



# James Erskine Public School P & C Association

53 Peppertree Drive, Erskine Park NSW 2759



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## P & C MEETING 19.6.2024

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**Meeting Opened:** 6.06pm

**Item 1 - Present:** Louise Huggett, Julieanne Lokeni, Darren Pound, Nathan Davies, Ashlee Desira, Sarah Elali, Rose Kingi, guest speaker from My Family Hand.

**Item 2 - Apologies:** Bek Reid, Emily Keen, Ashleigh Chalker, Jess Campbell, Amanda Grigg, Candice Clark.

### Item 3 – Welcome

Acknowledgment of county

### Item 4 – Presidents Report

Here we are at the last meeting of term 2 brace yourselves the holidays are near.

Since our last meeting we have had our Mother's Day breakfast which was a lot bigger than we imagined we did get some donations from Emily that was a \$100 gift voucher from woollies next time we will need to ask for more donations if we are going to be doing sausages, bacon and eggs. Thanks to Mrs Kingi she ran over to the shop and got us some more supplies to get us through the rest of the morning.

If you are on our Facebook page you would have seen the lovely businesses that donated to us for the Mother's Day raffle, I loved the idea the girls came up with that we posted the businesses on the page to thank them way we can recognise the businesses publicly for such a generous donation.

We drew the Mother's Day raffle n the Mother's Day breakfast morning and we made \$661.70 from it.

Then rolled in next was our Mother's Day stall I personally was not there as I was at work but understand there was a lot of helpers who came up to help sell.

A big thank you to Jess for organising the donut drive we recently just did though western Sydney donuts I know my family was very happy with our donuts.

We appreciate this so much the more people we have to help the faster it is for the teachers and the children to get through the hall. So once again just really grateful for the help.

On that note of help thank you again for your efforts Louise she packed for like 3 hours the other night popcorn for our kids in stage 3 peer support, they were going to use our popcorn machine but it's quite hard to use and you also need someone standing there the whole time so the p and c donated the popcorn to the school for Monday or Tuesday this week.

The wonderful helpers in the uniform shop you ladies are amazing we can't run that uniform shop without you all.

Darren asked for this to be done after guest speaker.

**Item 5 – Previous Minutes Accepted by: Darren Pound  
seconded by: Sarah Elali**

**Item 6 – Matters arising from the Previous Minutes:**

Was the meeting recorded – yes, the only part that was recorded was when our guest speaker was on to make sure the information was getting across correctly. Moving forward if we have a guest speaker, we will ask permission from the meeting to have that time recorded.

**Item 7 – Principal's Report**

Family Calendar Discussion around the use of Family Calendar as a way for parents to remain updated with what's going on in the school each term Budget The changes to our school budget will impact certain programs within the school moving forward. As of Term 3 we will not be having our weekly sporting program Got Game. We are limited in providing student assistance in terms of buses etc Potential Support Classes at JEPS My DEL has been in touch with me asking about our interest in the classes. I am awaiting the department to contact me – I think it will be a gradual implementation of classes over a year or two. One is better than none for the students who require this specialised setting. Digital Sign The school is not in a position to look any further into a digital sign this year. Excursions Costs • Kindy are fundraising to assist with bus costs for the farm excursion. The costs for the bus is \$938 and they are holding a Jersey day for the next State of Origin. • Stage 2 are also holding a PJ Day early Term 3 to assist with their excursion. Their bus for a day excursion is \$3724- or \$200 less. They are currently looking at alternate bus companies and excursion options. Total cost is approx. \$47. Can P&C help otherwise we will need to cancel due to high costs. • With the cost of camp being so high – we are also contemplating holding Stage 3 camp every 2 years, the same as Stage 2. This way, all students in 3-6 will attend 2 camps before high school. The buses are the exorbitant costings. • This also affects small sporting events in which we request parents to transport students. Homework Another parent request for homework. I asked Executive to collate research into homework and we have had a robust discussion around the already hectic workload of teachers and the addition to workload. Research suggests limited impact on academic performance in students and the effect size for impact is 0.15. In order for an intervention to be effective it should sit at 0.4 – which is one year of growth. We have decided we will provide open activities for parent facilitation. These will not be marked by teachers. K2 have decided on a grid of activities that students can complete – these are explained and include reading and also covering concepts that children learn over the term. 3-6 have decided on providing students with a Passion Project that again is parent facilitated and will allow students to research an area of passion to a set criteria. These will be shared in stages at a given date and time. Again – these will not be marked by teachers.

**Guess speaker – my family hand**

The idea for 'My family hand' app came from my personal experience of managing multiple children's events from the school. Parents are very busy now to be about to manage what is happening in their child

life. This app pulls all the information from the school and shows the parent what they need to see – calendar events, parent tasks- like permission notes etc

The app has/is:

- Push notifications about upcoming events, class communication like add class events like library or activities due as well as additional groups like dance etc
- Permission notes can be sent through, and parents will be provided a link to Sentral to give permission.
- Works like a phone calendar that will show events happening and coming up
- Offer 25 different languages translation of all notifications and information.
- Can push to phone calendar so it is in one place for family and school life.
- Time saving for all involved school and families
- Has been approved by NSW government, ICT advanced registered so security is strong.
- Have an area for common access forms and links for information one access point.

There has been positive feedback from families using the app – feeling more organised, know what is happening.

**Item 8 - Deputy's Report:**

none

**Item 9 - Correspondence In:**

School gifts for Father's day.

Crown concepts – father's day.

Moon and back – Father's day.

Smart gift ideas- Father's day.

P&C federation parent and citizen booklet.

**Item 10 -Treasurers Report:**

Uniform Shop Account

Opening balance \$51 684.97

Closing balance \$ \$27 569.52

The school has cashed the cheque for new shirts

General Account

Opening balance \$46 739.85

Closing balance \$52 480.03

**Item 11 - Uniform Report:**

Opening hours for uniform shop are every Tuesday afternoon from 2.30-3pm and every even week it will also be open Friday mornings 8.30-9am.

**Item 12 - Fundraising Report:**

Mothers day stall - \$1,436.01

Mothers day raffle - \$661.70



Donut day- \$460.59 we sold 122 boxes.

**Item 13 - General Business**

Soccer knock out discussion – dates changing affect on parents

P&C – offered donation to towards buses

Possible new bbq from the P&C to replace if we are going to be doing more BBQs in the future.

Parent idea - Digital sign- possible \$350 per week like a road sign that is LED tv instead of spending lots of money on a new one at the moment

Darren – eftpos from CommBank possible to save cost and look at hostgater or go daddy website makers for our website instead of square.

Possible afternoon for father's day bbq – make a survey on Facebook for families to say morning or afternoon – possible 30<sup>th</sup> of August bacon and eggs for parents and a sausage for students  
Fathers day stall Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of August

**Meeting Closed:** 7.43pm

**Next Meeting:** 24<sup>th</sup> of July as of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month is during school holidays

