

Quirindi High School P & C
General Meeting
Held at Nundle Pub 29th November, 2016.

Present:-

Kathy Redgrove, Dana Hawkins, Chrissy Clarke, Krystal Bowley, Sonia Green, Narda McCrae, Ian Worley, Natel Bradfield, Jacqui Simpson.

Apologies:-

Kim Lawlor, Kristy McCarthy, Skye Avard, Skye Davies, Rod Batterham, Donna Rea, Louise Murphy, Emma Craswell, Belinda Porter.

Meeting Opened 7.10pm.

Minutes of the previous meeting held 25th October, 2016 were perused and confirmed.
Passed 1st Krystal 2nd Narda

Business arising from previous meeting

*Kim organising the awards for students who have helped us in any way this year and will present them to the students on awards day.

*Curra Christmas raffle letters have gone out to sponsors asking for support for our raffle. BIB has offered to help out first shift on the day as have Natel, Sonia and Krystal so with Kathy and Kim we will have plenty of sellers on the day.

*Payment to be given to Chrissy tonight as our donation for Wade's science trip.

*The outdoor tables have been ordered.

*Was unable to find a banner for horse sports so Kim to order one ready for Willow Tree Horse Sports and other events in March.

*\$1000 P & C pledge to Ian to help with the trophy cabinet in the foyer.

*Girls weekend was a hit – thanks for work by Dana and Kathy to pull it all together. Will be doing again next year!

Correspondence In/Out:-

Out - About 30 letters have gone out to local businesses for donations to our Christmas raffle or offering to buy a prize at cost price.

Various emails to the businesses from girls weekend away thanking them for their hospitality.

In – Quirindi Pharmacy gift vouchers totalling \$60 to use as prizes for raffle

Gowings donation tools and their offer for us to buy a car care kit at cost price for \$60

Pokolbin Jams – thankyou letter for our patronage

Mantra Ettalong Beach – thankyou letter for our patronage and hope we will come again

Erina Fair – thankyou for our patronage

Treasurer's Report - as per attached report

Dana reported a current balance of \$24367.15.

Dana asked for clarification in relation to seeking approval either for each receipt or just general expenses for a particular event – all agreed that 'general' approval for these expenses for an event is fine.

It was also agreed for Dana to complete the paperwork to get our P & C into the Community Partnership Programme at the Regional Australia Bank.

Principal's Report – as per attached.

Key points discussed

Ian asked us for a decision/vote as to if the girls could have the option to wear shorts. They would be tailored and many girls have asked to have this option as they don't like skirts or sometimes wearing skirts is impractical on the farm etc. So a motion was put forward by Dana – should there be a specialised school shorts option for girls? Vote results were 4 for, 1 abstaining and 2 against. Result was yes. Kim and Ian will look at catalogue from the same supplier as the pants.

It was also decided there would be no change in the colour of the socks – they are and will stay white.

Numbers for 2017 are sitting at 405. Ian has been looking at some statistics about enrolments for our school. 65% of eligible students are coming to our school and there are 69 students actually travelling by bus to Tamworth schools.

School magazine is out and available for students to pick up. Those members who have already seen the mag were very happy with it.

Ian apologised to the P & C executive who were left out of the invitations for the year 12 graduation and will make sure the same error does not occur in the future.

Ian also informed us that Mrs. Holmes will not be returning after all.

General Business

Thank you from Emma Craswell acknowledging that we will cater for the 2016 Enrichment Night again. Krystal will organise this as Kim away.

Jacqui also gave us the details of her night at the Royal Theatre she would like us to help with supper for. 6th Dec and for those P & C helping you will not need to pay the \$15 entry fee. The night is not for children to attend though so keep that in mind for those who can come and help. Kim will organise this with Jacqui.

Could members coming to the awards day also bring a plate for the morning tea afterwards – thank you.

Narda asked with the recent burglaries when the security fencing will be installed. Ian said he is pushing for this to happen but it could be a while away yet, but it is high on his agenda to get this happening.

Narda also asked about job experience for 2017. Ian advised it will be up to the students to organise their own job experience and he will inform us of dates early in 2017.

Kathy & Natel will both be sitting on panels before the end of the year for staffing. Natel Science and Kathy head secondary studies.

Jacqui thanked us for the punching bag that has now arrived.

We presented Chrissie with chq for \$300 to help with expenses for Wade going to Canberra in the school holidays for science. Chrissie was very thankful for our generosity.

It was decided to donate \$500 to the Crane Fund to help with medical expenses after their recent accident. Kathy will inform Kim to find out how we do that.

Kathy thanked everyone for a wonderful year with amazing people who make this 'job' seem like more fun than work! Let's hope 2017 is as successful and see what else we can get up to!

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th February, 2017 @ 6pm at Quirindi Bowling Club.

All Welcome!