onion \$20).

Moved: Terri, Seconded: Rob. Motion carried.

- Maryann identified an opportunity for a community event on the night of Halloween, not necessarily in the form of Halloween, but to build on the community atmosphere of that night. Request for anyone with feedback or an interest in helping to organise to contact Maryann to build a plan to bring to next Fundraising Committee Meeting. Maryanne to prepare a more detailed proposal for future consideration.
- Colour Run event a possibility for end of year activities was discussed as these prove to be a fun and active event at many other schools. Events calendar will be checked and Rob has offered to coordinate.
- Kindy welcome morning tea event has been communicated from teachers, and year 1 parents will be invited to bring food to welcome 2019 Kindy parents. This is NOT a fundraiser, but a social involvement event. Marg is coordinating on behalf of the P&C and requests for the provision of tea, coffee and milk to cost up to \$40.

Motion: Purchase tea, coffee and milk for Kindy welcome morning tea up to the value of \$40 by 3/5/2019. Moved: Marg, Seconded: Rob. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- What is the purpose/mission of the WPS P&C? - Small group brainstorming activity to be held over until next meeting
- Lost property – draft report attached. Final to be published in P&C newsletter next term.

MEETING CLOSED

8:20pm

NEXT MEETING

8 May 2019, 6:30pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you and welcome. There have been lots of great P&C school community initiatives in the past month, and in the pipeline - which are covered elsewhere in other reports.

What I want to talk about today are three things:

- The vision of what our P&C is, and
- Communication and engagement with the school community
- Purpose and procedure for the P&C General meeting

What is our P&C?

Over the past month the Executive Committee (Andromeda, Justin, Rebecca, Terri and I) have gone right back to basics and considered afresh:

- Who or what is a P&C Association?
- What is the purpose of a P&C Association?
- What is the purpose, role or mission of the Woonona Public School P&C?
- How does this purpose/role/mission shape our vision or goals for 2019 and beyond?

So what I would like to do in this report is outline some of these things as defined by the NSW P&C Federation, and get you thinking about what it might mean for the role and priorities of our WPS P&C going forward.

Some of you may be very familiar with this. For others (like me) you may not have ever really stopped and thought much about these questions. Either way, I think it's a good place to start and a helpful way to focus our thoughts and guide our efforts...

• Who are Parents and Citizens?

Parent and guardians of children attending the school together with other residents of the district served by the school who are interested in the welfare of the school.

• Why have a P&C?

- To encourage parental involvement;
- Parents as partners in the education process, have a right and responsibility to play an active role in the education of their children;
- The P&C shares a responsibility to ensure representative decision making for all students;
- The school P&C enables parents and citizens to meet together to determine the needs and aspirations of the school community;
- Parents have talents, interests, energies and skills which enrich the life and program of the school.

• What are a P&C's objectives?

- Promote the interest of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation;
- Assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school;
- Encourage parent and community participation in curriculum and other educational issues in schools.

(Source: Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW)

What does this mean or look like at Woonona Public School?

Working this out will take some time, but once we have discussed, debated and then agreed on our purpose or mission, we can let this guide all our efforts.

Input from the following sources is proposed:

1. Guidance provided from the P&C Federation (above), available at (<https://www.pandc.org.au/forms/faqs/>)
2. School Strategic Plan
3. Brainstorming activity tonight! Get thinking, be a part of the conversation, and record your ideas (or have a chat/send an email any time)
4. Parent survey – will include one question that seeks input from what parents think the purpose/mission of the WPS P&C should be
5. Article attached “Our P&C – strengthened by fun!”

The information gathered above will be used by the P&C Executive to formulate a draft purpose/mission statement for discussion, debate, and agreement at a future P&C meeting.

Improved School Community Engagement and Communication

The P&C Executive committee agreed this is an area of focus in the coming year.

The P&C needs to be highly transparent and effectively inform parents of discussions, activities, results and needs. We also need to encourage parents to confidently and constructively make suggestions or complaints, identify needs, or get involved, and help them understand the best way to do this.

Thirdly, we are keen to create opportunities to build social connections between school, parents and the community, while having fun!

Communication to parents

- a) P&C Newsletter – Approximately one per term. (Issue 1 - 1 April 2019) Will work on improving over time. Feedback will be gratefully received.
- b) P&C representation on the WPS website. This needs improving. Other schools have great websites that we could take inspiration from and base ours on.
- c) Underlying message in all communication – come and join the community fun, and if you can't no problem!

Communication from parents

We want to encourage input and participation by our parent community.

- a) Who to ask? How to make a suggestions? How to complain? What are the correct process for submitting agenda items and how to bring ideas/ recommendations/ problems to the P&C meetings?
- Matters for the class teacher or Principal
 - Matters for the P&C:
 - we encourage written correspondence to the P&C
 - agenda items can be presented by someone on behalf of another if they cannot attend or are not confident speaking in this forum.
 - agenda items are best raised prior to the meeting by emailing the Rebecca Griffith (Secretary) at enquiries@wppc.com.au
 - If you wish to raise a new idea or issue at the meeting, please mention this at the outset of the meeting. A decision can be made (based on urgency, time

constraints and so on) whether it can be included in 'General Business' in this or the following meeting.

- o New ideas should be researched, with your assessment of the benefits and costs identified where appropriate. It might help to run your ideas past another before presenting.

b) Parent survey. Term 2. It will be carefully designed to seek constructive input from our school community

c) P&C community presence

P&C General meetings

Important that we have regular and properly convened meetings so the WPS P&C is run democratically. It doesn't have to be super-formal, however the important thing is that all decisions and agreements are formally recorded and that anyone who wants to speak has the chance to do so.

Voting on decisions (motions) is by financial members. All interested parents or citizens are encouraged to become financial members (can pay via QuickCliq or to treasurer Terri Toneguzzo). It costs \$2 per year.

Refer meeting agenda. Aiming for 90 minute meetings – 6.30-8pm. Includes time-frames and an indication of whether discussion or decisions are required.

Draft Agendas for the meetings will be distributed in advance (e.g. Newsletter 1 Monday 1 April). Purpose of this is so parents can come to the meeting prepared or suggest additional items.

Sub-Committees (canteen, uniform shop, fundraising) now have separate sub-committee meetings, where ideas are proposed and detailed discussions occur. Sub-committee reports are presented at this general meeting, with limited discussion following and decisions made if required. Anyone is welcome to attend sub-committee meetings. Advance notice of meetings and agendas will be communicated in advance.

Conclusion

I wish to emphasise that the value of our efforts is not in all the talking we do, or the things we say we are going to do. Rather, the value is in what we do and how we go about it, so that is our focus!

Our P&C – strengthened by fun

The P&C at Turner School have been placing community and fun at the centre of what they do and that's taken them from strength to strength.

One of the greatest difficulties facing P&Cs is a lack of volunteers, so when Council asked to talk to P&Cs about their volunteer woes, we were delighted to hear from Helen Bell, P&C President at Turner School, who asked if we also wanted to talk to P&Cs with lots of amazing volunteers.

"Yes!" we said. "How do you do it?"

"Five or six years ago, there was a feeling that the P&C was on its way out," Helen told us "but we've turned it around. We now have a group of people who really get something out of it and want to be there. We all have paid jobs, and juggle our P&C commitments, but we get enough back that we are happy to keep doing it."

The key? A change in focus from fundraising to fun.

"Fundraising is such a drag on the community, so we only do it to cover our expenses and where there are specific purposes in line with our priorities," explained Helen. "What we do now is build social connections between the school, parents and community, while having fun. That's our role, our mission at the school."

"There was some tension between the P&C and the Board and we sat down and thought about the P&C role. It seemed that social networking was the thing that the P&C could do well and add value to the community."

"It is actually a clear mission we have all taken on board and work towards," she said.

"We need to build opportunities for people to be involved. We have a diverse school community, so it is important that everyone gets the chance to meet each other. We have a lot of new families joining the school each year, particularly with embassies and ANU accommodation in our catchment. We create events that are tailored to the children and community. You can't expect people to come to help at a BBQ or work in a canteen as the only way of connecting to the school. You need to create



The P&C's new aim – to build social connections while having fun – was certainly met by the Trivia Night.

opportunities for people to socialise."

"We also started up a Class Parent Contact Network," Helen said. "It is working really well. Each class representative keeps a list of parent contact details and they can then organise class-level things like playdates, pizza nights or flowers for a teacher with a new baby. They can have a more focused interaction with that group, rather than the P&C trying to be across all the details."

"We have 30 classes, with 30 class-reps, so we also have a parent who co-ordinates the Network as well as organising the big events. It takes a lot of the pressure off the President's job".

“The parent network organises a Big Afternoon Tea at the end of each semester. Families are invited to meet at the school playground, bringing a plate to share. We set up tables for each year group, so people can easily mingle with parents with kids of similar ages. Last time we also ran a plant sale, a sausage sizzle and one of the Year 1 girls had a jelly stall. About 250 came. It’s not much work to run but is a lot of fun.”

The P&C started to approach local businesses with a different mindset too.

“Instead of asking all the local businesses for donations for prizes and so on, we stepped back and looked for businesses who could benefit from the connection with the school, explains Helen. “Our focus is on building community partnerships so that both the school and the businesses benefit, rather than just fundraising. It is much more of a true sponsorship approach.”

“A good example is our arrangement with Dickson Park Dental Surgery, who sponsor our fruit stall at the fete and our trivia night. They offer a dental package for Turner parents, which is promoted as part of the events. Another is the Rugby Union Club at Turner, which sponsored our trivia night and the pizza stall at the fete. We advertise the Club’s promotions and it has become a meeting place for Turner families.”

So what about P&C meetings? Do they get a good turn out for those?

“Our meetings are growing. We meet new people and it grows year on year,” said Helen.

“We have a great Secretary and she makes sure we keep our meetings to just one hour. We have an agenda and keep to it. We make sure people know what is going to be discussed, including what we need approval for, before the meeting by circulating the agenda. That way people know what will be discussed before they come. We talk about key topics in the lead up to the meeting, so that when we get there we know what we are doing and can easily come to a decision.”

There’s obviously a lot to be pleased about how the P&C is working, but when we asked Helen what she is most proud of, it’s not the growing sense of community or re-invigorated P&C.

“Our Fairtrade uniforms!” she said. “We’ve worked hard to find a suitable supplier who has now made school polo shirts for us using organic, Fairtrade-certified cotton. It’s really important as many school uniforms are made by children who don’t get to go to school. Using Fairtrade cotton helps to improve the lives of kids in developing countries, ensuring farmers and workers are paid a fair wage and that children aren’t forced to work in cotton mills and factories to make our uniforms. There was tremendous support among the school community for the Fairtrade uniforms. We took orders initially, but ordered extras so now we sell them each week. I’m happy to talk to other schools who want to go down this path”

This article appeared in [ParentACTion Magazine](#), Term 2, 2018. It is part of a [series of articles](#) sharing expertise across our P&Cs.

From: <https://www.actparents.org.au/index.php/news1/item/325-p-c-strengthened-by-fun>

TREASURER'S ATTACHMENTS

Woonona Public School P&C Association

Woonona Public P&C A/C, Period Ending 31/03/2019

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 04/04/2019

Reconciled by: Terri Toneguzzo

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

Summary

AUD

Statement beginning balance.....	40,369.36
Cheques and payments cleared (3).....	-2,630.96
Deposits and other credits cleared (6).....	4,004.35
Statement ending balance.....	<u>41,742.75</u>

Register balance as of 31/03/2019.....	41,742.75
Cleared transactions after 31/03/2019.....	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 31/03/2019.....	-288.00
Register balance as of 04/04/2019.....	<u>41,454.75</u>

Details

Cheques and payments cleared (3)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (AUD)
14/03/2019	Expense			-60.00
18/03/2019	Expense			-21.16
26/03/2019	Expense		Smart Fundraisers	-2,549.80
Total				-2,630.96

Deposits and other credits cleared (6)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (AUD)
24/03/2019	Deposit		Election BBQ 1 2019	2,340.00
24/03/2019	Deposit			140.00
25/03/2019	Deposit			28.00
25/03/2019	Deposit		Election BBQ 1 2019	396.35
25/03/2019	Deposit			100.00
29/03/2019	Deposit		Oosh	1,000.00
Total				4,004.35

Additional Information

Uncleared cheques and payments after 31/03/2019

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (AUD)
01/04/2019	Expense		Ruiz & Associates Pty Ltd	-715.00
Total				-715.00

Uncleared deposits and other credits after 31/03/2019

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (AUD)
01/04/2019	Deposit			322.50
01/04/2019	Deposit		Commonwealth Bank	104.50
Total				427.00

Woonona Public School P&C Association

Woonona PS P&C Canteen, Period Ending 31/03/2019

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 04/04/2019

Reconciled by: Terri Toneguzzo

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Summary	AUD
Statement beginning balance.....	25,235.91
Cheques and payments cleared (2).....	-805.00
Deposits and other credits cleared (9).....	7,441.30
Statement ending balance.....	<u>31,872.21</u>
Register balance as of 31/03/2019.....	31,872.21

Details

Cheques and payments cleared (2)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (AUD)
14/03/2019	Expense		Okuma Sushi Uni	-282.50
28/03/2019	Expense		Okuma Sushi Uni	-522.50
Total				-805.00

Deposits and other credits cleared (9)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (AUD)
01/03/2019	Deposit		Quickcliq	1,041.94
04/03/2019	Deposit		Cash Sale	475.85
08/03/2019	Deposit		Quickcliq	1,204.54
15/03/2019	Deposit		Cash Sale	452.20
18/03/2019	Deposit		Quickcliq	1,115.75
21/03/2019	Deposit		Cash Sale	542.00
22/03/2019	Deposit		Quickcliq	1,094.55
29/03/2019	Deposit		Cash Sale	447.25
29/03/2019	Deposit		Quickcliq	1,067.22
Total				7,441.30

Woonona Public School P&C Association
Woonona PS P&C Uniform A/C, Period Ending 31/03/2019

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 04/04/2019

Reconciled by: Terri Toneguzzo

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

Summary AUD

Statement beginning balance.....	25,007.64
Cheques and payments cleared (1).....	-151.80
Deposits and other credits cleared (7).....	4,607.09
Statement ending balance.....	<u>29,462.93</u>

Register balance as of 31/03/2019.....	29,462.93
Cleared transactions after 31/03/2019.....	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 31/03/2019.....	-4,845.53
Register balance as of 04/04/2019.....	24,617.40

Details

Cheques and payments cleared (1)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (AUD)
04/03/2019	Expense		Sweet P	-151.80
Total				-151.80

Deposits and other credits cleared (7)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (AUD)
01/03/2019	Deposit		Quickcliq	403.59
08/03/2019	Deposit		Quickcliq	648.66
15/03/2019	Deposit		Cash Sale	1,495.00
18/03/2019	Deposit		Quickcliq	265.49
25/03/2019	Deposit		Quickcliq	570.86
29/03/2019	Deposit		Quickcliq	548.49
29/03/2019	Deposit		Cash Sale	675.00
Total				4,607.09

Additional Information

Uncleared cheques and payments after 31/03/2019

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (AUD)
01/04/2019	Expense		LW Reid	-4,845.53
Total				-4,845.53



WOONONA PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C MEETING

WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2019

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

TERM 1 2019

It is hard to believe that Term 1 is almost over. Having said that, when we look back on what has been achieved, it certainly has been a busy and successful term. Since our last meeting some of the school events that have occurred include:

- Harmony Day
- School Cross Country Carnival
- Easter Hat Parade (tomorrow)
- Year 4 and Stage 3 Cyber Safety Session
- Year 6 to 7 Transition Days
- Parent – Teacher Interviews
- ANZAC Day Ceremony
- Sport and more Sport!

All of these activities are great and add to the educational programs that are occurring in our school. However, it is the fantastic teaching and learning that is happening each and every day that is what teaching is all about.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT 2018

As discussed at our previous P&C meeting, this document has been completed and submitted to the DoE. Unfortunately there has been a “glitch” from the department’s perspective, so this document, while up on the website is actually yet to be fully endorsed.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our School Cross Country Day was not only a huge success, but a lot of fun! Congratulations to Mr McMullen, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Barnaby and Mr McGee who convened the events and all teachers for supporting the day. A sincere thanks to our parents who came to support our students as they ran and even more-so the parents who assisted. It certainly was a wonderful day.

Finally, well done to all of our students who challenged themselves on our difficult courses. There were some wonderful performances, with many children achieving well beyond what they thought they could achieve! Well done to everyone involved!! Many of our students will now go on to represent our school at District Cross Country on Thursday, 2nd May 2019.

MR FISHER LONG SERVICE LEAVE

From the beginning of Term 2 until the 27th May 2019, I will be on Long Service Leave. During this time, Ms Alison Strinic will relieve in my role. Ms Phillips will be off class also during this time, supporting Ms Strinic with administrative duties in the office. Mrs Lauren Lockyer has very enthusiastically accepted the four week role of relieving teacher on 3/4P.

ELECTION DAY BBQ AND CAKE STALL

I would like to thank all the parents, staff and students who assisted at our very successful Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall. It was great to see the whole community get behind the event, led by the always enthusiastic Terri, whether that be by donating cakes, volunteering on the day or by purchasing a treat at election time. We raised close to \$2000 for our school P&C!

EASTER HAT PARADE

Our school will be having our much-anticipated annual Easter Hat Parade tomorrow at 11:30am. It will take place under the COLA. We can't wait to see your creative flair! We are looking forward to a fantastic morning and wonderful way to start our Easter celebrations, a successful first term for 2019 and the upcoming school holidays! Thank you to our whole community for getting behind the Easter Raffle. The Raffle has raised nearly \$4000, with the staff in the process of deciding which school initiative this wonderful sum of money will go to. Thank you also to all the parents who donated Easter items for our raffle. We have 27 Easter Baskets that were brought together, along with folding all the sold tickets, in a very fun and entertaining afternoon with the staff.

PARENT- TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all those parents who attended our Parent/Teacher Interviews last week – what an experience! I have had fantastic feedback from staff and parents. The opportunity to meet early in the year and to get a closer understanding of how your child is performing and what you can do (and we can do) best to support them and the school is vital. Exactly 500 interviews were held last Tuesday!

STAFFING

We are very excited to welcome Mr Darcy Heffernan to WPS beginning Term 2. Mr Heffernan is really excited to join our school and I am very confident will be a huge asset. Unfortunately this means we lose Miss Tegan O'Brien, who has done a wonderful job in setting up the school year. We wish Miss O'Brien all the best as she moves to Bulli PS where she has been offered some ongoing work.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following events are coming up between now and the next P&C meeting:

- 11/4/19 – Hot Cross Bun Deliveries
- 11/4/19 – School Easter Hat Parade
- 12/4/19 – Last Day of Term 1
- 29/4/19 – Staff Development Day (staff only)
- 30/4/19 – School resumes for students
- 2/5/19 – District Cross Country
- 3/5/19 – Kindergarten Showcase and Parents meet Parents
- 8/5/19 – Stage 3 Showcase
- 8/5/19 – P&C Meeting
- (9/5/19 - Mother's Day Stall)
- (13/5/19 – Kindergarten Excursion)
- (14/5/19 – 24/5/19 – NAPLAN Online – when applicable)
- (17/5/19 – Stage 1 Showcase)

GENUINE THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS TERM

Over the duration of the term, we have had many significant community events, involving genuine collaboration, where without the support of our P&C, these events would not have been possible. I want to thank everyone for your contributions to our school.

I again thank you all for showing a huge interest in the education of the students at WPS.

Mr Tim Fisher
Principal