



Kensington Primary School P & C Association

Minutes for General Meeting held on Tuesday 26th May 2015, 7.30p.m., Staff Room.

1. Welcome from the President

2. Attendance / Apologies. (Please add your name & email address to the 2015 membership list. Reminder: payment of membership fees for 2015 [\$1] must be paid today to be eligible to vote.)
Attendance: A. Wallace, S. Thompson, R. Watson, B. Macauley, N. Austin, A. Shipton, J. Safstrom, S. Noske, M. Burling, N. Carey, M. Noid, T. Pestana, S. Henwood, N. Gallagher, L. Purves
[AW on behalf of P&C received \$3.10 from new members]
Apologies: K. Trent, S. Szczecinski, M. Bozich, M. Tibbits, K. Shortland-Jones, K. Mahar, R. Hannay and T. Steers

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held Tuesday 28th April, 2015.
Motion: That the Minutes as circulated be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.
Moved: R. Watson **Seconded:** B. Macauley

4. Action from previous meeting:

Item List	Report from:	Follow-up action taken / needed
P & C Contribution update	S. Thompson	ST has canvassed and S. Noske. Sounds like \$60 is a palatable amount. Discussion regarding the use of Office Max and system difficulties. Discussion regarding what the funds are actually used for. The P&C to continue to consider prior to making decision.
Music position	S. Thompson	The position has been filled - Marlena and Anthony are to share the position.

5. Reports from current office bearers:
 - a. Treasurer *Report for April 2015 attached at **Annexure A** – Read by S. Thompson on behalf of T. Steers
 - Audit still out and due back this week
 - \$2000 left over from numeracy and literacy programs
 - b. Principal
*Report & “Questions on Notice” responses

Questions on Notice	Response from Principal

Report not provided due to BM's absence.

c. Correspondence in/out
General fundraising

d. Committee Reports:

i. Bookclub & Library

- Scholastic catalogues due back at the end of the week

ii. Fundraising – report emailed and read by S. Thompson

Lapathon – was a fun afternoon. Thanks to Aussie Farmers Direct, IGA Como and IGA Waterford Plaza for fruit donations on the day – for both Walk to School Day and the Lapathon. All were very generous and thank you letters will go out this week.

Lapathon sponsor forms and money due into school by Fri June 5th. Reminders will be sent out a few times over the next week or so.

Scitech – ticket sales yet to be reported back by Year 4 Team. Thanks to Jenny Brittain and Nicola Alderton for their wonderful organisation of this event. Anticipating that it is received well, as it always is. More news on the Scitech night at the next meeting.

Term 3 plans

- Pop-up Bar – Fri 18 Sept – details still TBC
- Possible book week dress up day – gold coin donation
- Possible book week second hand book sale. Book week is Aug 22-28 August

That's all!

Raised by N. Carey: Request for certificates for most raised \$ at Lapathon to be stopped.

Moved to cease providing certificates to kids for most money raised. Motion supported by the meeting on a show of hands.

iii. Grounds and Facilities – points raised by Mel Bozich via email

- the old pine tree above the obstacle course has died and will need cutting down very soon before it too lands on the bike shed like the last pine. We will need to obtain some quotes. Bruce is aware.
- Thank you to Alison Walker who will be coordinating National Schools Tree Day on Friday, July 24 2015.

iv. Memorabilia

No report.

General meeting discussion and suggestion that the time capsule be opened in 2016.

v. Music

Marlena and Anthony are settling into the new position well.

Mrs Dewing is trying to increase the involvement of all KPS parents who can play musical instruments.

Suggested bring in kids who can play the piano (rule of thumb year 4) even if they don't play percussion or other instruments yet.

vi. Uniforms

The uniforms have now been distributed.

vii. Banking

Banking is going well with over 70 kids participating each week.

e. School Council Rep – report emailed

See **Annexure C**.

f. President

6. General Business:

Item	Raised by:	Information presented	Action taken by meeting
Facebook matters	S. Thompson		
Numeracy and literacy workshops	N. Carey	Feedback forms were returned. Only one negative comment that the duration was too short. N. Carey to provide feedback of requested topics.	
Update on position of KPS in regards to reporting against the WA Curriculum	T. Pestana	SCAZA – runs the curriculum. Takes information from the AC and customises for WA. Partial implementation of modified curriculum in 2017. Full implementation in 2018. The teaching of the core content of the curriculum will be judged. A to E grading to remain, although likely to be some shifting down. For instance, a “B” is likely to become a “C”. The expectations of parents and kids will need to reset. Chairs and tables are being tested, as there will be some furniture replacement across the school shortly.	
Request for attendance at KPS by internet safety presenter	S. Thompson on behalf of parent	See note 1 below. Read and discussed.	ST to make enquires regarding costs. Suggested a structured approach to running these programs each year.
Request for incursion by the Barking Gecko Theatre Company to perform The Ballad of Pondlife McGurk	S. Thompson on behalf of parent	See note 2 below \$5 per child 50 mins plus Q&A	BM put into the weekly notices to teachers. The decision will be made by the teachers. P&C will discuss further once received feedback.

7. Other Business:

Item	Action taken
Protective behaviours – Join with the Hensman Street Kindy in publicising to our parent body the protective behaviours program being put on by Hensman Street Kindy	Agreed to support publicising and attendance. No funding commitment.

Money for Jam	JB's overview to be sent out with the minutes. P&C to consider the value of the contributions when deciding how to manage ads on Facebook
Facebook	Suggested a newsletter explanation re use of photos.
T Pestana. Ipad internet cafe	Working well – getting momentum and teachers are sharing ideas. About 8 are now being used to support various kids.
Teacher recognition	There is presently recognition of teachers efforts at a reasonably informal level. Bruce seeks permission to show unsolicited “thank you” letters to the teachers. A beautiful morning tea was put on last year – it went down very well. The meeting considered suggestions such as placing testimonials tab on the school website. At this stage the best approach is to continue to send “thank you” letters to Bruce.

8. Meeting Close: 9.04pm Next meeting: 28th July, 2015.

Note 1

It has been suggested by a parent that we try to get Robyn Rishani from www.yourkidsonline.com.au to do a presentation at KPS. "One of my work colleagues attended one of her presentations and she said it was really useful and well presented. Given the ease of access all our kids have to the internet I think it would be a worthwhile cause."

Hi Alison,

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I notice on the agenda there is an item regarding having a parent talk about ICT and technology. I see you have a potential person in mind, if they are unavailable, our school (East Vic Park) used this company- the lady that spoke was fabulous. Thought you might like to mention it at the meeting.

Safe Solutions, Cyber Safety Solutions: www.ysafe.com.au
The facilitator is Jordan Foster.

Absolutely no obligation just thought it was worth mentioning?

Kind regards,
Karen Mahar

Note 2

Request from parent:

"I was very fortunate last year to have seen the below production with my children. It was an amazing piece of theatre with very strong messages about friendship that are very relevant to our children. At the show I attended there were children of various ages who were all enthralled with the performance and who would have all taken away some very special memories. I, like many of the adults present, was very moved by this performance/story and believe that it would be very beneficial for the students at Kensington Primary School to have the privilege of seeing such artistry. The main theme of this production is 'friendship' and 'staying true to yourself and others' – important messages for all of us!

I would be very grateful if you could consider funding an incursion to Kensington Primary of this production for the recommended age group of year 3-6 students. I rang Barking Gecko Theatre Company today to check if they still had some spaces available to visit schools and fortunately they do. They mentioned that they are in the area on Wednesday 5th August as they are performing at South Perth Primary School (morning) and are free following those performances. They are also free on Thurs 6th August and there are a number of other days/times still available. They also mentioned that the price is currently discounted to \$5 per child instead of the original cost of \$9 per child – which is extremely good value."

[MB's emailed comment:

I am in full support of the P & C getting the Ballad of... Play for our children. However, I hope that all classes will be exposed to educational classroom activities pre and post play to make it worthwhile and beneficial. A stand alone play without any prior and post learning is never as thought provoking. This will give the school and mostly the teachers the opportunity to reflect on what behaviours we want from our children in regard to bullying and friendships - do we have an anti-bullying policy? May be time we get one and maybe this play can be part of that process.]

We are so pleased you enjoyed the Ballad of Pondlife McGurk last year and wish to recommend it to Kensington Primary School.

As this term rolls by extremely fast, you don't have long to wait until our fantastic incursion *The Ballad of Pondlife McGurk* hits schools for our metro tour.

If you haven't yet booked, now is the time to do so as we have a last minute **DISCOUNT** for you! If you book before the end of the term we will gladly offer you a crazy rate of **\$5 PER STUDENT** rather than \$9! There are extremely limited spaces left so get in now.

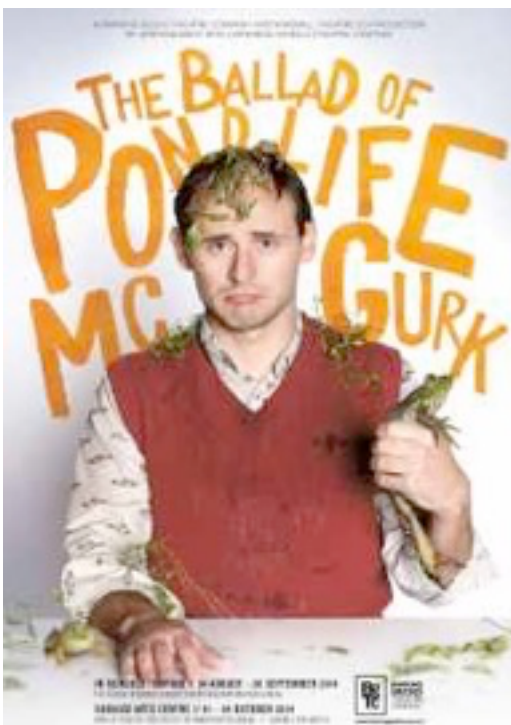
Please see below for details about this fabulous in-school production in Term 3 for students in years 3 - 6.

This immersive and highly entertaining solo performance is guaranteed to ignite conversation in the classroom and in the school yard long after we are gone.

A TATSE OF WHAT'S TO COME -

Watch Pondlife McGurk and his classmates in action here <https://vimeo.com/118105599>

To book a show or request a complimentary Teachers Kit with suggested pre and post activities (literacy, health, behaviour, drama, art) please send me an email or call me on 08 9380 3081.



A solo performance that has stimulated conversations about friendship and

bullying in classrooms around the world!

VALUE FOR MONEY -

~~\$9~~ **JUST \$5** per student!

Performance minimum applies

WHAT YOUR COLLEAGUES SAID -

"Wow! Students were buzzing, they all had a part of the play that spoke to them."

"A great teaching tool and variety to the everyday norm."²

A DAY AND TIME THAT SUITS YOU -

You can book up to 2 sessions per day!

50 minute performance + Post show Q & A

Maximum students 100 per performance

PERFORMED AT YOUR SCHOOL -

Flat clear space 12m x 8m (Undercover area / Gym / Assembly Area)

ENHANCE THE EXPERIENCE -

Complimentary Teachers¹ Kit available now!

Curriculum links - literacy, health, behaviour, drama, art

IN-SCHOOLS
TOURING



TERM 3

A BARKING GECKO THEATRE COMPANY AND WINDMILL THEATRE PRODUCTION
BY ARRANGEMENT WITH CATHERINE WHEELS THEATRE COMPANY

THE BALLAD OF POND LIFE MCGURK

DEVISOR **ANDY MANLEY** DIRECTOR **GILL ROBERTSON** WRITER **ROB EVANS** SOUND DESIGNER **DANNY KRASS**
PERFORMER **MARKO JOVANOVIC**

Back for another splash in 2015!

Martin is the new kid at school among a sea of unfamiliar faces. Sharon is the class bully and she doesn't like Martin one bit. Then Simon McGurk comes along. He's wildly different to Martin, but they become the best of buddies. Until, one day, Martin does something that will poison their friendship forever.

Directed by Gill Robertson, of renowned international theatre company Catherine Wheels, UK, *The Ballad of Pondlife McGurk* examines the fragile nature of friendship in the schoolyard and how hard it can be to stay true to yourself and your friends.

"The students were mesmerized! They had a lot to say when we got back to class... Our school has a major focus on bullying and it is a great way for students to have the information re-enforced" - Teacher, 2014

A Barking Gecko Theatre Company and Windmill Theatre co-production with Catherine Wheels Theatre Company.
Supported by Creative Scotland.

IN SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

DATES Available for incursion 3 – 21 August
VENUE Flat clear space 12m x 8m
DURATION 50 minutes plus post-performance Q&A
SUITS Year 3 and above
COST \$9/student
Performance Minimum \$850
Maximum students 100