



James Erskine Public School P & C Association

53 Peppertree Drive, Erskine Park NSW 2759



P & C MEETING 20.03.2024

1. **Meeting Open-** Wednesday 20.03.2024 6:12pm
2. **Present** – Julieanne Lokeni, Louise Huggett, Rebecca Reid, Sarah Elali, Amanda Grigg, Pelin Himo, Jessica Seymour, Teagan Wade, Rose Kingi, Virginia D’Angelis, Darren Pound, Nathan Davies, Emily Keen, Jessica Campbell, Eve Baker, Jessie O’Donnell, Candice Clark, Renae Aitken.
3. **Apologies** - Ashleigh Chalker
4. **Welcome-** I begin today by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.
5. **President report** - Welcome everyone to our second meeting this year.

I wanted to start off by thanking these P&C ladies the work they all put into this school is amazing.

Louise working from behind the scenes with emails editing any of our notes to go home and the list goes on.

Emily, Renee, Jess, Amy, Bek and Sarah our uniform ladies finally we are all working out this online system packing orders and understanding the ins and outs of the uniform shop we appreciate you all giving up some of your time during the week.

And another massive thank you to Jess who’s been running around putting dates to all these fundraisers we have going on during the year.

I would like to thank the families who donated any Easter eggs the last 2 weeks I wrapped them up in baskets last weekend and we have a total of 4 large hampers and 15 smaller hampers to give away for our raffle the last time we spoke I think so far, we have raised a total of \$900 with more tickets for be sold on the Easter hat parade.

We have our Easter disco coming up next on 11th of April this is ran during school hours.

We have received all our Mother’s Day stock for our annual Mother’s Day stall which will be held on May 9th.

If you are wanting to help during these events remember you need to fill out these forms and bring 100 points of ID apply for your working with children’s (this is free and can be done online) and hand your paperwork into the school.

Thank you.

6. Minutes of previous meeting

5.1 Previous minutes accepted- Jessica Campbell

5.2 Seconded by- Jessica Seymour

7. Matters Arising from previous minutes- None.

8. Principal's Report-

Stage 1 Furniture

Our furniture arrived a lot sooner than we anticipated and last week we managed to remove and install all of our stage 1 classes with whiteboard tables. The teachers are finding the students are heavily engaged in their learning and being able to 'draw on the tables'. You will see from the FB post last week just how students are using this new resource. It has become a vital and appreciated teaching resource for teachers. We managed to repurpose all of the existing furniture to 3 schools. Samuel Terry PS, Blackett PS and Oxley Park PS. We are grateful the furniture has gone to support students in our great public school system.

Staffing

We are sharing news of resignations.

Belinda Bold who was a much-valued member of our admin staff, has resigned for medical reasons. Belinda worked tirelessly in our front office and was often our first point of contact for parents. We fondly farewell Belinda and thank her for her years of service with us.

Martin Matini – our CLO has also stepped away from his role. He wanted to share this message with everyone:

It's been an absolute pleasure serving you all this year and last year. Unfortunately, due to ongoing family issues, I have decided to step down from my position as CLO. Thank you, P&C, for backing me and to the community for engaging with us through the many community outreach incentives the last couple of years. It's goodbye for now, but JEPS will hold a special place always.

We also would formally like to thank Martin for his ongoing work and commitment to our school Community.

Stage 3 Camp

We have received concerns over the school's choice of camp for our Stage 3 students this year. The decision over what camps to attend is always a school-based one that hangs on many factors. Safety, DoE approved camps, logistics, staff capacity to attend. This year our Stage 3 teachers collaboratively discussed sport and rec camp and opted for Milson Island. This is a DoE approved camp, that I have been on many times. It is safe, approved and run by DoE staff. The option not to go to Canberra (snow) was made by staff for a couple of reasons. One being the exorbitant cost, and another being that only a couple of the attractions hold the student's interest. That being Questacon and the snow. They spend large parts of their days on the bus travelling and only get off to spend a couple hours at the attractions. The snow only makes up a very small component of the 3 day camp and is often only a space at the bottom of a hill with a snow machine. The students and staff get more out of the sport and rec camps as they are fun, engaging, activity based and promote team building and positive Relationships.

Working Bee

I am looking at have some playground artwork happening in the second week of the holidays. Last year a group of students approached me with the request to have more handball courts in the school. I had them research spaces for the courts, for the existing tables to go and to measure up how size for courts and how many they would need. As an added surprise for the students, I have engaged a company called Grounded Graphics to paint the courts for us in the school holidays. These are bright and colourful and will brighten the playground. The company require the surfaces to be pressure cleaned however we have been quoted in excess of \$5000. If anyone is available in the first week to help me pressure clean the surfaces under the cola it would be appreciated. Rooty Hill Public School have kindly offered up their 2 pressure cleaners for us to use.

Before and After School Care

Just need to share the communication around B&A - that it is parent responsibility to inform B&A if children are not attending or have been picked up early. Often the B&A staff, and school staff spend stressful moments searching and calling for children that have been collected or other arrangements to go home have been made. This is not the responsibility of the school.

Possibility for Support Classes at JEPS

There is an extreme need for support classes in our network. Currently the Dept have over 200 students (30+ just in our network) waiting for placement in a specialised class.

I would like our community to consider the prospect of having support classes at JEPS. These would be staffed by specialist teachers. I myself have a special education background and have set-up support classes in other schools. The benefits to all students are tremendous, especially those to students requiring this setting. We have, and have had, many students who require these settings that can't be placed. We haven't made any firm decisions about support classes, and it may not eventuate if the department deems another school more suitable. Staff have had a robust discussion around this and would definitely be open to our school forming support classes. There is much consultation that is required and Jo Ferns – Learning and Wellbeing Advisor, is happy to attend our next P&C to discuss and share further and answer any questions.

Thank You

Absolute massive thanks to the P&C for the support for the camp and Wakkakirri. The teachers and students are thankful and grateful for financial aid and many parents have also expressed their thanks at helping to ease these costs.

Also big thank you to Jess Campbell for spending time with me to coordinate dates and logistics for P&C fundraisers for the entire year. We were able to clearly plan P&C and whole school events to avoid clashes and I am looking forward to the year ahead. Also, thanks to Jess for offering up her photography services to the P&C for family portraits. This is a beautiful gesture and very much appreciated.

9. Deputy Principal's Report-

School photos

As we move forward into the second term of the academic year, we would like to remind you about the upcoming school photo day, scheduled for Term 2, Week 2, on Thursday, 9th May 2024.

We understand the importance of capturing these memorable moments, which is why we have partnered with the same reputable photography company that we used in 2022 to ensure the best quality and experience for our students and families.

Please mark your calendars and ensure that your child is prepared for their school photo on the specified date. We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring they are dressed neatly in SUMMER UNIFORM – either white or maroon shirt and ready to smile for the camera.

Sibling Photo Date: proposed date Thursday 23rd

Additionally, we will announce the sibling photo date soon. During this time, we will also facilitate catch-up photos for those who may have missed the initial session.

Important Dates.

Remember to follow of communication platforms for all the latest communication.

Sentral app

Facebook

Notes

Website- to be updated.

10. **Correspondence In-** None.

11. **Treasurers Report-** Uniform Shop

Opening balance - \$43901.52

Closing balance - \$49515.99

General account

Opening balance - \$46741.82

Closing balance - \$46822.65

We still need to pay for gazebos, Mother's Day stock, glowsticks as well as covering other things requested at last meeting. We are hoping we can repay the school for the first order of new shirts soon.

12. **Uniform Shop Report-** Its going well. We are going to order some more winter stock soon.

We are thinking of reducing the price of the white shirts to \$7.

13. **Fundraising Report-** Term 1

Fundraising has been a great start to the year with our Easter raffle.

· Easter raffle is still running and so far, we have raised just over \$900. We have received a generous amount of donations from our families and community. With special mentions to Starr partners and CTC who will be donating an Easter basket each.

· Disco notes have been sent home and are starting to come back. DJ has been booked for \$300 and we have purchased more glowsticks.

Term 2

The organising of Term 2 fundraising is well underway with the Donut Day fundraiser and Mother's Day stall already organised.

Mother's Day

Stall items have already been purchased. A Mother's Day raffle has been organised and the committee has already started to reach out to business and receive vouchers/services to raffle off.

Donut Day

Western Sydney donuts has been booked in. They have a limit of 100 orders per day and because of our expected sales we will be having two delivery days, for the 4th of June for K-2 and the 6th of June for 3-6.

Term 3

We will see another raffle for Father's Day as well as the Father's Day stall, BBQ at the K-2 Athletics carnival and a family portraits fundraiser.

Term 4

Finally in Term 4 we have planned an after-school Halloween disco and a BBQ at the annual JEPS rocks concert.

Thank you to all the families and community for supporting us to raise money that will go back into the school to buy a range of different things and help students take part in a range of activities.

14. General Business –

Principle: Tree audits are done each year, A large tree needed to be removed out on the front grass. Toilets are constantly flooding and lots of works has been done to them, due to tree roots outside hall in toilet block workers spent Monday cutting concrete. Toilets are all in working order now.

Parents: discussed feedback regarding new year 6 shirts and how the feedback is all positive. May even redo the design for years to come?

Deputy Principle: K to 2 need to respond to survey regarding if they are going to B&A or how they are getting picked up from school still waiting on a lot of parents to submit that survey.

High school kids no longer walk through the school which has made a big difference to school pick-up up time the school is a lot calmer due to designated areas for collection. Still early days and big changes to get used to.

Parents: discussed lollipop lady being away due to injury and the school has been emailed by the council in relation to this, it is a council run job. Parents and teachers are not allowed to do the job.

Parents: discussed starting a petition to council to get flashing lights installed out the front of school due to high traffic area.

P&C Committee: All parent volunteers need to get their WWC back so they can participate and volunteer at upcoming fundraising events and work in the uniform shop.

Parent: has asked about dollarmite banking and it's no longer around.

Principal: Feedback from new lunch times - kids are so much more settled, teachers are less stressed. Kids are eating more. Less wastage. Next meeting cannot be held on the 15th of April due to school holidays and the 15th May, Rose has a twilight meeting so will need to organise a special meeting on the 1st May to discuss Mother's Day.

15. Meeting Close – 7.14pm

16. (Next meeting date) Wednesday 1st May 6.00pm

