



**Pymble Ladies' College
PPA – Term 1 Meeting - 2016**

Minutes

Date: Wednesday 23rd March 2016

Time: 6.30pm to 7.35pm

Location: Senior School Centre, Nancy Jobson Lecture Theatre

Present: Mrs. Vicki Waters, Mr. Justin Raymond, Dr. Kristie Spence, Mr. David Sexton, PPA Committee, 57 parents (refer Attendance Register)

1.0 Welcome - Raj Narayan - PPA President

Welcome to all and thank you for attending this evening.

Thanks to Mrs. Waters – College Principal.

Introduced self as PPA President, the PPA Committee Members and welcomed suggestions for improvements in 2016.

Ice Breaker Success was shared – 725 + attendees, a record attendance and a highly successful evening. The evening was magical with the “Red, White & Blue” theme. Thank you to the Icebreaker Coordinators Mrs. Samantha Yee and Mrs. Mary Hassall.

New Mother’s Lunch was also well attended. Thanks to Mrs. Jo Tims and Mrs. Julia Nelson

We had great Coordinators plus more than 40 helpers at these events. Thank you to all.

It is a PPA goal to see more people in our community assist and get involved in 2016.

Introduced Presenters for this evening –

- a) Mr. David Sexton – College Parking and Traffic Control Update Presentation
- b) Mr. Justin Raymond and Dr. Kristie Spence - STEM Presentation

2.0 Principal’s Message – Mrs. Vicki Waters - Principal

The Fitness Centre is looking amazing and nearing completion.

Opening Ceremony - Friday 8th April. Please arrive at 9.15am for 9.30am start. Please RSVP.

Term 2 Special Event - Centenary Gala Concert, Sunday. 19th June, 2016 - 1600 tickets only.

Music score has been commissioned. Please contact Sabiner Turner if you’re interested in singing in the Pymble Choir. Rehearsals commence soon.

Other Centenary Events include –

Boarders Open Day and Sleepover

K-6 Musical has been created by Amanda Stelcova. It will be fantastic and a number of performances will occur.

Year 6 will have a more prominent role in the K-6 Musical, due to the Centenary format.

Year 6 will also have a final Musical Event that is personal for the Year 6 cohort and their families.

Term 4 – The Longest Lunch will be held. It won’t be held on Molly Dive. It will be a Sunday lunch on Campus.

Pymble girls will have their own concert on Kelso Field with K-6 in the morning and 7-12 in the afternoon. The girls will perform on stage. There will be many Centenary Events in 2016.

Teachers have spent a great deal of time on professional learning. The changes are having more engaging experiences, tracking on the portal is on its way, and goal setting.

STEM – Reports are being commissioned to explore why it is so important. At *Pymble* we have a strong uptake in Maths and Science however Technology hasn’t been a high interest in the past.

Tonight we have a guest speaker to talk about Technology.

Mrs Waters wished all a Happy Easter and encouraged parents to let the girls have a rest in the holidays. Thank you.



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3.0 STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics - Mr. Justin Raymond and Dr. Kristie Spence

Please refer to Newsletter for STEM updates and STEM events.

Outline of STEM Presentation -

Where we are heading with STEM at Pymble?

Share the reasons why it is important? Why STEM?

Why STEM? Goal is to move it beyond a subculture

Government is investing hugely in this area.

Create more opportunities for women in STEM and equipping students and teachers

Goals of STEM at Pymble are –

Promotion and awareness of STEM skills

High levels of participation of STEM activities

Community and engagement

Pymble will be having a Curriculum Review and will decide on subjects to be offered in the future.

Pymble are working with universities for those highly targeted children.

STEM opportunities for the girls – What are they?

STEM Club – Tinkering with Technology (Tuesday evenings)

Robotics and Electronics

SCRATCH JUNIOR – website free

STEM Games 2016 Creativity, Adaptability, Competence

There will be 3 challenges and one final.

Encouraged to work with our daughters to take up the STEM Challenge.

Challenge 1 is due Friday 29th April – website/portal

stemgames.pymble.nsw.edu.au

Same challenge is for K-12 individual and groups of up to 4

A Final will be an all-day event – *Pymble* community event

It is accessible learning and it is open ended.

4.0 Update of PPA Events and Acknowledgements – Mrs. Raj Narayan and Mrs. Stephanie Tan

Minutes accepted from Term 4 2015 by Mrs. Larysa Harris and seconded by Mrs. Fiona Onikul and Mrs. Judy Weaver.

PPA Event Update -

Opening of Centenary – Friday 8th April

Cultural Lunch - Monday 23rd May 12.30pm at Eden Gardens (details to follow)

PPA Videos of K-6 Musical and Aurora Concert

Term 4 Sports Dinner – Coordinator - Mrs. Melanie Gowlland

PPA Teachers BBQ – Coordinator – Mrs. Jane Stewart

Thanks to all Coordinators and attendees for your support.

5.0 Treasurer's Report - Mr. Andrew Dutkiewicz - PPA Treasurer

Balance is currently over \$8,000.

PPA Fundraiser - Icebreaker funds have come in to account however expenses are still being presented and paid.

Staff Grant of \$5000 from 2015 has been granted.

Good financial year to date. Money is in the bank and figures are available anytime.



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6.0 Parking and Traffic Management – Mr. David Sexton – General Manager

Parking and Traffic Management Update was provided.

Parking and Traffic Management have always been a challenge. The car park will assist.

Safety of students is paramount. We are fortunate to have extensive, internal roads.

Independent Traffic Management Consultants have been working with the College.

There are currently 275 parking spaces. This will move to 470 spaces.

The width of passing will improve dramatically around the Main Oval and Junior/Prep Road by removing parking from low and high roads. Emergency and Community access will be safer and always open.

Gate 3 Entry will be for Upper and Senior School students. This has been changed from the initial thought of Junior School students.

Information will be made available to the *Pymble* community in the coming weeks.

7.0 Individual School Parent Support Group Progress Updates –

SSPG – Mrs. Priscilla Taylor/ Mrs. Sue Jones

Expectations of Years 11 and 12 were presented.

No official Morning Teas this term.

In May a Father Daughter Breakfast will be held.

Mother Daughter Event - Knitting Squares will also be held.

USPG – Mrs. Christie Charlin

Group Meeting discussed Pastoral Care of girls.

Presentation about Maths - 2 Unit being a prerequisite for UNSW STEM subjects.

Morning Tea at Eden Gardens for Years 9 and 10 Parents.

MSPG – Mrs. Larysa Harris

Parent Presentation - Connect Groups / Cyber-bullying

Year 7 Twilight Swim Carnival

Mother Daughter Tea – 7th June

JSPG– Mrs. Suzanne Verdal-Austin/ Mrs. Claudine Townsley

Combined Junior School Morning Tea – over 160 people attended, great day.

JSPG Meeting – Class Parents / Conveners announced and question and answers with new Head of School Mr. Nigel Walker.

19th March - Father Daughter Dinner Year 4 – Favourite Decade – great night.

Thank you Mrs. Michelle Brayswich for coordinating.

2nd April – Camp Out - 489 registered campers on Kelso Field. Thank you Mrs. Natacha Boyce for coordinating.

PSPG – Mrs. Maria Papadimitriou

Morning Teas

Decorate a Bunny

High Afternoon Tea – Mother Daughters 5th May

Upcoming event is the Athletics Carnival.

Mrs. Raj Narayan wished all a Happy Easter and thanked all for their attendance this evening.

Refreshments will be served in the foyer.

8.0 Meeting Closed 7.40pm

PPA Term 2 Wednesday, 25th May – 6.30-7.30pm Senior School Centre