



**Bathurst High Campus P&C Association**



### **Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Attendance:** Cassandra Jones, Trevor Liu, Linda Ralls, James Meares, John Browett, Sarah Grimes, Brenda Cutler, Michael Smith, Ken Barwick, Debbie Barwick, and Melanie Baines (minutes)

**Apologies:** Kathy Howard, Penny Packham, Carol Neary, Christine Porter, Gillian McNeary, Sandra Hamer, Caroline Gold, Kim Trenerry, Meg Strang Steele, Craig Petersen, and Gaye Dunshae.

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**Meeting Opened:** 7:30pm

#### **Acceptance of the March 2017 Minutes:**

Moved: Sarah Grimes Seconded : Michael Smith, Carried Unanimously .

#### **Business Arising**

- **BYOD:** The BYOD head teacher has been re- titled Application Team Leader and professional training will ensure all teachers are confident and proficient using Google classroom and OneNote to facilitate student learning. After P&C suggestion, the team is happy for unwanted devices to be dropped off for use/upgrading to become part of the loan pool. TLSO is on site on Tuesdays and is advertising his abilities to assist with repairing damaged screens at low cost. The value of small computer lockers is being investigated further. The maths text books are being well utilised and Year advisers are being familiarised with the processes for device loans to assist students whom may benefit
- **School Construction Works:** See Principals report.
- The audit and fixing of chairs and tables has been done . There will be ongoing monitoring as part of WHS.
- The School Media Management team is up and running. Initiatives such as extra SAS time ,the employment of a Community Liaison Officer, ordering of promotional banners as well as training in Indesign software and Facebook upgrade are all in motion.

#### **Correspondence**

- **In:**

Catalogue for out door furniture and from the State P&C regarding how to create motions for the State Assembly to consider.
- **Out:**

*Letters to School Patrons Jenny Stirling and Wendy Hastings* have already accepted. Only waiting for Trent Copeland to reply.

**Presidents Report:**

Trevor has been attending to the P&C Correspondence.

He also attended the Parent Teacher Evening and felt as a whole the system is working well. Ongoing ways to improve were discussed at the meeting including signage and banners. He asked Ken to give the teachers positive feedback from the P&C.

**Treasurer's Report:** Currently changing over signatories

## Bathurst High Campus- Denison College P&C

29th February - 4th April 2017

**Westpac Account**

Opening Book Balance from 29/2/2017 \$3,755.30

**Income**

Date	Details	Category	Amount
7/03/17	Mondelez Chocolates	Cadbury Chocolates	\$380.00
29/03/17	Mondelez Chocolates	Cadbury chocolates	\$255.00
31/03/17	Interest Paid	Interest	\$0.87
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$635.87</b>

**Expenses**

Chq. No.	Date	Details	Category	Amount
200076	1/03/17	Mondelez Chocolates	Cadbury Chocolates	\$503.95

**Subtotal** **\$503.95**

**Book Balance** **\$3,887.22**

**Bank Statement Reconciliation**

Balance as per Bank Statement at 04/04/2017 **\$3,887.22**

Plus Outstanding Deposits AGM Subs \$24.00

Less un-presented cheques

200077	5/04/17	Mondelez Chocolates	Cadbury Chocolates	\$506.56
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**As per Book Balance** **\$3,404.66**

**INGA Account to 28th February 2017**

Opening Book Balance from 29/02/2017 \$11,140.61

**Income**

Date	Details	Category	Amount
31/03/17	Interest		\$15.14

**Expenses**

No.	Date	Details	Category	Amount
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**Balance** **\$11,155.75**



## Bathurst High Campus – Denison College

### P&C Meeting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

### Principal's Report



#### School Building Works

Construction is well and truly underway in changing our entire school environment to be accessible and inclusive for all students. Student numbers are projected to grow over the next 5 years leading to an enrolment of around 1300 students by 2020. Year 7 in 2018 looks to exceed 200 again, while our leaving Year 12 is around 110 students. (immediate increase of 90 students). Vision works are due to be completed by the end of the school holidays, at this stage all reports are handed for handover on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017. These images show minor external works which have already commenced.



#### Stage 6 Academic Support

Year 12 are currently sitting formal half-yearly examinations and teachers will now grade their responses and provide constructive feedback for all students as they move forward in their courses. Students at Bathurst High Campus are very fortunate to have many support structures which offer all students the opportunity to improve across their courses looking towards their long term goals. Senior mentoring, assessment recovery and mathematics tutoring programs are all offered to various students to ensure that students receive the appropriate support to achieve a higher standard. Students in our senior school need to access support from our learning hub located in the library during study periods where educational support and guidance is offered to students. Mrs Simeonidis – Year 12 Advisor is available for parents of students in Year 12 to work closely with families as we support our students through the HSC in 2017.



#### Recent Staff Changes – thanks to parent representatives!

- I would like to acknowledge the great work done by Mr Nathan Kenny as our Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) over the past year and wish him all the very best in his new English position at Bathurst High Campus. School staffing have appointed Mr Trent Grantham as our new LaST at Bathurst High Campus – commencing one the first day of Term 2.
- After two recent merit selection processes for two separate mathematics teaching positions, I can now announce that Mrs Alison Lee was successful in a closed merit application process and will commence permanent status on the first day of Term 2. Congratulations to Alison. Mr Jon Blencowe was successful at interview for a permanent fulltime mathematics teaching position starting Term 2. Jon brings with him a great deal of experience teaching at Orange High School and outstanding technology skills to inspire students in mathematics. We all look forward to the return of Jon Blencowe. Congratulations Jon.
- Shortlisting has occurred for our vacant HSIE teaching position. Interviews will take place this week and an announcement will be made by the end of term. I would like to commend and thank Mr Stuart Hastings for his fantastic efforts throughout this term and wish him all the best travelling the world. Mr Hastings has agreed to return to Bathurst High campus for future work.



#### Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Opportunity

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017, Bathurst High attended the University of Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge held at Charles Sturt University for Year 10 students from a range of schools across the Central West region. Around 256 students attended on the day, with a maximum of 32 from any one school. The students experienced a range of problem solving activities



(eight in total) for which they were provided with some basic materials and then encouraged to solve the problem as a group. The day turned out to be a very exciting day with our school team leading all other schools at the lunch break.

The Challenge has been run in other centres in NSW with the support of local Rotary clubs. Rotary provided many



volunteers on the day to assist students to complete the various exercises. The final few hours of the competition provided many nervous moments for our students as their final challenge was to construct a bridge from some basic materials which needed to hold various vehicle weights which attempted to cross the bridge. It was a great day and an outstanding result for our students who finished third overall when the final points were tallied. Congratulations to all students who attended and to the staff from Bathurst High Campus. Well done to Mrs Rosie Weithaler – Head Teacher Science for organising this exceptional learning experience which allowed our students to work as a productive team.

### Outstanding Year 7 Camp at Lake Burrendong



During Week 8 more than 220 students travelled to Lake Burrendong over three days to enjoy many activities as part of the annual Year 7 Camp. Students in Year 7 were supported by around twenty Year 11 peer support leaders who were allocated teams to support throughout the camp. After three fun filled days engaging in many challenges and exciting activities the students arrived



home all very tired! Massive thanks to the Year 7 Advisors – Mrs. Alison Diamond and Mr. John Millan for all their hard work in organising and assisting students throughout the camp. Special mention to the other 9 staff, led by Miss Katrina Ferris who attended the camp for the three days. I certainly enjoyed attending, getting to know the Year 7 students in a different learning environment and having fun, camping out at night. There were many photos and videos taken as students engaged in Rock Climbing, Flying Fox, Canoeing, Cross Country Grass Skiing, Raft Building, Archery, BMX Riding, Leap of Faith, Star Wars Games, Giant Water Slide, Mini Olympics, Crate Staking and Team Building exercises. Many new friendships were developed and staff all learnt new things about our students. Well done to all the students and staff for an awesome camp!



### Outstanding Student Success – Congratulations Felicity!

A few weeks ago Felicity Hickey in Year 11 was honoured by the International Sports Karate Association (ISKA) for her outstanding success in martial arts throughout the past twelve months. Felicity won two National Titles in 2016 and was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in five divisions she had competed in over the year. Recently Felicity competed in the Australian Karate Federation (AKF) Sydney Cup where she placed 2nd in sparring. AKF is the recognised organisation for the Olympics and both Felicity and Taylor (older sister and former vice captain at BHS in 2015) returned to Sydney last weekend to again excel in their sparring divisions. Their success was recognised by their selection in the official Australian Karate Federation state team to compete at the national titles. This will translate to compulsory training with the squad a least once per month along with their normal competitions. Outstanding success for two talented sisters. Well done to the Hickey family and al the very best in future competitions. Our school community will keep an eye out in future Olympics!



## Media Release



**Denison College, Bathurst High Campus student, NIAMH MCADAM Awarded Exclusive UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy**

Sydney – 29 March 2017

Year 11 Denison College, Bathurst High Campus student Niamh McAdam has been selected to attend the UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy, recognising her leadership potential and individual achievements. Niamh is one of 40 female students selected from public high schools across NSW for a 4-day residential program at Women's College, University of Sydney. The academy aims to offer young female leaders the opportunity to build confidence, learn leadership skills and business knowledge as well as raising awareness of rising social issues.

UBS Academy alumni, Elizabeth Cameron, currently working at UBS on secondment from a leading law firm notes the Academy was an excellent introduction to valuable leadership skills which she has been able to apply throughout her career. "I am thankful for the chance to be involved and for the opportunities the Academy provided. Hearing admired female leaders' share their experiences highlighted the variety of careers available to me."

Matthew Grounds, UBS Chief Executive Officer Australasia said, "The academy, now in its 13th year continues to be one of the major pillars of UBS Australia's community program, providing more than 750 young aspiring female leaders new experiences, knowledge and inspirations to enact real change within our community". During the week, students will hear from a diverse group of contemporary female leaders including Nicole Sheffield, Managing Director, News DNA, Shona McPherson, Foundation for Young Australians and Dr Amanda Bell from Women's College.

The students will also be treated to a tour of the Art Gallery of NSW and networking events at the UBS offices. The Academy runs from Monday 3 April till Thursday 6 April. Congratulations to Niamh McAdam.

### Canteen and Uniform Shop Income

## Reports tabled –

- ✓ Canteen Account – \$ 16532.75
- ✓ Uniform Shop – \$ 5575.30

### Other Discussion Points

- Introduction of Vivo Recognition System
- Parent Teacher Nights
- OS Excursions – Greece/Italy, Japan and Vietnam/Cambodia
- College Principal Report

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### **Discussion from Principals report**

Regarding The School Construction work, there is a lot going on and it all takes time, but will change the whole look of the school.

Ken has consulted with the English faculty. They feel the money is best spent on the two programs that are currently running : Senior Mentoring and Assessment Recovery rather than tutoring as occurs for maths.

70 Students are currently attending the Maths Tutoring

A new elective for year 9/10 is a STEM subject that will also involve a project.

Ken also reported from the Canteen Ladies. They have recently attended a training day and as usual there are changes with the way the Healthy Canteen does its ratings. Currently our canteen has approximately 25% sometimes food on the menu. There will be ongoing discussion about the frequency of Red Days . These days equate to approximately 3 days in income

Ken also made a presentation of a VIVO shop, which could be run in conjunction with the PBL program to enhance the positive aspects. The experience of Oberon High's program was a practical example of how it functions. P&C to consider they may be able to support the system if it is adopted at our Bathurst High Campus.

### **Denison College Principals Report**

**March, 2017**

#### **Anniversary Planning Continues**

As I mentioned earlier in the term, 2017 is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the commencement of Denison College. A cross-campus team have started work on our celebrations, which are planned for Education Week in August.

We are planning an exciting and varied program focused on student performance and achievement. Along with the usual outstanding student performances, guests on the evening will be able to enjoy canapés and refreshments prepared and served by our students.

Combined performances involving students from both campuses are planned, and it was fantastic to see the combined vocal group running through their first rehearsal together recently.

#### **Meeting with (Former) Minister Piccoli**

On 2 March, the former Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli, was attended the NSW Secondary Principals' Council State Assembly that I was co-chairing at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). We discussed a range of topics, particularly around some of the major issues affecting rural schools.

The Welfare Teams from both campuses had also travelled to UTS to participate in a workshop on improving school attendance. So we took the opportunity for a group photo. Pictured (L-R) are Ms Wood (BHC), Mr Petersen, Former Minister Piccoli, Mr Johnston, Mrs Johnston and Ms Small (KHC).

### **Year 7 2018 Information Session**

It was great seeing hundreds of current Year 6, and future Denison College, students and their parents attending the information sessions on 21 March. These, along with *iLearn* and IExplore, provide outstanding opportunities for our up and coming students to meet key staff members and have a look around the campuses.

### **Centenary of ANZAC**

Student representatives from both campuses attended the Centenary Project Soil Collection Program at the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon on Monday 27 March. This was part of a state wide project to collect 1,699 samples of soil from towns where the men and women of NSW enlisted for service in the First World War. The soil collected from the memorial here in Bathurst will form part of a display in the NSW War Memorial's new Hall of Service.

The NSW War Memorial is located in Hyde Park, Sydney, and is undergoing extensive renovations as part of the Centenary of ANZAC commemorations.

Attached is a photo of the students from both campuses who attended the ceremony, along with Mr Sloan and Mr Barwick

Craig Petersen  
College Principal

### **General Business:**

- A suggestion was made to use witches hats to cordon off areas for buses to park before and after excursions. This is to enhance student safety and to decrease traffic congestion. This is a Work, Health and Safety issue and was readily supported by the meeting.
- Also discussed was the slowness of getting Year 12 jumpers ordered. On further discussion this appears to be a common issue. Ken will follow up.
- Concern was expressed regarding the lack of pedestrian crossings around the school. After discussion, a letter will be sent to council to see if there are any options to enhance student safety.
- The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the College will be held at the end of Education Week August 4<sup>th</sup> 5 :00 to 8:30 at a cost of \$30 per person.

### **Business Without Notice:**

- None

**Meeting Closed at 9:10pm . Next meeting: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at 7.30pm**