



Monday 19th February 2024
Avalon PS library 7pm

P&C MEETING MINUTES

Date: 19 February 2024

Venue: Avalon Public School Library

Attendees:

School: Andy Rankin, Lisa Weber,

P+C:

VP - Morgan Webster (canteen, uniform, gardening club)

VP - Jess Boomer (OOSH, Band, Strings)

Treasurer - Hendrik Van Senden (Nura Duroba, OOSH new build)

Secretary - Jacqui Scruby

President - Amy Kenny

And all those in Appendix A

Apologies: Emma Wake, Flavia Julius

Tabled Docs:

2023 Committee

P&C Reviews

2023 & 2024 Budget

Principal's Report

Subcommittee Reports

Meeting start: 7pm

President report (Amy)

As per slides in Appendix B and:

- Notes second and final year as President
- Parents suggestions are welcome via email - President Avalon School P&C
<presidentavalonpandc@gmail.com>
- Concern that if people don't come to meetings then people don't have a voice. If you have ideas, bring them - come to these events.
- We are now charging \$25 per student for gardening club
- We now have \$10k in kitty for requests e.g. Sports singlets
- Requests via the new funding request form
- We will be supporting state, national and international comps via sliding scale from \$400-\$1000 but families need to request with the form
- No colour run this year. Hugely successful but a lot to ask from the community - do next year.
- Discussed possibility of renting out school premises e.g. dance but at this stage the cost, risks etc are not outweighed by potential revenue. Potential for this once Nura Djurbo (NDj) done.
- First parent social delayed - Surf Club expensive - alternative venues to be found.
- This year fundraising as per slide (Appendix B) but won't be getting \$60k for NDj. We also need a Fundraising sub committee. Note there were no volunteers, not even to do the Easter Raffle that was suggested.
- Confirmed by Garden Club that no risk of mulch being contaminated.
- Discussed option to increase the amount for Student support (see Appendix C) but resolved that this needs further cost/benefit analysis.
 - ACTION: President Amy and Andy Rankin to get a better understanding of type of support, number of kids that would benefit, delivery of program, etc.
- SUGGESTION - Ash suggested to copy the Humpty Dumpty initiative - ie. reach out to the broader community to ask for funding with a 'wish list' e.g. Principal's wish list, Teacher wish list etc. AND could do 'name a brick' or 'name a building'
 - ACTION: Ash to get more info / blueprint
- Petition to end Scripture or ethics in school time and offer it outside school time. Currently compulsory and no other teaching can happen by law. So teachers can have hour back to teach the curriculum. Petition [link](#).
- Council has been contacted (Emailed and calls) re the sign out the front. They will take it to review for upgrade.
- Class parent letter and comms to be put in class parent session papers next week. Call for volunteers to pop into classes to build support for P+C during those times.
- **Positions available:**
 - Fundraising
 - Grants
 - Socials (?)

Note - no offers and noted that some events won't go ahead without additional parent support.

Resolved: That the 2024 Budget (as per slide) be endorsed.

Principal's Report:

Andy Rankin

- Kids very settled
- 750 students - dropped from 940 - moving to Qld and Nth NSW and South Coast 29 classes, 4 kindergarten classes - 134 leaving and 80 coming in. May have to lose some teachers.
- Funding loss. Paying for programs and technology.
- Instructional Leader - Simonetti - teaching and learning and Alice Lovett. Reading, writing and 9Ds. Best NAPLAN results in years. The school is benefitting greatly.
- If numbers drop below 700 - then we lose a deputy principal - this will be 'on review' for a year prior.
- Media problem in not highlighting that despite Teachers pay rise - that money came out of school funding i.e.... find 1% in savings // that money has come from the \$600k budget to do everything for the year. \$100k taken out of the budget this year. Per capita funding - \$171 students... x 750 but the \$100k out of the capital funding... that is only \$13k of the \$100k drop, the rest is from the school budget.
- \$25k that P+C gives helps greatly e.g. iPads. 70% are coming up to 4-5 years old. Need to update fleet soon.
- Up skilling 7 teachers - Apple coaches trained // 43 hours professional learning... creative purposes. Technology budget
- The Resilience Project - Aust. Based learning - the imperfects podcast - Australian Story - need parents to be involved for it to reach it's potential. Everyone is excited!
- Mark Robinson is leaving Barrenjoey High
- NSW EduChat - alternative for ChatGPT - Demo shown
 - Teachers can use it lesson planning - chat GPT and GPT4
 - Kids can use it and it will prompt questions

Subcommittee Reports

Garden Club: (Fiona & Sue)

- Potential ideas - Student Sustainability Leaders to do parent walks for Gardening - really accountable due to invoice.
- Use for mothers and fathers day.
- Work with Kimbriki continues.

We believe that Garden Club offers an alternative Space and Opportunity to a different approach of learning through Outdoor Classrooms. The benefit of Sensory, Tactile and Physical space allows Students to explore their learning other than being in a conventional classroom situation. We are there for

Students wellbeing to help them thrive and connect in an Outdoor classroom environment through the Gardens.

What Garden Club will look like in 2024

Garden Club will be run a little differently this year to ensure that all classes are able to attend Garden Club at least **once per term**.

We will be running classes for **K-2 on a Tuesday** and **3-6 on a Wednesday**

There are 13 K-2 Classes this year and 16 3-6, 29 classes in total for the whole of Avalon PS

This year, each class will be broken up into 5 groups, tasked with various gardening jobs.

Classes will be focusing on: Watering, Weeding, Compost, Seed/Planting and 'Journalist'.

Every time a class participates we will also have a Garden Club logbook for entering what the class did that day. things learnt, observations of the day etc. If classes wish to start their own Garden Club Journal that would be great.

In 2024 we will also be focusing on seasonal plantings and preparation. Term one is all about Autumn.

Every term we will informally continue to look at subjects that we covered last year, Pollinators, Soil, Weather, Worms, Compost etc

We want to ensure that Students will have an appreciation of what Garden Club is about.

We also want to inspire them, teach them to be curious and to look at things around them, all while growing food, learning about sustainability while learning how to tend to a vegetable garden

Garden Club will also have Lunchtimes Garden Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays open for any student to attend. **Tuesdays** is lunch time Garden Club for **3-6** and **Thursdays** we will run lunchtime Garden Club for **K-2**. Any student can join in for the time relevant to their class groups. Garden club will also have other projects running throughout the year and will give shout out to any class who would like to participate

We are also running 'Project Canteen' this year. A chosen group of Students will be using the Vegepods to grow food that is specifically for use in the canteen. Using the Vegepods allow for a controlled and fast growth rate which in turn will hopefully produce an ongoing yield throughout the School terms. Last year we supplied cherry tomatoes and basil which the canteen made Pesto pasta from, a huge hit.

We will continue working with Kimbriki who have been offering amazing support and guidance. Not only are we able to chat to them about all things compost, they support us. along with ANL, through donating forest fines and Garden soil.

They will be looking again at running a composting workshop later in the year at the School, open for the public to attend. Last years workshop was a huge success.

Garden club will be establishing a share box this year, where the local School community can have the benefit of free herbs and veggies grown at the School. We will also be establishing a volunteer system for those parent carers who are able to offer some of their time to Garden Club. Watering and weeding is always high on the list of jobs to do

Expo is always a big day for Garden Club, we will be participating again this year. Last year we raised enough money for two small greenhouses. We sold plants and seed balls and other Gardening bits which

the lunchtime Garden Club students helped create and grow, this is a wonderful day that along with Students we look forward to.

Sue and myself, Fiona, are very much looking forward to the year ahead, it has already started out being a busy and full one.

OOSH: (Karen & Sarah)

Open night - 6:30pm on 1 March - food and hi!

Our holiday program went really well, averaging around the 60 mark daily, with a few quiet days in the first week.

We had a waitlist for all of the days we had incursions.

We still have a few spaces available for after school care on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Although we appeared fully booked at the beginning of term, most parents seemed to have taken our advice and booked for the days they thought they would need, deleting those they don't when everything settles down.

All our families on our waitlist have been given offers of spots we have available. We will be putting a note in our Newsletter advising that we have places available once all the extracurricular activities have been sorted and we have a better idea of our numbers.

We are already working on our Spring Holiday Program with incursion bookings made. It's now up to the children to fill in the rest of the days with their own ideas.

We have had a shuffle around in staff with some staff moving on to new pastures having completed degrees and some new faces starting in the next couple of weeks.

We had some fantastic feedback from parents over the holidays and some very happy kindy parents over the past week or so. We have around 15 kindy children attending every afternoon.

Parents are regularly updated on what's happening at OOSH on both our Facebook and Instagram pages. A weekly newsletter is sent out on a Friday afternoon. We have a visual diary our parents are welcome to go through and a feedback book for any thoughts or ideas regarding the service.

On Friday March 1st we will be holding a "Welcome to OOSH" evening.

We are hoping to see our current parents attending and potentially any families needing their children to attend. This will be an informal gathering. We are hoping to gather support for the centre and a new committee for 2024.

Band: (Yonka and Vita)

We are excited to introduce our 3-band model for this year: Training, Concert, and Performance Bands. Our Concert and Performance Bands have already begun, and the Training Band will commence tomorrow on 20th of February, with Year 6 players from the Performance Band helping the newcomers.

The rehearsal will be again days at Elouera and the dates and times are:

Training Band (Year 3 beginners in 2024):

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30 - 9:25 am

Concert Band:

Wednesday: 7:30 - 8:30 am

Thursday: 7:30 - 8:30 am

Performance Band:

Tuesday: 7:30 - 8:30 am

Wednesday: 8:30 - 9:25

Band Players Update: We welcomed 6 new players from last year's "bring a friend" event. After conducting another round of blow tests last week and promoting the band and the test through various channels, including our captains at assembly, classroom visits, and through our newsletter, "Wavelength," we've recruited an additional 8 players. Currently, our band numbers stand at:

- Concert Band: 27
- Performance Band: 33
- Training Band: 13
- **Total: 73 Players**

Instrument Allocation and Maintenance: Following the blow tests, Charles has reached out to parents to allocate instruments to the new players. We've ensured all instruments from last year are repaired, and training band books are ready.

We will continue to offer instrument rental services to students who have moved away from our school but wish to retain their instruments.

Communication: We are introducing "Band Forte," a new app for band communications. Most communication will occur through this app, including notifications and participation for rehearsals, events, instrument loans, and invoices. WhatsApp will only be used for urgent member-to-member communications.

Additionally, we maintain a closed Facebook group for parents.

Band Camp and Performances: We've begun preparations for the 2024 band camp, scheduled at the Sydney Academy of Sport on the Wakehurst Parkway from May 17th to May 19th. Excluding Year 3 students, players will stay overnight for two nights.

We're actively seeking performance opportunities for our bands and also started to apply to the local events; the Northern Beaches Instrument Festival, the NSSWE Spring Music Festival, the School Showcase at Warringah Mall, workshops, and Palm Beach RSL performances.

A comprehensive list of performances will be shared on Band Forte actively.

Upcoming Events: Following the success of our "bring a non-Band friend to band" event, we plan to host 2-3 of these events next year, including one in April, a few weeks before the band camp, and another at the end of the year.

We are planning to organise the Easter morning tea and open rehearsal for Training Band Parents from 8:30 to 9:30 am on 27th of March. It will be a great opportunity for us to meet with new parents and showcase our new band's players talent!

Strings: (Emma)

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Canteen: Reporting pending

- Menu to be approved by the government this term
- Order lunches! Sales are down. Hoping this is just because it's the beginning of the school year. Parents - use the canteen!

Canteen

Staffing

Sadly, Claudine left us at the end of Term 4. We have a new staff member joining the team. Ju Pattanasupavanich, Monday and Friday.

Menu

We have taken some items off the Menu as they were not selling well.

This term we need to recheck the Menu and Submit to the Healthy Kids Government Department for review and approval. This means we need to check all ingredients and products to make sure they comply. The healthy star ratings need to be above 3.5. This ensures that we can operate and are meeting the criteria for School Canteens.

Volunteering

Volunteering for Friday will start up in week 5. With timeslots 9.30-11 & 12-1.30. Rosters will be set up with the new Class Parents.

Uniform store:

- Second hand uniforms are out of control. Need a sale. Discussed options - will be finalised post meeting.
- Fire sale - dresses and long sleeves - Week 11 or week 10
- Uniform Shop has had a busy start to the year. All the Kids looking smart in their new uniforms.
- We have been inundated with Second hand uniforms, which continue to be sorted according to quality, and purchases continue. A 2nd hand Uniform sale will take place either end of term 1 or early in term 4. Looking to sell off Long Sleeve green polos and Dresses.

Treasurer - (Hendrik)

Nura Djuroba

- Good plan but pending feedback from government - asset management unit. Then capital works and the project manager and tender process e.g. landscaping trees.
- Call for any local landscapers to get on the Asset books so we can potentially use local suppliers.
- Will then go to last round of community feedback. Noting community feedback is critical as very different views from 'do nothing' to completely renovate and have a roof, auditorium, electrics etc.

OOSH - Grant opportunity

- Applied for grant but due to non-itemised Costing and no DA got knocked back
- I.e. Didn't have quotes so knocked back
- We need a person to join the team to assist with grants.
- However current position of the P+C is that we pay for it ourselves e.g. \$500-\$700k. Noting that original quotes were \$300k and now \$700k - the longer we wait the more value we lose on our money.

Meeting closed 8:15pm

Next meeting date: Monday 20th May 2024, School Library

Appendix A: Attendees

Name
Cora Bolton
Karen McGill
Kaylee Flakner
Emma Smith
Fiona Tobin
Sue Winstanley
Ali Laurich
Grace Quiney
Kirsty von der Wallen
Yonca o'Mahony
Donna Johnsten
Kara Armas

Ashley Hayes
Belinda Georgeson

Appendix B: Slides

P&C Meeting
19th February 2024

2024 Committee
President - Amy Kenny
VP - Morgan Webster
VP - Jess Boomer
Treasurer - Hendrik Van Senden
Secretary - Jacqui Scruby

Agenda:
Welcome
2024 Committee
P&C review
2023 & 2024 Budget
Principal's report
Subcommittee reports
Large project updates
2024 events and planning

What is the P&C?
A community of parents and carers
invested in supporting students education
through social and fundraising events.

P&C businesses and programs

Canteen	OOSH	Uniform shop	Strings	Gradening club	Band
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2023 P&C achievements
\$60k for Nura Djuroba refurbishment
\$50k for Gardens - Curriculum Integration & Resources
\$25k Instructional leader position
\$25k learning support
\$20k technology
\$8k canteen oven
\$3k for student welfare support
\$3k for representative singlets
\$2k playground equipment

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2024 P&C goals

- \$20k for Nura Djuroba refurbishment (total donation of \$100k)
- \$25k for Gardens - Curriculum Integration & Resources
- \$25k Instructional leader position
- \$25k learning support
- \$20k technology
- \$5k playground equipment (lego hub)
- \$5k for student welfare support
- \$10k additional funding (funds requested via application)

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How??

P&C contributions (\$50)

- Mother's Day Breakfast
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Colour Run
- Parent Social
- Easter Raffle
- ???

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Principal's report

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Subcommittees report

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Large project updates

- Nura Djuroba
- OOSH building

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Volunteers needed:

- Fundraising
- Grants

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Term 2 P&C Meeting
Monday 20th May
(week 4)
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