

AMURI AREA SCHOOL PTA MEETING HELD IN THE STAFF ROOM ON 25th JUNE 2020

Present

Marie Blomfield, Emily Shaw, Fiona Dwyer, Nadia Clisby, Vicky Hamilton, Sara O'Neill, Deborah Wayne

Apologies

Rachel Neppenbrook, James Griggs, Hayley Frame, Carmen Cater, Simon Maxwell,

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved

M = Marie S = Nadia

Matters Arising

Correspondence In

Card of thank you for catering for her husbands funeral and cheque for \$75.00 from Mrs Sheriff.
School request list for the PTA
Principals Report

Correspondence Out

Treasurers Report

Statement 183 01/9 -30/9

Out

\$1,500 - Gavin - School

\$114.36 Culverden 4 Square

Statement 184 0/10 - 31/10

\$93.78 Culverden 4 Square

\$329.28 reimburse Rogaine food

Statement 185 01/11 - 29/11

\$700 Float trail ride

\$252.26 Motorhome fundraiser

\$467.07 Trailride food

\$1070.00 St Johns Trailride

Income

Statement

September

-68 cents Interest

October

\$7.10 Rogaine Donation

\$350.00

\$400.00 - Davidson Calf

\$300.00 - Ussher Calf

\$789.00 - Motorhome money

\$84.00 - Eftpos Motorhome

65 cents - Interest

November

\$600.00 - Sponsorship Trailride

\$80.00 - Trailride- Francis Family

\$9,502.90 - Trailride
83 cents - Interest
December
\$650.00 - Dryden Wedding
\$1,506.50 - Hazlett Calves
\$500.00 - A&P Horse Donation
\$2,000.00 - O'Neill Calves
\$16,372.26 - Hazlett
\$1,035.00 - Pickering Calves
\$1.44 - Interest
January
\$1.88 - Interest
February
\$1.69 - Interest
March
\$1.91 - Interest
April
\$1.79 - Interest
May
\$1.73 - Interest

01/09/2019 Opening \$16,279.22
29/05/2020 Closing \$43,603.74

M = Marie S = Sara

Presidents Report

Principals Report

Report Attached

M = Marie S = Fiona

General Business

Rogaine

We will be holding our Amuri Basin Rogaine with Rotherham School on 16th August.
This year we will supply a bbq and baking but no soup. Sara has organised a Coffee Cart and Vicky and Marie will see if they can get some of the bbq meat donated. We will advertise in the newsletter and App for baking immediately so people have time to help before calving starts and everyone is too busy.
Sara and Fiona will sort prizes for the day from Hot Pools etc.
Fiona will talk to Renee to see who we get for our first aid person on the day.
Emily will talk to Gavin and Sarah about encouraging the kids to participate in the Rogaine.
Teaching them navigation skills etc.

Calf Scheme

Vicky will send out all the info to everyone so they have all they need to know if they would like to donate a calf this year.
There will also be advertising on the App and Newsletter.
We still have tags left over from last year so we will distribute them once we hear from everyone wanting to donate.

Trailride

Nadia will organise a committee for the Trailride to sort a time, venue and all the organising decisions.

Meeting Closed : 4.00p,

Next Meeting: Monday 10th August at 3.15pm at the Amuri Area School Staffroom

PTA June 2020

Firstly my apologies for not being here in person. I have meetings in town today as discussed with Fiona.

This has been a strange year resulting in some cancellations of events that the PTA would usually contribute to and on the flip side some significant additional costs as a result of lockdown and provision of online learning etc. Some of what I have asked for below is in truth already purchased out of necessity due to COVID or due to the fact we normally have this conversation 6 months earlier however you will see the why on each item. These were items outside of budget but important as we went into lockdown. In the interests of transparency I have highlighted these rows. As discussed with Fiona I have put in approx. 30K of requests for your consideration as a group. I have attached a specific request for support for the social studies tour and have put in 2K provisionally into this request for your consideration.

Some events i.e. SISS netball etc are still TBC in an ever changing world but we are hoping to send this team away as ever.

Once again I would like to thank you all for the work you all put in for our school in so many ways.

So how are things going?

The roll continues to climb sitting now at 363 with us looking pretty secure to end the year on an all time high of 370. Our work continues on the education brief for the redevelopment which could be 4 classes or could be a whole senior rebuild. We are aiming high and our brief will state the case for the latter.

We are currently fully staffed which is fortunate given the employment situation from COVID which has resulted in zero overseas teachers coming in to fix the teacher shortage in secondary. This is being achieved by some pretty awesome staff who have shown resilience and a great deal of flexibility to meet our learners needs. We are currently re-advertising for the room 3 position to replace Karen as she has won the position of Learning Support Coordinator for our cluster. The first pool of applicants was poor to say the least and we are looking for the very best people without compromise.

Your contributions last year were well used in particular the student support fund which I used to confidentially assist families with camps/ devices/uniforms/trips and stationery. It is a source of pride for our school that no child misses out through lack of money. I am as ever unwilling to disclose who received this due to confidentiality however I can assure you it was well used.

The Board have worked hard to set a clear strategic direction for the school and this will inform our future strategic planning and the redevelopment. Our focus areas are:-

Amuri Area School



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OUR STRATEGY

 OUTSTANDING STAFF	 FLOURISHING COMMUNITY	 ACHIEVING STUDENT POTENTIAL
Demonstrate EXCELLENCE in teaching practice	Develop STUDENT wellbeing	Strive for EXCELLENCE
Recruitment of HIGH-QUALITY school staff	Promote STAFF wellbeing	Provide individualised pathways to SUCCESS
Develop and support all staff to reach their POTENTIAL	Support FAMILY wellbeing	Promote personal development and GROWTH

The recent lockdown experience challenged our team in many ways however we were fortunate that we were already well prepared with cloud based infrastructure and the ability to distribute school owned devices for students (many of which the PTA purchased). Our recent review of this provision was positive and provided us with some great feedback should we ever have to go down that road again.

Redevelopment aside the next few months will see the re netting of the netball courts, complete asphalt replacement on the junior side, installation of a new outdoor full sized basketball court, a power upgrade to see us into the future and the architectural proposal for the redevelopment of the old boiler room on the primary side onto a working space for our new Learning Support Coordinator.

One issue for the remainder of this year is the financial hardship for families who may have lost an income or two and the general slowing of the economy. We do have affected families in this regard.

To support our students with time lost you will have read the reduction in required standards and we have also arranged extra credit first aid courses, cancelled study leave in favour of teaching right up the test (or to completion for internal standards) and the provision of extra standards that can be achieved in the timeframes we have. Exams have also pushed out with the last exam now being on our last day of school!

I hope this small summary of what is happening helps and I will be more than willing to discuss any aspect of this at the next meeting.

Thanks again for your support for our school and I present our wish list for your consideration

Item	Notes	Cost
Replacement Gazebo	Suggest we get this with logo and PTA on them! Old ones well used by school and community and getting on a bit	2000
Social studies trip	As per letter attached	2000
SISS	Hopefully still going!	1500
End of year football tour	For term 4 Covid permitting	1500
Student support	Discretionary fund for Principal for uniform/device/stationery and camp support.	2000
Sports trips Primary Travel	Support bus hire etc to get primary students to sport trips at subsidised rate.	1000
Sport trips secondary	Support bus hire etc to get primary students to sport trips at subsidised rate.	1500
Student support laptops x 4	BYOD from year 10 means some student don't have a device at school. We had 3 loan devices in 2019 and our current cohort needed more of these on offer	5000
Seesaw Subscription	Full membership required due to COVID and lockdown this was critical for the year 1-8 teachers	1500
Education Perfect Subscription	As above but for 7-13 students for a range of subjects during lockdown	2000
PTA scholarship	For prizegiving	2000
Life Education bus	For 1-6 students	1200
Basketball entries	For teams to enter the town competition subject to running etc	1500
Netball Uniform	Lots of Wednesday teams this year we are a bit short PTA on LOGO?	2000
Community Room upgrade	In collaboration with the community fund we are seeking to paint and autex the community room in the next holidays to get it up to a decent condition for school and community use. our 2/3 component for this is 7K. Could the PTA go halves with the school?	3500

Total request: \$30,200