



# James Erskine Public School P & C Association

53 Peppertree Drive, Erskine Park NSW 2759



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## Wednesday 19.2.2025 P & C MEETING

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**Meeting Opened:** 6.01pm

**Item 1 - Present:** Rose Kingi, Virginia Deangelis, Julianne Lokeni, Louise Huggett, Sarah Elali, Emily Keen, Candice Clark, Lauren Myers, Darren Pond, Pelin Himo, Jessica Seymour.

**Item 2 - Apologies:** Amanda Grigg and Nathan

**Item 3 – Welcome by P&C President**

Acknowledgement to Country

I was hoping to catch a couple of the new kindy parents this afternoon but I missed them, I will try tomorrow.

As you may have noticed over next to the sign in form, we have a page where parents can fill in their expression of interest to help with fundraising events. We will then make a What's app chat, where we will be communicating different fundraising things. One that note I also have declaration forms for parents to fill out who want to volunteer at our fundraising events. Parents need to fill it in and take it to the office, this is each year.

Fundraising ideas – we are asking if you have any fundraising ideas for the P&C, if so please put them down on the paper.

Lastly our P&C this year is myself as President, Sarah as Vice President, Louise as Treasurer and Emily as Uniform Shop coordinator. We currently have some positions open, Secretary, Fundraising coordinator, and another Vice President.

**Item 4 – Previous Minutes Accepted by:** Emily Kieen   **seconded by:** Darren

**Item 5 – Matters arising from the Previous Minutes:** No

**Item 6 – Principal's Report**

**Yandyinyang**

Our classes have started off great with a full team of dedicated staff working with our students. We have some children with specific needs and will begin educating our students around understanding of these needs – as some behaviours, although innocent – can 'look' confronting. Together as a community we will look to best understand, teach and educate each other on effective and meaningful strategies to support our children in the classes. Our staff have been exceptional in welcoming and loving these little ones.

### **Staffing**

We welcome Del Wigmore back on staff this year. He is back in the area after playing for Canberra Raiders for the past 2 years. Mrs Jenna Beggs is on Stage 3 and comes with a wealth of experience. Miss Dallis Graham-Withell is a part-time SLSO, currently supporting in Yandyinyang. Mrs Natasha Pound – Teacher in LST Mrs Julieanne Lokeni is job sharing and working part-time in Yandyinyang also. Miss Amber Burns – SLSO whilst completing her teaching degree.

### **Swimming Carnival 2025**

The carnival was a successful day for all involved. We will seek to get parent feedback as we are keen to run this format again next year. Community Board/House Points Board In the spirit of House Competition – we are looking to really celebrate House participation within the school and acknowledge the new house names with teaching students about why/how the house groups are named.

We have looked into purchasing an electronic House Points board and hoping the P&C would like to contribute \$4000 to assist in paying for half of the board/electrics and installation. We also have the notice board just outside the office – that we would like to offer the P&C to promote P&C and other community news/ uniform shop info etc.

### **Gates/Cages**

You will also notice that the large gates and fencing have come down! This is probably the thing I am recently most proud of. It opens the school, makes it so much more inviting and open and we are really loving the feel it gives on first entry.

### **BBQ**

Thank you to P&C for the support of the BBQ. The school and yourselves have purchased two brand new 6 burner BBQs and these are a far cry better than the ones we had. Thank you for your support – we are looking forward to lots of sausage sizzles!

### **Pulse Performance**

Students are attending Pulse Performance on March 27th. They require bus transport on the day.

### **Sport**

We have Mrs Myers here this evening to talk about the external sport – in particular the Knock-Outs that require parent transport.

### **Tech Space HPGE –**

Our tech/library space is coming together slowly. Robotics, podcasting, video editing. So much in the pipeline for students.

### **Camp Stage 3**

camp is in Term 3. We will get payment plan out to families to ensure there is enough time for payment. The school has decided not to offer Stage 2 camp, instead moving forward, will organise incursions/excursions. Some families have communicated they chose not to send children for cultural reasons, many have expressed concern over the social aspect and anxiety their children have sleeping away from home. Some children have also never slept away from home. Upon receiving this feedback – along with taking into account the associated costs of a school camp, the school will look to only offer a stage 3 camp each year and incursions/excursions for stage 2.

### **Comments after Principal's Report**

P&C voted on if we would like to give money towards a sports score board – came back yes. The P&C will discuss how much we will give the school.

P&C meeting discussion - Knock out – school is registered, but would like feedback from P&C meeting if we would like to take part. It is mainly for Year 5& 6. Our school will play against other schools and as we progress, we can play other schools further away. Feedback from staff and parents if that they are tricky with teachers being away from school and with short notice and getting them there as well as wet weather. Or do we just do Gala days? We also have PSSA St Marys for students with talent students that play div 1.

#### P&C Feedback

Julianne- love the idea of gala day and knock out to come back and feedback was from parents that they understood and willing to help their had students want to do it do.

Darren – knock out – parents are struggling with getting them there, possible to have 2 games with close school on one day at the same place. Possible feedback to give the organisers

Teacher – it the luck of the draw who we get to play against now how it is set up – can give Sydney west that feedback

Further discussion about Gala and Knock out day and how it works.

Discussed the pathway for sport talented students.

#### **Item 7 - Deputy's Report:**

NIL

#### **Item 8 - Correspondence In:**

Moon and Bank – mothers day catalogue

Smart Gift ideas – mothers day catalogue

Crown concepts – mothers day catalogue

Australian Fundraising information

Cadbury fundraising

#### **Item 9 -Treasurers Report:**

General Account

Opening balance: \$38498

Closing balance: \$36282.18

Uniform Shop

Opening balance: \$23636.20

Closing balance: \$41525.89

We are also paying back the school \$20 000 out of the uniform shop account for the new shirts they bought on our behalf last year. We have about \$10 000 left to pay and we aim to do this by the end of the year.

If you would like to become a financial member please come and see me. By coming a financial member, you can vote on things and hold a position on the committee.

#### **Item 10 - Uniform Report:**

This term is open two days, we have been very busy with families coming and buying it

Phasing out white shirts and old sport shirts

Kindy's and year 1 are still using the new shirts uniform.



**Item 11 - Fundraising Report:**

No

**Item 12 - General Business**

Fundraising ideas – Rose offered to run BBQ on Harmony Day to help Fundraising for the P&C

We are limited to a couple per term due to other stages fundraising and keeping in mind family's financial situation.

Idea - Zooper dooper birthday buckets that way we can also use that money for colour runs

Lists on Facebook for fundraising ideas.

Parent – communication and information about events in school possible Facebook, could we please have more detail

Principle – reminders of events go through Sentral to a set group of students that are involved in. We will double check the process of how it is sent out.

Year 6 shirts – possible delivery in January so they can wear them straight away, does it go through the uniform shop?

Principle – No they don't go through the uniform shop, happy how we got them out this year, quick turnaround. We had an order last year and they got delivered during school holidays. We have a second order this term as well.

Lunch clubs – is there anyway events and dates can be given to the parents  
School -that will be coming out this term

Camp – are we will offering pay off  
School – yes

Camp will only be for Year 5 & 6

**Meeting Closed:** 7.26pm

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of March at 8.45am

