Minutes for P & F 24th April 2013


Welcome from President: Amber Potter, AGM meeting next month and election of Office Bearers.

Business Manager: Vicki Perry. Aussie Farmers Direct: $300 every 6 months. Our school get a percentage. P & F has $400 in the bank account. New Fundraiser: Scouts Australia Raffle – $2 per ticket. Every ticket sold, the school gets $1.50. One main prize is a car.

Pam Kinsman Report – Fete work, huge congratulations to Merrin and helpers– raised $36,000. Well received by the community, lots of positive feedback.

Enrolments – Prep classes have increased. 5 new preps since school began. Average number 20 per class. Limit to 21. There are 7 Prep classes. Other Grades range between 22 to 24 students. Special needs children considered where to place, in the class with lower numbers and with an Integration Aid.

Curriculum Day Friday – For teachers to review new VELS guidelines to be consistent across other areas of Australia. Called AUSVELS.

Teaching pay rise, all bans have been lifted. Comments will be written on future school reports.

June – Parent teacher interview time for each family (parents can bring their children if they choose) and full written student report.

August – Student Led Conferences for students to share their learning and knowledge with their families.

Composite Classes – full review, decision remained to be multi age classes. A parent spoke about the benefits to her child who has learning difficulties and the benefits of multi classroom. Once Secondary moves, multi classes will remain, but some grades may move to new space.

NAPLAN – Mid May, review of ¾ grade and camp dates coinciding with NAPLAN. Students can do practice tests if they want to be more prepared. Some private schools consider NAPLAN results. SPA Program for all teachers to assess learning for grade teaching. If NAPLAN results do not match individual student results, teachers phone parents to discuss and reassure them.

Playground Supervision has increased – more teachers on yard duty.

Kooringa Place lane closure update – Pam and possibly Colin Veitch are meeting with the Shire this Friday to request the laneway to remain open.

School is currently 870 students.

15 school lunch time clubs, teachers give up their time to offer these groups.
School Council Liaison – Karen Brown Report. Had the AGM - new Council Members, a list available. Uniform review of school shoes, parent surveys will be collated by the L & E Committee and reported to School Council at next meeting, then to parents. Parents informed about the Schools 5 Sub Committees and encouraged to join. School banking discussed. School Council Shire letter discussed. School Council also sent letter to Premier of Victoria and AEU to encourage solution to teacher requests. Now all bans have been lifted and teachers have a pay rise.

P & F Minutes – to go on the school website. P & F link on the school website too – Leigh.

Fete Report Merrin Wake – special thanks to Amber Potter. Merrin said it will be her last year, has been doing it for 7 years. Please get on board for next year. Everything ran really well, small electricity fault fixed by Christian Smith (thanks). $36,000 on the day, profits average $25,000. Cake stall, second hand stall and food stalls highest money earners. Money to be spent on new computers and IT equipment to benefit all children. Thanks to office ladies especially for their help. Space to store stuff tricky, but teachers and staff so helpful sorting through this. So many students were amazing help. Still tricky to get heaps of volunteers, but lots better this year.

Mother’s Day Stall – Wednesday 8th May, need helpers on the day from 8.30am. Gifts $2 to $5 per gift. Will be in the dance studio.


Disco – to be planned for this term.

New Families Morning Tea – great response, lots of families attended.

Safeway Earn and Learn Program – stickers given for Safeway purchases. Torquay College will have a box at Safeway to put completed forms in, or a box is at the School Office.

Hot/Dog Donut Day – not going ahead now.

Next Meeting Date: To be emailed to all new members. Will be the AGM.