General Meeting Minutes – 11 August 2016

Welcome: 8.45am

1. Attendance:
   Robert Peers, Todd Vane-Tempest, Chantal Bush, Kathy Graham, Lenise McIntosh, Bek Roycroft, Kirsten Puckeridge, Laura Dawson, Michelle Wersbaum, Sharon Carson, Lorna DeCourcy, Brian Williams, Katie Moss, Silvana Ratay

   Apologies:
   Sally Belford, Kelli Parreli

2. Confirmation of previous minutes: Chantal Bush

3. Reports

   Principal’s Report:
   • This term we welcome Alan Dillon who is teaching 3 Pelicans
   • We congratulate Kia-May Wall on the birth of son Franky. I know the children are looking forward to visit from mother and son.
   • There have been some unfortunate delays over playground upgrade due to preferred builder issues. Hoping to have this in place to commence Term 4.
   • Musical preparations underway. Ticketing and logistical issues being looked at closely to ensure safety and conform of all. Tickets to go on sale Thursday 11.8
   • Work in classrooms coming along nicely including Learning Management systems use (& trial) “See Saw” in some classes, and “Google Classrooms” in others.
   • Our teachers are frequently being called upon to support other schools, especially around work with iPads (on Tuesday we presented to the Literacy Coaches on Central Coast and was very well received.)
   • We have also introduced a so far very successful Literacy intervention program for some students in Year 2, followed up by a program in Year 1. Whilst it is early days there are some good results emerging and some interest in educational journals to publish the program in the future to other schools.
Principal’s Report Cont.
- Our Year 5 & 6 Public Speaking program has gone very well with local member Lucy Wicks joining us to help judge our top Year 5 and 6 speakers. The standard across the school is on improving as we embed this program into Year 5 & 6 with good results.
- Annual anti-Bullying and resilience focus is now up and running with the theme “Being Brave”. On Monday visiting performers from “Brainstorm Productions” will present a show on this. We are also well into preparations for our parent forum to be held on Wed evening 24th August to take parents on the journey we have been on as a staff on updating our school rules and expectations. This follows the success of last year’s forum and all parents and carers are warmly invited.
- We have also introduced “Rock and Water” to Year 5 with good results as part of our whole school approach and this has been very successful.
- We’ve had a number of successful sporting events since the last meeting including the school athletics carnival at Mingara. Last week the CCC carnival was held (under wet skies). We’ve also seen our Open Rugby League team reach the NSW semi-finals of the Catholic and Independent Cup which is a very high achievement.
- Next week our Kinder screeners are being held as we welcome 2017 students. We have a number of lovely families joining us in 2017 and we look forward to them coming. Todd will run a parent session in the staffroom while screeners are on (with a little educational; gift from the school), while I’ll be on the team working directly with the Kinder children.

4. Playground
- Equipment plans available to view
- Grant being sourced
- Drainage is a factor

5. School Uniforms
   Ideas discussed on the topics of;
   - cost effectiveness
   - active wear
   - gender equality

6. Dates to note
1. Father’s Day Stall; Wednesday 31 August 2016
2. School Musical; Wednesday 14 September 2016
   Thursday 15 September 2016
   Friday 16 September 2016
3. Fair by the Sea Sunday 16 October 2016
4. Parents Social Night; Friday 25 November 2016

7. Close: 10.15am