

Blackwattle Bay Parents and Citizens Association

August General Meeting, August 20, 2014

1. ATTENDANCE:

4 Apologies; 4 Parents in attendance; 1 Staff

2. STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Three teachers, eight students and one past student travelled to East Timor in the recent school holidays to visit our sister school, Malibaca High School at Maliana in East Timor. Two of the students gave an interesting short presentation on the trip and their experiences in East Timor.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Moved: Tracey C. Accepted: Robyn S.

4. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Boys Breakfast (24th July)

Well attended by boys and teachers. Unfortunately no dads.

Visual Arts Exhibition (29th July)

Thanks to parents Alison G. & Jenny H. for helping out and P & C support for snacks and the Encouragement Award. There is discussion between the college Principals about combining next year's event with Balmain & Leichhardt.

Year 12 Graduation (19th Sept)

Sydney Town Hall has been booked, however, there is still no word back from the Council regarding the request for a fee reduction. The starting time has been set at 5:00pm to enable an early finish before dinner. General discussion in the meeting was that a 6:00pm start would be better to give parents more time to get there after work. 7:00pm would be too late.

Strategic Plan

Each of the campuses is working on a three year Strategic Plan and these will be combined into a College Strategic Plan. The Plan is to be published at the end of term 4.

The Principal will send out a survey to parents to gather input to this plan, based on the survey recently used by Balmain. She will send a draft to the P & C for review next week.

The College Principal plans to hold a discussion session with parents on either 8th or 9th September 7:00pm - 8:30pm at Leichhardt Campus Library.

Family Holidays During Term

The Principal expressed concern about the relatively large number of students being taken out of school during term to go on family holidays. She stressed the importance of attendance at school for both Year 11 and 12. Coursework and assessments are "full-on" and most students struggle to catch up if they miss a week or more of classes. Assessment is continual and contributes to the final HSC mark.

No “Muck-up” Day This Year

A letter will be sent home to parents shortly stressing that there will be no “muck-up” day for year 12 at the end of their studies. Last year there were some unfortunate incidents which resulted in a number of students being suspended. The Principal has issued a stern warning to Year 12 students this year.

Gleebooks Event (4th Sept)

Teachers will be choosing books from Gleebooks next week. Notices are going out in the next newsletter to promote the event.

Coming Events

Term 3:

- Fri 12th Sept - Major Works morning tea, 10:30am
- Fri 19th Sept - Yr 12 Graduation - 5:00pm

Term 4:

- Tue 7th Oct - Learning Conference Assembly (Yr 11 going to Yr 12) - morning. P & C has previously supported this.
- Mon 10th Nov - Recognition Assembly morning. Induction of new school leaders.
- Tue 25th Nov - White Ribbon Breakfast

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Now that we have the annual Gleebooks event underway, the P & C needs to focus on the regular activities of supporting school activities and funding requests. We also need to start to plan our activities for next year

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that there is currently a Bank balance of \$17,756.

Still to pay: \$431 for P & C insurance, and \$2,350 for the hand dryers.

The invoice for the hand dryers has come in at \$50 more than previously approved. Moved by Robyn, seconded by Peter and approved by the meeting: “That the P & C agree to pay this invoice in full.”

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Grand Piano

Vanessa P. is looking at ways of raising funds. She was unable to attend the meeting so her update will be held over to the next meeting. The Principal noted that currently around \$4,000 has been raised.

Pending Funding Requests

Town Hall for Yr 12 Graduation - discuss at next meeting when we know the final amount. The school is looking for around \$5,000 from the P. & C.

Gleebooks - Thu 4th Sept 6:00 - 9:00pm

Actions agreed at previous meetings:

- P & C to reimburse coffee for staff/ students who visit Gleebooks to choose books
- IMP be approached to provide a small musical group for the evening.

Checklist for the night:

- Need:

- 3 or 4 people at 5:30pm to help set up,
- around same number to clear-up afterwards,
- parents to bring a plate
- Tracey will buy wine and be reimbursed by P. & C.
- On the night, take:
 - P & C wine glasses from the Storeroom
 - P & C banner
 - Name Tags & marker pens
 - Garbage Bags
- Volunteers so far: Tracey C., Alison M., Maxine B., Peter C., Bruce R.

Promotion:

- Send email to BB P & C list
- Emails to Balmain & Leichhardt parents (problem - Balmain MAD Night is on the same night.)

Next meeting September 17

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