



**Pymble Ladies' College
Junior School Parent Group (JSPG)
MINUTES**

**Meeting: JSPG Term 4 Meeting
Date: Thursday 31 October 2019
Time: 8.45 am to 9.45 am
Location: Junior School Library**

DETAILS

1.0 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present: Brigitte Jackson, Neeru Bansal, Pam McPherson, Carol Bai, Zoe Green, Priscilla Macpherson, Christel Vigne, Julie Xie, Shiva Rich, Louise Woodall, Elizabeth Toh, Danielle Scott, Monika Surana, Fei Sang, Naomi Nakamaru, Natasha Rowe, Kristen Bond, Sarah Fisher, Heidi Elliot

By invitation: Mrs Anna Plant, Mr Allan Stewart

Apologies: Kate Hart, Kim Adams, Camlinh Tran, Belinda Gerreyn, Meagan Heritage, Carrie Wormald, Sau Wong

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Pam McPherson

Seconded: Monika Surana

WELCOME BY GROUP LEADERS

Brigitta Jackson welcomed Mr Allan Stewart

2.0 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC) AND VOLUNTEERING IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mr Allan Stewart outlined the events requiring WWCC. This year the camp out overnight was replaced by the picnic day which was very successful and the camp out may have to be modified due to the WWCC requirements. He will continue to work through certain requirements and restrictions finalising WWCC for all events.

Dr Kate Hadwen's survey and focus groups will be vital insight into the school and the online survey has had over 76 per cent of parents complete it with roughly 400 pages of commentary regarding academic, co-curricular and social aspects. This will be a fantastic sample to be able to collate summaries and information which will be shared with the parents. Junior School survey regarding change rooms has been heard and one of the rooms will be converted for that need.

At 86 years of age, *Pymble's* Crossing Guard, Con Eliades, retired from *Pymble*. He had been manning the crossing for 16 years. The Senior girls were able to say farewell with a standing ovation as he was invited to assembly. Junior School will also have an opportunity to do the same. Con loved working but will need to care for his family who need him. The Roads and Traffic Authority run the process of replacing the position.

Discussed car parking, car routes, pedestrian crossings and traffic issues, which the school is aware of and will continue to find better alternatives working with council and also the *Pymble* community.

Brigitta invited Pam McPherson to give the Finance report.

3.0 FINANCE CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

Pam delivered the following information:

Balance of the total JSPG accounts at 30 September 2019 was \$56,945.12. This is will be subject to change due to receipts and invoices.

Upcoming expenditure includes Year 6 jerseys, signature bears, welcome teddies, Year 6 musical DVD and \$20,000 donation to Junior School. Expected balance at year end is approximately \$22,000.

Finances altogether are looking healthy.

4.0 GROUP LEADER'S REPORT

Term 3 had the sausage sizzle, Year 5 Parent Daughter dance with the 'Let's Glow' theme. Term 4 had the Year 6 musical with thanks to the mums who designed costumes and make up. Events coming up will be the Garden Party, Junior school Swimming carnival, Year 6 disco and Year 6 parents cocktail party.

5.0 THANK YOU TO 2019 COMMITTEE AND EVENT CONVENORS

Brigitte and Neeru took time to thank all the volunteers with the list below.

All the committee members: Pam, Elizabeth, Kirsten, Naomi Nakamaru, Fei Sang, Kate Hart, Monika Surana, Louise Woodall, Shiva Rich, Tash Rowe, Danielle Scott.

Smoothie Day

Shiva
Louise

JSPG Fun Day

Pam
Carrie
Zoe, Bevan
Lalinya, Ray
Elizabeth Toh
Sarah Martin
Sau Wong, Graham Ford
Stephanie Yu
Sean Wong
Rathi Siva
Rachel Hartin

Years 3 and 4 Dance

Alex
Carol Bai
Tash
Danielle

Year 6 Dance

Amanda Johnston
Lara Porter
Mary
Trina

Athletics Carnival Stall

Christel Vigne
Cally Harvey

Sausage Sizzle

Louise Woodall
Carol Bai

Year 5 Dance

Kate Hart
Monika Surana

Garden Party Convenors

Year 6: Naomi Shanahan, Shana Hennessy
Year 5: Monika Surana, Christel Vigne
Year 4: Louise Woodall, Shiva Rich
Year 3: Danita Leitch

Swimming Carnival

Belinda Gerrey, Camlinh Tran, Meagan Heritage

6.0 THANK YOU TO 2019 COMMITTEE AND EVENT CONVENORS

Announced the new JSPG committee leaders for 2020.

Group Leaders

Monika Surana, Kate Hart, Christel Vigne

Treasurer

Elizabeth Toh

Record Keeper

Julie Xie

Care and Support

Kirsten Bond

Year 6 Co-ordinator

Malini Shrivastava

Year 5 Co-ordinator

Louise Woodall and Sarah Fisher

Year 4 Co-ordinators

Himashini Weeraratne and Payal Mukherjee

Year 3 Co-ordinator

TBA

7.0 ACTING HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mrs Anna Plant thanked the JSPG for the generous donation of \$20,000 and will use it towards staff training and wellbeing. Mind Time for staff was purchased. The New Junior School principal Mrs Kate Brown will help with allocating funds and there are already agendas regarding literacy, writing, maths and wellbeing.

Tomorrow is Links day for all the Year Groups. Year 6 girls will be able to spend the day with the new girls that will start with them in Year 7, and all the Year Groups will be able to experience a day in the life of their 2020 Year Group.

Parent education seminar will be on 4 November. Lisa Maltman from The Sleep Connection with the results from the Year 6 sleep survey and diary will share her findings. Also, Dr Kristy Goodwin, one of Australia's leading digital wellbeing and digital parenting educators, will be speaking about 'raising your girls in a digital world'.

Service Learning will be in Week 7. This is for the girls to give and serve the community with their time and service either through making bags from old shirts, giving Christmas gifts and helping others. Open for suggestions or ideas regarding this theme and for it to be an ongoing initiative.

Thanked Brigitta and Neeru for their work in 2019 JSPG committee.

8.0 MEETING CLOSE

Brigitta thanked everyone for coming and invited parents to meet in the Junior School foyer for tea and coffee.

Meeting closed at 9.45am.