



Narrabeen Lakes P&C

GENERAL MEETING – 16 AUGUST 2016 – MINUTES 7:30pm Library, Narrabeen Lakes Public School

Meeting Opened: This meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Guringai people.

Attendance & Apologies: 4 Apologies

- Fees paid - None

General Business:

- Fathers'/Carers' Day Stall will be held on Thursday 1st September. There will also be a wrapping day on Tuesday 30th August. Sarah has sent the flyer to the office for distribution in the newsheet.
- A parent informed us of the 'Eco-Schools' program that is about to get up and running at Narrabeen Lakes. A committee consisting of parent and teacher representatives has been formed and they will work on introducing the program to the school.
- Some of the Eco Schools initiatives will be a refurbishment of existing school gardens, a rehabilitation of the greenhouse and the area near the Park St gate, sustainable arts and crafts using recycled materials and a general focus on sustainability. The Asbestos Management Plan will need to be referred to before any onsite digging can occur.
- The teachers confirmed that all the teachers are also working to involve the students in gardening and sustainability within their own classes.
- Some committee members are also hoping to visit Narellan Vale Public School, where the Eco-Schools program is already operating.

Eco-Schools is ...

Empowering students to be the change our sustainable world needs by engaging them in fun, action-orientated learning.

Eco-Schools is the largest sustainable schools programme in the world and is operated by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE).

FEE is a non-government, non-profit organisation promoting sustainable development through environmental education. It is an international umbrella organisation with one national member organisation per country representing FEE on the national level and in charge of implementing FEE programmes nationally. FEE currently has 83 member organisations in 68 countries worldwide. In Australia our National Member is Keep Australia Beautiful.

The Eco-Schools Mission statement is:

Environmental Education framework and awards promoting learning for a litter free, sustainable Australia.

Eco-Schools was first piloted in Australia in 2014. Narellan Vale Public School was one of the pilot schools.



General Business Continued...

- It was reported that the P&C fees note has been put together and will be sent home very shortly.
- Nadine highlighted the need for some new fundraising initiatives for this year and suggested having a school trivia night. We all agreed this would be a great idea and has made the school some good money in the past, however, last time a trivia night was organised, we struggled to get numbers and had to cancel at the last minute due to lack of support.
- P&C members were encouraged to keep their eyes and ears open to try to think of some innovative fundraising ideas.



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- 'Illuminate' will be on Thursday 15th September and is set to be a lightshow extravaganza! Tickets will be available through FlexiSchools and will be priced at \$25 for a family of 4. Wristbands will allow entry and a free balloon.

Some of the attractions at Illuminate will be:

- An outdoor cinema
- Children's artworks projected on the walls
- 400 Chinese lanterns, made by the children in Mandarin lessons, strung across the playground
- Large children's art display in the hall
- A Dreamtime Room, displaying aboriginal artworks and projections
- Inflatable rides on the green space
- A 'Barrel of Laughs' where the children's jokes will be projected onto the side of the barrel in the chicken coop
- Light up merchandise will be available for purchase
- Various hot food sellers and coffee van available for dinner
- Public Speaking Competition winning speeches will be played on a loop in the school hall
- A Blinking Car with children's artworks being projected onto the windscreen

Principal's Report

- Principal encouraged us all to come along next Tuesday night (23 Aug) to watch the screening of 'Most Likely To Succeed', an American film dealing with 21st Century learning that challenges our pre-existing ideas of what education in schools should look like. Tickets can be purchased through the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website. Log in codes were sent out in the school newsletter. It is hoped the parent community will get behind the event and many will take advantage of this great opportunity.
- Principal explained that he has mixed feelings about his impending move to Avalon Public School, still holding the Lakes close to his heart. He will officially finish up at Narrabeen Lakes at the end of Term 3, after which, one of our Executive Teachers will fill the position for the duration of Term 4. A panel made up of teachers, parent and department representatives will then discuss the desired qualities they would like the new Principal to possess and will interview prospective candidates.
- Principal and the staff stressed the need to choose wisely as there is no turning back once someone has been appointed.
- The office staff will be extremely busy over the next couple of weeks as the new payment software will be implemented in early September. There will be a complete changeover as the old system becomes replaced and this will require lots of work. Both parents and teachers will need to keep this in mind if they are wanting notes or information to go out during that period.
- NAPLAN results will be sent home this week. The results were pleasing and well above the state average.



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- **Treasurer Report**
- Treasurer asked for clarification on how much money the canteen bank account should have in it as a 'buffer'. President suggested an amount of \$5000 but there was no formal vote taken. This will need to be followed up next meeting and a formal vote made to decide the amount. Once the amount is determined, any funds above that buffer will be transferred to the P&C account.
- It was suggested to give the canteen 2 weeks in which they can nominate (in consultation with Eva other members of the committee) to spend some of the excess funds on wish list items, before it would need to get transferred out of the canteen account & into the P&C account.
- Treasurer pointed out that we need to think of some more fundraising initiatives for this year if we are going to have any chance of paying for the new Adventure Playground.
- The band fundraiser on Election Day was a success and the band is "cashed up".
- There was no official financial report this month.

The meeting closed at 9pm.