

2013 P&C Goals – further discussion		<p><i>Discussion:</i></p> <p>*Has the P&C got a vision for an ongoing plan for KPS? Do we need one? Main aims are fundraising to support KPS education & cultural projects and students’ needs, and information sharing and gathering for whole community.</p> <p>*What is focus now with a) changing population demographic, b) possible retention of yr 5&6, but loss of yr 7 and c) changes to laws for P&C-led building projects? Has focus changed?</p> <p>*Do we concentrate on: Play spaces? Resources? Projects?</p> <p>*P&C policy is to spend money raised by parents in quickest possible time, so current students get immediate benefits, rather than creating a cash stockpile for large long-term projects.</p> <p>*Is there interest in specific projects e.g. smartboards, projectors, class sets of iPads? East Vic Pk PS has instigated a similar project, which is going well, but needs support.</p> <p><i>Action:</i></p> <p>*Members of the community can maintain contact with the P&C through newsletters, email mailing list, attending meetings, or through their class rep.</p> <p>*R. Watson will draft a document outlining role of P&C and possible canvassing for vision for the future, and send it to P&C Executive for ratification before dissemination to community via next P&C meeting & email for community feedback.</p>
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5. Reports from current office bearers:

a. Treasurer

*Presentation of audited financial statements for 2012:

Copies of the audited statements have been submitted to KPS and WACSSO. The auditor, T. Prue confirmed the accuracy of the financial records, stating they were maintained in an exemplary manner. Thanks go to him for his prompt work.

*Report March and April 2013:

Statements are being prepared. In brief, the Fundraising total has reached approx. \$16,000, and there is approx. \$40,000 of funds available in P&C bank accounts.

b. Principal

*Written report – see Annexure 1.

*School Chaplain – has religious background (Baptist), formerly involved in youth services.

Parents can opt their children out of any self-referral confidential counselling / chat service available to students if this does not fit with their beliefs or desires. Information concerning Chaplain services will be put in Newsletter. Mr. Mottram will also work alongside Mrs. Stanford in the Pastoral Care programme.

*Demo kitchen – stainless steel appliances, cost \$2800.

Questions on Notice	Response from Principal
What is happening with seeking IPS status for KPS?	<p>*No schools are being awarded IPS status in 2013.</p> <p>*In 2014, schools can opt to do a year’s training to get ready to take on IPS status. This program has no selection process – all interested schools would be granted IPS status at the end of the training and review period.</p> <p>*KPS could therefore be an IPS by 2015.</p>

c. Correspondence:

IN:

- *Various emails
- *Reconciliation Week posters
- *WACSSO:

newsletter, elections, call for conference items, possible visit to P&C meetings

- *Various fundraising brochures

- *KPS mention in Hansard 8.5.13:

Large increases in Vic Pk / Sth Perth primary student population, including at KPS. Future implications for KPS and surrounding schools, both primary and secondary. P&Cs may be approached to provide feedback as to what options parents would support for Govt schooling, particularly secondary.

OUT:

- *Various emails
- *WACSSO: audit statement, 2013 notification

d. Committee Reports:

Bookclub & Library

Nothing to report at present. All is well in the Library, and the next Scholastic catalogue is due out in June.

Fundraising

*See Annexure 3 for written report.

*Next fundraiser – Movie Night – Great Gatsby @ the Cygnet – 30th May.

Grounds and Facilities

No report at present. There may be a working bee organised, now the weather has broken.

Memorabilia

*Enquiries from ex-students continue to trickle in (even from the Eastern states).

*Photographs of long-serving staff should be taken and held as part of the collection.

*More old-style uniforms have been donated.

Music

Nothing to report at present.

vi. Uniforms

See Annexure 2 for written report.

e. School Council Rep

*Improving communication with community:

Policy to raise profile and visibility of School Council and Councillors, creating brochures outlining achievements and benefits. Possibility of a website. Promoting inclusivity.

*Road Safety & Parking:

School Council supportive of any P&C action.

*Walking School Bus:

Kids can walk to school along a set route, with adult supervision, and can join “bus” at any point.

Travelsmart will provide training for volunteers. There is a website & blog!

Dept Transport have a survey to determine community interest. This could go out to parents via the newsletter.

*2014 – “double graduation year” – Yr6 & Yr 7 classes.

Ideas are going to School Council next meeting via Principal e.g. there will be a clear process, expanded leadership opportunities, extra prizes, two levels of Dux, and composite “leavers” 6/7 classes may occur.

*Lack of male teaching staff at KPS:
This is recognised as an issue.

- f. President
No report.

6. *General Business:*

Item	Raised by:	Information presented	Action taken by meeting
No items submitted prior to meeting.			

7. *Other Business:*

Item	Action taken
School play equipment / areas.	*Nature play options proving popular with community. M. Stojanowski has been to relevant conference. Naturescape areas being sought in school grounds e.g. trees on back fence! *FPS – sump area – frogpond project has got caught up in Dept of Works new guidelines. In 2013, there was no FTE available, and therefore no possible school staff support. B. Macauley has had meetings with Rotary Sth Perth, and will meet with Perth Zoo staff. A report is being produced on work so far.
<i>School Discos:</i> T. Dight has offered to run school discos whenever there is a perceived need to hold one.	Information noted for future reference.
<i>KPS Art Exhibition:</i> This will be held in Term 3, and all students are expected to be submitting work (as in 2012). The P&C has budgeted for the Art Prize (\$200 for prize + copying & framing costs). Prize winner is chosen by Principal, S. Millar and P&C President.	*Exhibition should be publicised more in 2013 so all members of community have a chance to view displayed work.
<i>Newsletter:</i> How successful is the viewing of the e-copy?	*Majority of meeting reads the e-copy, with a minority being in favour of a hardcopy version. *A direct link from notification email (rather than going through website) was considered desirable, and is being looked into.
<i>Smartboards for kindys:</i> Provision was made in the P&C 2013 budget to purchase at least one smartboard for kindy use. What is the status of this project?	*B. Macauley to follow up.

8. *Meeting Close:* 9.05p.m.

Next meeting: 11th June, 2013.

ANNEXURE 1 – PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal's Report to the P&C 14 May 2013

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL POSITIONS

As you were all aware Mr Book commenced Long Service Leave at the end of last Term and when this has run out he will retire. We conducted an Expression of Interest from within the staff to fill this vacancy on a temporary basis. Once Mr Booker actually retires then his position becomes a clear vacancy and we will advertise state wide for a new deputy. 4 staff applied for the position and we (Ms Chris Cook, Mr Alan Booker and me) ranked according to a one page expression of interest. Mrs Lisa Williamson became our acting deputy.

Right at the end of Term Ms Chris Cook dropped her bombshell and informed us that she had successfully won Walpole Primary School. Ms Cook was looking for a lifestyle change and this school and community offered a perfect opportunity. As Ms Cook's position is a clear vacancy (she has left permanently) we had to offer her position to redeployment. I received a list of six deputies who are currently unattached and have selected Mr Terrance Pestana to take over from Ms Cook. Terrance's principal requested that he be able to remain at Cloverdale for this term due to problems being experienced at the school. Terrance and I agreed this could be done. As Mrs Sandra Cook had ranked second in our Expression of Interest we offered her the temporary vacancy created by this situation.

Mr Pestana has worked as a deputy principal for a number of years and is considered an ICT guru. Hopefully his skills will enhance the school's directions and push for improved student outcomes.

CLASSROOMS

When Mrs Bennett announced that she was pregnant I was very keen to secure a strong teacher with minimal disruption to the class. I was extremely happy to be given permission to Mrs Jenny de Vries who had come into the class as a relief teacher and made a good start with the class. I went on holidays thinking at least that one was sorted. As parents from Room 8 would be aware I was shaken out of my good feelings when Jenny phoned me on the last Saturday of the holidays to tell me her 'good' news – an offer to a full scholarship to complete her doctoral studies at Curtin. One of only two awarded each year. The other awardee was a very experienced principal. The offer was too good for her to refuse and I was left with a problem.

Mrs Christina Mold has worked closely with Jenny over the last two years. She has been relieving at a number of schools and has great referees. I was given special allowance to put her on immediately to try to lessen the impact on our Year 2 class. I have been in and out of the room over the last week and like what I'm seeing. The class is settled and Christina loves the children.

To replace Mrs Williamson we gave Shannon May a temporary contract 5 days a week. She worked one day a week in our PP3 and impressed Mrs Dellar so we stole her. Mrs Joanne ShuarD has been employed to replace Ms May. She has worked in the class and has shown very good qualities. With the late decision on Mrs Cook (last day of Term 1) we were able to give Cassandra de Prazer a temporary contract in the Year 6/7 classroom. She has worked in the school over the last two years and is very popular with the children especially as she is a Zumba expert. The Year 6/7s have informed me they are very happy to have a young teacher at last.

At the beginning of the year I joked with staff that the personnel at Kensington hadn't changed in about 50 years. I need to keep my mouth shut. Thank you to the parents who have shown considerable patience during the unprecedented time of staff turnover – I have changed my deodorant.

NAPLAN

The testing program commenced for our Year 3, 5 and 7 children today. They completed writing and language conventions in today's session. Tomorrow they will complete reading and Thursday will be

maths. Mrs Cook has taken over as the coordinator of NAPLAN and reports that today's testing went well. Students who miss tests get a chance to catch up on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

ANZAC SERVICE

Thank you to the P&C for the donation of a Banksia Tree as your floral tribute at the ANZAC Service. I was very pleased with the conduct of the service and thought your idea was great. Laurie was given strict instructions not to let it die over the holidays and to find a suitable spot to plant it in our grounds. Hopefully this one will get through to maturity.

FUNDRAISING

I need to mention the great effort of the fundraising committee during Term One and the helpers you were able to enlist with your ventures. All were well supported and certainly reinforce the community feel that this school is so proud of.

EDU-DANCE

This term, as part of the physical education program, students will participate in an Edu-Dance lesson once per week. These are very high energy periods and certainly get the heart rate going. The children are preparing for an end of term event which I invite you all to attend. Thanks to Mrs Stanford for organising this.

CIRCUS

The P&C partly funded Yrs 1 to 7 to participate in circus skills last term as part of the physical education program. Student and parent feedback has been extremely positive. I am hoping that the P&C will consider supporting the program once again in 2014. We have booked them in anticipation of this support. Thanks again to Mrs Stanford.

RUNNING CLUB

Mrs Stanford has commenced Running Club on Monday mornings at 8.00am. The first running session was this week with over 20 children participating. Apart from wet shoes and socks this is proving popular already. Once again thanks Mrs Stanford.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

This term the schools across the state were given an extra Professional Development Day for staff to engage in Australian Curriculum professional learning. The school will be participating with other schools in the Curtin Network on Friday 31 May. This means that parents get an extra long weekend with the Friday and Monday Western Australia Day holiday. Book your holiday now.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

The school has finally been allocated a dedicated School Chaplain to work with staff, students and parents. His name is Mr Steve Mottram. I introduced him to students last Wednesday and he will be coming to our school each Wednesday from now on. Until he has undergone some special training in Week 5 he is not able to do any counselling work but will be around the school getting to know the students and building some relationships with them and the staff.

DRESS UP DAY

On the 29 May the Room 6 assembly will focus on West Australian history in the lead up to WA Week. As part of the day we are asking students to come to school dressed as their favourite Western Australian or a pioneer. We will be collecting a gold coin for our chosen charity Wheelchairs for Kids. Have fun Mums.

AUTHOR IN RESIDENCE

We have chosen Week 5 Term 3 as our Author in Residence week. This commences 19 August. Now I have a date I will engage a suitable author.

LIBRARY EXCURSION

Last year the school committed to classes attending South Perth and Manning libraries for Library Week activities. When we came to booking buses we found the cost to be \$10 per head and double this for a seat belted bus. I have given permission for the classes going to take buses without seatbelts. The excursions are for an hour each and the costs of these excursions needs to be seriously considered in the future. Whilst it is fantastic to get the children out of school we have to look at full day outings to get a decent cost benefit.

KIDS KITCHEN

The oven and fridge have been purchased!

The oven is a gas oven and hob – 90cm with plenty of room for a whole class.

The fridge is 526 litre Hisense frost free.

Being delivered in a couple of weeks.

B. Macauley

ANNEXURE 2 – UNIFORM REPORT

UNIFORMS REPORT

We hope to pack uniform orders on Thursday night but it is dependent on receiving the zip jackets which are still outstanding.

Also, track pants have not arrived but we will pack the orders without them if the jackets arrive.

R. Hannay

P&C FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION
FROM: MELISSA MAIRATA
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE REPORT
DATE: 14TH MAY 2013
ATTACHMENTS: NIL

1. Entertainment Books –

- Nicola Williams is coordinating the sale of the Entertainment Books and information and order forms have been sent home.

2. Kindy Movie Night –

- The Kindy movie night has been booked for **Thursday 30th May** at the Cygnet Cinema in Como.
- Nicola Alderton and the kindy parents have sent out posters and ticket order forms to all class coordinators for distribution and asked class coordinators to also place a box in each classroom for hamper donations.

3. Quiz Night -

- The Quiz Night was a great success and very well supported by the school community.
- It raised over \$13,000 through ticket sales, raffles, round sponsorship and the silent auction.
- Thank you letters have been sent to all sponsors and businesses/individuals who donated to the quiz night.

4. Mother's Day Raffle –

- In light of the amount of fundraising done in Term 1, the Committee voted to cancel the Mother's Day Raffle as it falls early in Term 2.
- The decision was also taken on the basis that the Pre-Primary classes organise the athletics carnival day lunch so it was thought that as every other class only has one event to organise during the year, the Pre-Primary parents should also only be responsible for one event.
- PP Class Coordinators were informed of this decision at the end of Term 1.

5. Total Funds Raised to Date –

Fundraising 2013	Profit
Cake Stall State Election	\$1,254.77
Sausage Sizzle State Election	\$638.59
Hot Cross Bun Drive	\$119.50
Easter Raffle	\$1,176.49
Quiz Night	\$13,214.00
TOTAL TERM 1	\$16,403.35

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