



James Erskine Public School P & C Association

53 Peppertree Drive, Erskine Park NSW 2759



P & C MEETING General Meeting – 7/6/2023

Meeting Opened: 6.35pm

Item 1 - Present: Rebecca Reid, Amy Kanmas, Melissa Kelly, Margaret Portelli, Bronwyn Clarke, Pelin Himo, Emily Keen, Darren Pound, Nathan Davies, Renae Aitken, Jessica Seymour, Ashleigh Chalker, Sarah Elali, Narelle Tuiaki, Martin Matini Prpole, Teagan Wade, Julieanne Lokeni, Louise Huggett, Rose Kingi and Kim Dunscombe.

Item 2 - Apologies: Amanda Grigg, Mandy Scuglia, Saam Fowler, Rahma Martin, Karia, Berni

Item 3 – Welcome

Item 4 – Previous Minutes Accepted by: Ashleigh Chalker **seconded by:** Teagan Wade

Item 5 – Matters arising from the Previous Minutes: Nil

Item 6 – Principal's Report

Extra-Curricular

Finally we have had success with sport this year. Students have attended many Gala Days, including Basketball, AFL, Touch with many more coming up. Monday Miss Brown coordinated the District Cross Country, in which JEPS led and subsequently won.

Staffing

SLSO - Angel Papaiila has come on board to replace Mr Del and has especially been instrumental in supporting students with needs in the playground.

AP position – we have formed the panel and will be developing the criteria very soon. Due to the length of the process and the holiday period, the ad will go live Week 1 of Term 3 and we hope to complete the process early Term 3.

Aboriginal Education

Students across the school participated in stage rotations for Reconciliation Week. We began with a Sorry Day assembly and continued last week with cultural activities linked to curriculum. The students also created window displays and took a cultural walk around the school. Next week we are hosting the Jnr AECG with parents and students from the STEPS schools attending. Another big event in Aboriginal Education.

School Photos

These ran smoothly thanks to the organisation of Mrs Dunscombe and her team. The photographers will

be back at a later date to take sporting and special group photos.

Conrad Update

Update on Conrad – he was to go in this week for his transplant. His mum Ricki will keep us updated. I visited the family on Sunday, and he was in good spirits. Mrs D’Angelis is in the midst of organising the raffle day. This will coincide with our school Colour Run to be held on August 30th (tentative date- back-up date to come in case of inclement weather). The school would like to clarify and ensure transparency in terms of the fundraising:

All colour run funds will be held by the school as a normal fundraiser.

All money raised from the raffle and extra’s on the day will go to Conrad’s family.

Shirts

Survey sent out via SMS yesterday.

The thing is – we can never please everyone and this is evident in the survey and throughout the process of changing the shirts.

Process was handed to community to source designs in February.

Of all the designs, 3 were chosen by the people at P&C meeting in March.

A survey was developed ready to go out in April.

A design was added last minute and a halt made for this to be again discussed at the last P&C meeting in May. A further vote of shirts to be surveyed was made – Survey was developed and recently sent out.

The school understands that there will be a phasing in process, and this is completely fine. If it takes 2 years for the uniforms to unify, we completely understand. You must remember, community have wanted a change for a long time. This change has not come about from myself or the school wanting the change.

More information will go out about the transition time and roll out.

Item 7 - Deputy’s Report:

Attendance

Remains a strong focus at school with weekly class awards for classes who achieve over 90% of their class attending school at least 90% of the time. We are also continuing with our weekly draws for students who have 100% attendance and they along with a friend receive a hot chocolate.

We use Compass for marking the roll, communicating with staff and now parents to follow up on student absences. We are hoping that this allows explanations to be provided within the 7-day timeline required.

We have communicated through our procedures sent home at the beginning of the year and in enrolment packs for new students along with Facebook posts that a medical certificate is required for an absence to be recorded as sick. A note/ email stating that a child is sick is recorded as explained with the code unjustified as a medical certificate has not been supplied.

Creative Spring-

This term Year 5 and Year 6 are participating in a program run by Creative Spring. It is a yoga based with breathing exercises and meditation. There are discussions on personal goals and resilience techniques. The strategies used are also aimed at promoting self-regulation and improved self-esteem.

Year 5 have already participated in the 5 week program for this term and Year 6 are into their second week.

Next term we will run the program with Years 3 and 4.

Teachers also participate in the program and take these strategies back to class to use throughout the year. The hope is that students will also start to use the taught strategies independently at school and home.

Cross Country

JEPS just ran the District Cross Country for the local 12 schools. Miss Brown led the organisation and the event on the day. She will be coordinating 64 students from across the district at next week's Zone Cross Country.- 8 students from JEPS who placed in the top 8 for each year group will be participating.

Currently Planning-

Education Week and Book Week for week 3 of next term.

Education week theme is 175 years of Public Education

Book Week theme is read, grow and inspire. There will be a dress up Book Parade.

Item 8 - Correspondence In:

Commonwealth Bank – Statement James Erskine Public School P&C Uniform Account

Cadbury Fundraising

Australian Business Register

Crown Concepts – Fathers day

Smart Gift ideas – Fathers Day

Moon & Back – Fathers Day

Teagan's resignation letter

Item 9 -Treasurers Report:

General Account

Opening Balance: \$40482.87

Closing Balance: \$46781.88

No outstanding cheques

Uniform Shop

Opening Balance: \$28207.67

Closing Balance: \$40733.07

Outstanding cheque \$23100 for uniform sports shirts

Item 10 - Uniform Report:

Our new sports shirts are looking amazing seeing the kids at the district cross country wearing them and representing our school was fantastic. As of today, we have sold 157 and a total of \$6059.55. We have also placed another order which should now see us out till the end of the year. That order will take roughly around 6-8 weeks just like the first order.

Item 11 - Fundraising Report:

Mother's day was an amazing day seeing some lovely new faces and having so much help. We just wanted to again extend out thanks to everyone that helped out. We raised a total of \$5515.50 this wouldn't have been possible without our families help again a very big thank you from the P&C.

We have out up and coming Tee-Lish Fundraiser. Again, we would love to see you all there helping out its greatly appreciated and will make for a smooth pick up. We are asking that parents and students pick up their goodies from the hall between the hours of 2.30pm-4.30pm.

Item 12 - General Business

Uniform Shirt discussion – Parents talked about their views about the new school shirt. Parent asked for a test of the shirts in Summer to see the breathable.

Compass – discussion about attendance and how the system records attendance (unjustified/explained/partial)

Breakfast club – great response, families love it and the students are enjoying it. Parents can donate bread please

Teagan Wade resigned - Louise Huggett will be moving into Treasurer and Julieanne Lokeni into President.

Position vacant is now Secretary and Vice President which will be open for voting next meeting.

We are looking at forming some sub-committees to help out – Fundraising committee and uniform shop committee. – please come up and see us if you would like to help out.

Meeting Dates for this year:

All meeting will be held 6.30pm

2nd August 2023

6th September 2023

18th October 2023

AGM meeting to be advised

Conrad – discussed how can families help, possible donate money. School will have more information coming out soon.

Community Ladson Office – discussed about his role and what he is doing for the school and families.

Meeting Closed: 8.17pm

Next Meeting: 2nd of August 2023 at 6.30pm