

# **RAMSGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL**

## **P&C MEETING MINUTES**

### **TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Called to Order 7.41 pm**

#### **Present**

Per Attendance Register

#### **Apologies**

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#### **Minutes**

Previous minutes approved

#### **Correspondence**

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#### **Business arising from previous minutes**

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#### **Principal's Report – Lorraine Simmiss-Taylor**

- Meeting adjourned to Year 3 classrooms to demonstrate the P and C contribution to refurbishments. The Learning Cottage (formerly The Ranch) was once considered the worst classrooms in the school. Now with the open learning space they are the most modern. They are now flexible learning open spaces, unrecognisable from the old style of learning. Kids are so much more engaged. Teachers are thrilled.
- Ramsgate was one of the founding members of the Bay Side Learning Community that combines local public and high schools to exchange ideas about learning. Debating is one of the components of shared knowledge with some 300 participants. Principals from outside the community are coming along to observe and learn how to develop learning communities in their areas.
- Grand Parents Day was a great success
- James Cook learning days
- Rainy has been away on learning days with respect to new departmental process of running schools – apologies
- Healthy School Canteen Programme. 75% of schools foods must be "every day" foods.
- Good Food School Programme. Pilot project that Ramsgate has been invited to join. Charity run. Coogee and Bondi already participating
  - We need parents to become actively involved in the canteen and help the school provide the healthiest canteen service
- Sinking fund for air conditioning services must be implemented
- P and C grants up to \$1000.00 per term to staff projects
  - Tracey Combes - Request for Bee Bots programme for \$800.00 to assist with learning coding, computer programming, mathematically. Approved unanimously
- School development days are pupil free days will be days other than a Monday or Tuesday

#### **Deputy's Report – Pablo Fernandez**

- High School forms need to be completed and returned by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March
- Harmony Day – Federal initiative Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March SRC activity
  - Orange mufti day, foods from family backgrounds to be brought in to sample in an outdoor picnic atmosphere
  - Largest language group is Greek, followed by Arabic, followed by Spanish and Macedonian
- Parent Teacher interviews end of term 1

### **Presidents Report – Belinda Shepherd**

- Welcome Disco this Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March
  - rain is threatening, decision pending on Thursday. Volunteers needed for the night
- Belinda went to zone swimming for the first time this year. Great day congratulations to all kids who competed. Next time lets use the school flags to mark out our area

### **Treasurers Report – Linda**

#### **Canteen Report - Natasha**

- Natasha Watkins has taken over the books for the canteen thanks so much massive help
- Big changes in the canteen this year based on department guideline changes. Canteen is the main driver of funding in the school. The more volunteers the more costs we can save.
  - may need to upgrade canteen facilities
- February P and Ls tabled
  - \$8256.32 profit
  - Closing balance as at 28/2/17 \$39,850.01
- Need to transfer cash to P and C account Belinda

### **General Business**

- Easter Hat Parade K-2 only to make hats April 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Egg collection and wrapping day 29<sup>th</sup> March
  - morning tea and hot crossed buns
- Wednesday mornings at the P and C room 8:30am all parents and kids welcome for a cup of tea and a chat
- Mothers Day items need to be sorted
- David - Dictionaries to be funded by P and C? Rainy to check if the students write in them
- Should the busses we use for excursions have seat belts?
  - Rainy will cost and put out proposal to parents as we need to go to a coach as opposed to current busses
  - If speed is high busses are required to have seat belts
- Music before bell? Current system cant do it but if the PA was upgraded happy to consider it

**Meeting closed 8:40 pm**

**Next P&C Meeting – 7.00 pm, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017**