



James Erskine Public School P & C Association

53 Peppertree Drive, Erskine Park NSW 2759



P & C MEETING 20th of November 2024

Meeting Opened: 6.25pm

Item 1 - Present: Rose Kingi, Virginia D'Angelis, Julieanne Lokeni, Sarah Elali, Emily Keen, Louise Huggett, Amanda Grigg, Darren Pound

Item 2 - Apologies: Ashleigh Chalker, Candice Clark, Jessica Campell, Bek Reid, Nathan

Item 3 – Welcome

Item 4 – Previous Minutes Accepted by: Amanda Grigg **seconded by:** Sarah Elali

Item 5 – Matters arising from the Previous Minutes: Nil

Item 6 – Principal's Report

Yandyinyang

Our first class started this week with such success. We have students from other schools and our own who are transitioning. It has gone very well. Our new students are settling and the empathy and care from mainstream students has been heartwarming.

We are awaiting the covered walkway to be completed – this will take place afterhours this week. The back gate will remain closed and locked between the hours of 8:30am and 2:45pm as some of our Yandyinyang are absconders. This will remain in place indefinitely.

Yandyinyang staff

Assistant Principal has been appointed by the Department. Mrs Sarah Green who comes from Whalan PS as Support AP. Has extensive experience in Inclusive Education working across the Fairfield and Mt Druitt networks. Mrs Green has visited us and is a welcome addition to JEPS. She doesn't officially begin until 2025, however is making time to visit weekly to support with the establishment process. We are awaiting the Department to finalise the final teacher position – hopefully by next week. Two SLSO positions went to advertisement today and Ms D'Angelis will be running the panel for those positions.

Office staff

Earlier in the year Mrs Belinda Bold left us. Her position was recently advertised, and Mrs Tess Piggot was successful in obtaining the permanent position in the office. We would like to acknowledge and congratulate Tess on her success in obtaining permanency with us. She is a valued member of our school community and often the first face/voice that greets our families and students.

Works over Christmas Break

- Installation of demountables
- Sensory playground
- New water tank pump shed
- Removal of internal gates and fencing
- Disabled Toilet block

Yavuz Fundraiser

Congratulations to Mrs Halfpenny and her Stage 2 team who coordinated the Rise Up for Yavuz day. The school community raised over \$16000 for the family and hope this supports them to continue caring for Yavuz throughout his appointments and ongoing treatment.

Changes to 2025

There was new award that has recently come into effect in regards to teaching conditions. One that impacts on the community is the addition to Staff Development Days (SDD). In Term 1 there will be 4 SDD. Jan 31, Feb 3, Feb 4, Feb 5. ALL students will return on Thursday Feb 6th 2025. Kindy will also start however start slightly later – from 9am to avoid the rush. Swimming Carnival has been moved to Friday Feb 7. All communication has been sent out and/or update through the Sentral App.

Pulse Alive 2025 Performing Arts

We have been selected to be a part of the Pulse Choir, Mass Dance and Aboriginal Dance festival. It will be held at Ken Rosewall Arena, Sydney Olympic Park in Term 1. Pulse Alive is a large-scale event, providing high-quality opportunities in the performing arts for students and teachers from NSW public schools in Greater Sydney and beyond. Pulse Alive provides performance opportunities for students of all abilities from Kindergarten to Year 12.

2025

I am currently planning for 2025. Finalising our staffing and budgets. Students will again receive their 2025 teacher profile at the end of the year and transition for students needing it will happening in the final weeks of term.

We are continuing with our O.T one day a week, we are looking at securing a Speech Therapist for one day and also an Art Therapy teacher two days a week. These personnel will form part of our already established Learning & Support Team aimed at providing high levels of support to both students and staff. They will also work closely with Yandyinyang. This is a very exciting space that I am committed to developing for the wellbeing outcomes of our students and community.

Item 7 - Deputy's Report:

nil

Item 8 - Correspondence In:

P&C Federation NSW

Item 9 -Treasurers Report:

General Account:

Opening Balance- \$39,713.94

Closing Balance - \$38,402.48

Uniform Account- \$22,448.06

Opening Balance - 23,581.12

Item 10 - Uniform Report:

Nil

Item 11 - Fundraising Report:

The Disco was a hit and having it during the school hours helped. We raised \$1348.37, we have glow sticks for next disco as well as some popcorn and poppers that we will be selling at our next fundraising event at JEPS Rocks.

Item 12 - General Business

Amount of meetings per term – discussed - is 2 to many, can we do mornings, zoom meeting, the time

Montion made to have a trail a morning Feb 19th Wednesday 6pm, Term 1 week 9 27th of March at 8.30am Thursday. By Darren and Second by Juliz

Prestation day on the Monday and we will have a stage to make it a little special.

JEPS Rocks – 18th of December 9.15am – BBQ by P&C, possible coffee van as well. Maybe look at the Rotary Club to use their bbq?

Darren – need to replace BBQ and maybe get a warmer.

Emily – School Bags again next year – more information to come, may be on offer during Kindy orientation or JEPS Rocks.

P&C – asking for donations of whiteboard marker and glue sticks – if you can help to donate please bring them to the uniform shop

Year 6 shirts – Darren – who designed it? Rose – The kids helped picked it. Positive feedback on the shirt in the wider community, we will keep the design the same for following years. We are no longer taking the payments it is going directly through the company. We will have another order part through Term 1 for any new students.

Meeting Closed: 7.36pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 19th of February 2024 at 6pm

