



James Erskine Public School P & C Association

53 Peppertree Drive, Erskine Park NSW 2759



P & C MEETING AGENDA

1. **Meeting Open:** 6.35pm
2. **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.
3. **Present:** Jessica Seymour, Browyn Clarke, Mandy Scuglia, Ashleigh Chalker, Emily Keen, Nathan Davies, Darren Pound, Julieanne Lokeni, Louise Huggett
4. **Apologies** Amanda Grigg, Teagan Wade, Kim Dunscombe, Sarah Elali, Renae Altken, Gorgeous Grazing, Pelin
5. **Minutes of previous meeting**
 - 5.1 **Previous minutes accepted:** Mandy
 - 5.2 **Seconded by:** Bronwyn
6. **Matters Arising from previous minutes:** Nil
7. **Principal's Report**

Staffing:

AP positions: Erin Filipo was successful in obtaining the permanent AP position at panel earlier this term. We had Mel Bates vacancy and were lucky enough to have this filled through the process also. The successful candidate is Mr Jessey Cohen – current relieving AP at St Marys Public School. Jessey will begin at JEPS at the beginning of 2024.

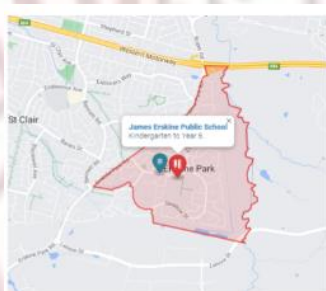
Teacher positions: In the government Temp to Permanent initiative, we were lucky enough to have 4 temporary members of staff transition in the program. As of Jan 2024 Mrs Judi Steel, Mrs Andrea Ferguson and Mrs Natasa Kalanic will be permanent teachers. Along with Ms Emma Jackson who gained a permanent SLSO position.

Extremely sad news: in 2024 Mrs Dunscombe will no longer be with us. Due to our numbers, her position was placed on review for 2 years back in 2021. This year we were informed that she would

transfer out of JEPS and to another school for 2024. This will hit our community very hard as Mrs Dunscombe is a pillar of the school and has been here for many years.

How the 'numbers' work

As per the enrolment policy (see hand out) we are unable to accept out of area enrolments due to our cap of approximately 460 students. As Erskine Park is an established community, the number of young families and young children are in decline. Previous to the update of the enrolment policy, JEPS took a fair number of out of area enrolments. As we are having to stick to the policy, numbers have declined, and this is what has impacted staffing numbers and building allocation. Currently we have 43 kindy enrolments for 2024. We are only able to take students from our catchment area which is only Erskine Park.



Conrad Update

Update on Conrad – he is recovering well from his transplant. We are still having money come in and are awaiting the silent auction outcome. Once this is finalised on the 18th September, all money will be collated and presented to Conrad and his family. Thank you to EVERYONE who has had a hand in supporting the effort. It is so appreciated by us all.

School Events

Next Thursday we have Year 6 Fun Day and Friday we have our extra-curricula photos. School finishes on Friday 22nd and begins again on Monday 9th October. There is no SDD on the Monday of term 4 as these are held at the end of the term. Students finish on Friday 15th December.

Nathan Wallis

This week 8 network schools have collaborated to bring Neuroscience Educator, Nathan Wallis over from NZ to speak with our entire staff cohorts across the week. It has been a great experience for all educators involved. He speaks on how the brain works and how neuroscience can better inform our day to day interactions with children. He also speaks on the significance of the early years and the critical role this period plays in defining later outcomes in life.

Term 4

Early in Term 4 we have Stage 2 and 3 attending camp in week 2. I will be attending the Zoo Snooze with Year 3 and won't be at the Oct 18 meeting.

TTFM

Very soon we will be sending out a link to all parents to fill in the parent TTFM survey. We have added in a question asking the community specifically about communication.

“From your perspective as a parent, what suggestions do you have regarding school communication that could help us enhance our efforts to engage and inform parents more effectively?”
We are seeking community voice to support us in improving communication channels.

8. Deputy Principal’s Report

Colour Run

Thankyou to the P&C for their support and assistance at the Colour Run which was enjoyed by all. The addition of the lolly bags was great. Parents who assisted with spraying water and colouring was invaluable so thankyou.

School Photos

They are in the process and there does seem to be a time issue in terms of composing classes from individual photos which takes some time.

Extra photos are scheduled for next Friday 15th September. This will be extra curricula groups such as dance, choir and sports groups. Year 6 will also have their photo taken as a group in their new shirts.

Attendance Award Winners for 100% attendance

There has been a delay in their reward. After discussing reward options with some of the winners have something planned for the last week of term.

9. Correspondence In:

10. Treasurers Report:

General account

Opening amount - \$45290.09

Closing amount - \$50473.82

Uniform account

Opening amount - \$17444.87

Closing amount - \$19997.76

We are starting to make some money back after purchasing the sports shirts.

11. Uniform Shop Report:

Thankyou to the parents who have been helping out in the uniform shop each week it is not possible to have it open without you.

12. Fundraising Report:

We have had a busy time since last meeting, holding 3 fundraising events. We would like to say thankyou for everyone who has helped during these events, both in person and behind the scenes.

Our K-2 carnival BBQ raised \$363.65

Colour Run: we raised \$ 585.70 selling drinks that were left over from the carnival, as well as lollies that were donated to the P&C by a family at the school. From this we will be donating half to Conard which is the total of \$300.

Fathers Day we raised \$2968.40 and sold most of our stock

Coming up event are:

27th October – Halloween night Disco

20th November – Krispy Kreme

13. General Business –

Secretary position is available if anyone would like to nominate – no one nominated

Last meeting the school handed back to school shirt to the P&C to move forward. We have heard the feedback from the families in the school regarding the shirts, quality, turn around etc. This has prompted us to search for other companies to see what they can provide. We are coming back to this meeting with the following options. We wish to discuss this now and provide families an opportunity to vote on which company and shirt moving forward. We provided all the information about the company, cost, fabric, turn around and location to make it transparent and provide families with enough information to make an informed decision. We will have a note out shortly that will allow families to vote. This will be open only for 1 week as we need to order shirts and get them back in time for kindergarten orientation.

Discussed: we are going back to the companies with more questions, to update information for families and will put out a survey shortly.

14. Meeting Close: 8.13pm

15. Next meeting date: 18th of October 2023 6.30pm