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P & C MEETING

DATE: 28 February 2020

TIME: 8.16am

PRESENT: Larissa Polak, Jo Stewart, Kylie Sivewright, Michelle Taylor, Kelly Lewis, Lisa Ren, Kellie Keed, Arneeka Gill

APOLOGIES: Nil

Last Minutes were read and accepted by Jo Stewart

BUSINESS:

A light breakfast was held for a “*Meet and Greet*” to officially meet Larissa Polak our new Principal to find out more about the P & C and what we do.

There was a general discussion of the P & C Fundraising events and we went through what is proposed for 2020 (see **attached**) and the funds raised will go towards shade in the playground for years 3 – 6 and also books for years 3 – 6.

The usual donation of \$150 per class although last year this was going to be discussed at the staff meeting being held about the class room donations being combined to go towards the purchase of new headphones.

The donation towards swimming and bus for swimming.

Looking at changing the meeting time – there has been a Facebook Post with a poll to get votes on 8.15am on Tuesday or 4.15pm on Wednesday afternoon.

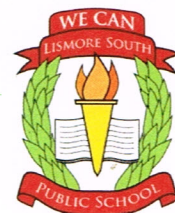
AGM meeting to be a movie/pizza night on Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 5.30pm – this will be advertised via the Newsletter and Facebook.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

TREASURER’S REPORT:

\$14,224.81

Meeting Closed: 8.51am



Principal Report - 28th February 2020

2020 Classes: We have started the year with 9 classes with total enrolments of 250 children and strong numbers in both preschool classes. Class teacher Elise Dowd commenced teaching 5/6D in week 4 after Mr Dixon accepted a contract to be the Relieving Teaching Principal at Coffee Camp PS for Semester 1.

Flood Planning: The flash flooding on Thursday 13th February forced the school to be non-operational. Very quickly the entry to the school was cut on two streets. It was good to see that many families accessed information about the school closure through the Skoolbag app, Class Dojo and the school's Facebook page. To improve future communication in an emergency, the school will also send a text message to the registered main contact. The staff worked hard on the Friday to lift most of the contents on the preschool to higher ground. This was on the advice of the school Director Education Leadership who was in contact with SES headquarters. As a result, we have a clear action plan to deal with the flooding of the preschool. I thank all staff for their cooperation and assistance in the move.

School Interviews / Student Led Conferences are set for Weeks 7 and 8. 1/2B will have their interviews in Week 6. Parents and carers can book their appointment online at schoolinterviews.com.au using the code vn6j8. Teachers and office staff are happy to support parents with making a booking with this new system.

Swimming Program: The Sporting Schools Grant has primarily subsidised the program for 2020. The total cost of the program is \$5.00 for the six week program. We encourage all Stage 2 students to participate and develop their swimming ability.

Life Education: All students in years K-4 participated in the Life Education school visit. The school covers the costs of the incursion. Students will have follow up Health lessons in class.

QTR: Our school is continuing their participation in the Quality Teaching Rounds (QTR) project. The research is undertaken by the University of Newcastle. Students who took part in the project last year are invited to continue their participation in 2020. Two new groups of students will also have the opportunity to participate. Participating students will complete surveys and assessments as part of their usual school activities. All names will be removed and only student numbers will be given to the research team so that they can link survey and assessment results with NAPLAN and school attendance data. If you do not want the research team to have access to data, you can opt-out on your child's behalf at any time. Please visit the research website at www.newcastle.edu.au/QTR for further information.

What's Coming Up

Week 6 School Photos Zone Basketball Whole school assembly Parent teacher interviews 1/2B M&T	Week 7 Student Led Conferences & Parent teacher interviews – Tues Rivers College Roadshow Yr 5 Stage assembly	Week 8 Student Led Conferences & Parent teacher interviews – Tues Whole school assembly National Day Against Bullying and Violence (SRC)
Week 9 Harmony Week Stage assembly Dads in Education Greyhound Night	Week 10 Interrelate Yr 5/6 Whole school assembly PSSA Rugby League	Week 11 ANZAC Day Ceremony Interrelate Yr 5/6 Easter Hat Parade Disco

Regards,

Larissa Polak
Principal