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P & C MINUTES

Date: 3 Dec 2025

Welcome and introduction	
Time	7 pm
Location	Hall and online
Chair	Pat
Minutes	Yvette
Welcome	A welcome was extended to attendees and acknowledgement made of the traditional owners of this land, the Wangal Kameygal People and extend that acknowledgement to Aboriginal Elders, past and present and pay respect to any Aboriginal people joining us in the meeting.
Apologies	Jane
Attendees & introductions	Community: Yvette, Pat, Alexa, Billy, Aditya, Sophie, Zoe, Iris, Guy, Kate School: Principal King, Fiona Dickson
Quorum	Yes (minimum 5 members)
Guests	Nil

1. President update

- See report with agenda document.
- Acknowledge Pats last meeting as President - thanks expressed to Pat on behalf of the executive.

2. Minutes of previous meeting accepted

- Minutes accepted. Moved - Alexa Seconded - Sophie
- See actions arising below.

3. Principal King's report

- Thanks expressed to Pat for his work in the role of President.
- 4 new IWB installed today!
- DoE school goals are set for schools to be achieved by the end of 2027 - Ferncourt has already exceeded their goals in numeracy by 31 points and the reading goal by 25 points!
- Numbers for next year are looking stable and the school will aim to inform students of their 2026 teacher soon.
- Recruitment happening for support teacher role and APCI role.
- Planter boxes are being installed on the new astro turf area.

4. Executive and Sub-Committee Reports and Items (30 mins)

4.1 Treasurer

- See report with agenda document.
- Lots of income from Halloween and Bingo night - detail in report.
- Some already committed expenses will come out of accounts during December.

- The Band account is set to run at a small loss this year - P&C will need to monitor this during 2026.
- Anticipating a solid surplus overall by the end of year, meaning we are in a good position to go ahead with the Fair in 2026.

4.2 Fundraising and Events

- See report with agenda document.
- Bingo night was a success - but we have learnt that this fundraiser needs to be held earlier in the year in future. Thanks to the organisers for this event.
- Christmas tree fundraiser underway.
- Summer Soiree BBQ will happen tomorrow.
- No further fundraising or events planned for 2025.

4.3 Fair

- Budget being put forward to for Fair 2026 -
- Proposal that P&C support a fair 2026 budget maximum of \$45,000, which includes contingency. Need clear messaging to leads that we should aim for least possible expenses. Moved - Pat Seconded - Alexa. Passed.
- Principal King to ensure that electrical upgrade is either completed or stalled to ensure that the Fair weekend is not affected.

4.4 Comms

- Nil update.

4.5 Grants

- Nil update.

4.6 Environment

- See report with agenda document.
- Principal King confirmed that school grounds are open every weekend during school holidays, which will facilitate maintenance of the eco-learning area.
- Survey - to ask the community about the garden program and environment plan generally. Principal King has approved this going out. The survey will be distributed at a convenient time.

4.7 Band & Strings

- See report with agenda document.
- New conductor secured.
- All band members were very excited about the Summer Soiree with the debut of a Fernour 'orchestra' with band and strings combining for a performance.
- Still in need of a band coordinator - room booking task is no longer part of the role, and we confirm that no musical ability is required to do this role.
- Anticipate 2026 still being a lower number of band members across all groups, but from 2027, the emerging members will flow through into the senior bands and increase the income from band, to offset the small budget deficit experienced by band at the moment.

4.8 Extracurricular

- Nil updates

5. Other items of business for noting, decision or discussion (as required)

5.1 P&C contribution to learning support

- Funding proposal attached - proposing equivalent of what we funded in 2025 for learning support - \$26,371. Equates to one extra day of support.
- Principal King confirmed that the school will be adding more resources towards learning support in 2026 as well.

- Moved: Pat Seconded: Alexa. Passed to vote at next meeting

5.2 School Spectacular

- Aditya asked if info about this can be produced earlier next year to allow more time for expressions of interest. School to discuss which opportunities from all the music and drama programs that we participate in, and prioritise the ones we can best support.

6. Date and time of next meetings

- Tbd - but likely to be week 3 of Term 1, 2026.

Green = complete **Yellow** = New **Blue** = in progress **Red** = on hold

MEETING DATE	ACTION	UPDATES	RESPONSIBILITY	STATUS
Oct 2025	Principal King to share info around the budget for learning support to assist P&C with budgeting	Done	Principal King	Complete
Oct 2025	P&C to develop expenditure priorities aligned to the priorities and goals of both school and community	Infographic shared with Pat - to save in files.. Treasurer next year to discuss school plan with Principal King, and continue exec discussions about budget.	Exec	In progress
Oct 2025	P&C to put out comms about the need for contributions to activity costs where possible so these activities can continue.	P&C to consider the messaging we can do in the new year, and in collaboration with Principal King. and we can remind the community that we all contribute to a fund for hardship which community members are able to inquire about through the school.	Sophie/Pat	In progress
Sept 2025	What does the community and school value from our garden program and what is the environmental vision for the school ground longer term? P&C to get feedback from the community on this and learn how we can assist with this vision.	Nov: Complete, to be sent out in new year. Oct update: committee have met and survey to be prepared for Term 4	Alexa/Pat/ Enviro Comm.	Complete
Sept 2025	Strings group will perform at Marrickville Music Festival. Would love the community to attend and support the group at the festival - P&C to promote through comms.	Nov: done Oct update: Strings will now perform at Addi Road. Comms have gone out through school.	Comms	Complete
Sept 2025	Principal King suggests the Stage 3 Garden Club could be involved in irrigation installation. Janine to contact Principal King for details.	Nov: irrigation almost complete, close item Oct update: Will need to be done via the gardening bees rather than during school hours. Environment committee can pass info about next Gardening Bee to those Garden Club students via the school.	Janine/Elle	Complete
18 June 2025	Purpose and amount of the reserved IT fund (typically \$40k pa) is to be revisited.	To be revisited in planning next year's budget.	Exec	On hold

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26 Mar 2025	IWBs - 9 need replacing - school suggest it is spread over 2025, 2026, 2027. P&C to consider our capacity to support.	Nov: two more IWBs to be considered in future, but for now can close this item Oct update - invoice sent through for initial IWBs Sept: Total needed between now to end of 2027 is 5 IWBs - will likely replace 4 this year, and 1 at start of 2027 Aug: Principal King still assessing next need P&C have chosen IWB for EOFY project. Will assess whether there is further need for IWB costs post fundraising.	Exec	Complete
14 Feb 2024	Follow up with Guy about running tasting fundraisers	Ongoing.	Pat/Zoe/Cass	In progress