

Tambrey Primary School P&C Meeting Minutes

Date: 1 September, 2015

Present: Maxine Trainer, Amy Pilkington, Lyn Gillon, Troy Withers, Nicole Storey, Lauren Bruce, Stuart Dale, Carrie Pianta, Nikki Lampard, Anne-Marie Horn, Anrie Oosthuizen

Apologies: Cassie Perry, Nicki Ralph

Meeting opened: 7.30pm

	Action Required / Person Responsible	Due date				
1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Accepted by: Maxine Trainer Seconded by: Nicole Storey						
2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Stuart attended WACSSO conference last weekend and asked Peter Collier about the unsuccessful shade sail grant. Peter responded with a generic political answer; so no answers.	Stuart Dale					
3. CORRESPONDENCE: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>In Correspondence</u></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>Out Correspondence</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Westpac Statements</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<u>In Correspondence</u>	<u>Out Correspondence</u>	Westpac Statements		Anne-Marie Horn	
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4. REPORTS: 4.1 Presidents Report Thanks to Carrie and Nikki for organising the coffee and cake stall for the faction carnival. Thanks also to all that was involved with helping out on the day; whether you helped man the P&C stall or in the canteen making hot dogs. Faction carnival event wasn't about making money, but providing a service to the students and parents on the day.	Stuart Dale					
4.2 Treasurer's Report Main Account \$ 39,586.79 Canteen Account \$ 9,000.15 Library Resource Fund Account closed 18 August 2015, remaining balance \$138.07 transferred to Main Account. Main Account contains approx. \$9,000 of Year 6 fundraising money. Faction Carnival \$3077 - \$670 Coffee/Cake, \$910 Sausage Sizzle, \$1497 Hotdogs	Stuart Dale / Anne-Marie Horn					

<p>4.3 Uniform Shop Report Fully stocked, with some reserve shirts in Perth. Eclipse has notified Anne-Marie that there is a school in Geraldton that has the same colour shirts as Tambrey. They are having the polyester/cotton blend shirts made up, and will be making a sample for Tambrey to view; as Tambrey is 100% polyester. Shirt is exactly the same as what we have now, but will have a cotton back lining on the material inside the shirt; designed to cool kids down and absorb sweat, we will wait for sample to arrive before any decisions made. Anne-Marie would like to do the 2016 back to school uniform order. It takes 8 -10 weeks for the stock to arrive once ordered.</p>	Maxine Trainer	
<p>4.4 Canteen Report All is going well. Canteen has a permanent Monday and Friday volunteer/helper. Looking at new Term 4 menu. Going into summer, looking at different ideas. Been talking to 'Go Sushi' from the shopping centre regarding them selling their sushi in the canteen. Other schools do it.</p>	Anne-Marie Horn	
<p>4.5 Principal's Report It has been a fantastic couple of weeks here at Tambrey Primary School. Highlights have included; Tambrey Team Player day supported by SDERA that shared the road and bike safety message; Room 5's very clever Willy Wonker inspired assembly; Book Week celebrations with fabulous book character costumes; Faction Carnivals orchestrated by Miss Emma Harper, supported by our wonderful staff and P&C, and thoroughly enjoyed by our children who competed with great spirit and; Swimming Lessons for our Year 4-6 students. This afternoon will see another highlight with the Early Childhood Father's Day BBQ. Our much revered Learning Journey is next Thursday 10 September, 5.30pm – 7.30pm. More than just an open night, your children play host and you do the learning! Our fabulous P&C will be raffling a return flight to Perth kindly donated by HelloWorld, and providing catering as a fund raiser so you don't even have to make dinner! <u>Long Service Leave</u> Long service leave is like a double edged sword. It is an accrued entitlement for all Department of Education employees that must be taken within 2 years of accrual with no exception. So while the time off is deserved and welcomed, there is never necessarily a great time to be away. A number of our staff have accrued this entitlement and will be taking some time off in the future. Rest assured, we have a fabulous group of relief staff that are available to us that ensure continuity of learning for our children. <u>Learning Lingo</u> The cornerstone to a successful education, that then opens doors to opportunities throughout life, is the ability to read effortlessly and with understanding. There is significant research undertaken into</p>	Troy Withers	

learning to read, and the art and science of teaching reading. What is unanimously agreed upon is the importance of phonemic awareness and phonics.

What does that mean? If you take nothing else from this newsletter other than this, you will do every child learning to read a favour...

Teach your child the sounds of language, not the names of the letters.

It is obviously far more complicated than that but it's a great start. Indeed we are conducting our very own research trial into a program called Speech, Sound, and Pictures (SSP) to see if we can improve students reading ability. Miss Megan Graham, Mrs Dianna Campman-Withers, Mr John Balfour and Mrs Kellie Dutton are working with teachers and students on this trial. We are already seeing a difference and look forward to sharing successful results in the near future.

Student Census

The second Student Census for the year was conducted on Friday 7 August. While it has no bearing on the resources afford to us by Government like the February Census does, it does provide valuable information at a system level. Interestingly, we counted 508 students last week compared to 513 at the start of the year. That equates to 60 students who joined our school between census dates, while 65 have left us.

Bucket Filling

I took great pleasure at last Thursday's assembly, reading the story of Bucket Filling. It portrays the very complex concepts of self-esteem, respect and kindness in the very simple but effective language of filling and dipping imaginary buckets. If you would like more information, ask your child! or search bucketfillers101.

Kindergarten 2016

Kindergarten enrolments have been taken for 2016 and indicate approximately 60 students for next year. Along with current enrolments in other year levels, this suggests a likely scenario of 3 Kindy groups, and a Pre-primary / Year One composite class operating in Block One. Given the transient nature of Karratha, a lot can change between now and next year, but please be assured that all care and due consideration will be given to class structures, placements, staffing and resourcing with educational needs being the most significant factor.

Students enrolled in Kindergarten for 2016 are invited to join the transition program being offered next term. It's not too late to register your interest at the front office.

Our Kindergarten schedule for 2016 will be Monday, Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays or Thursday, Friday and alternate Wednesdays. We understand that this is a significant change, but after considering many factors, we believe that the educational benefits of learning continuity will advantage student achievement. We will reschedule assemblies to the Wednesday swing day so when students are ready they will be able to attend these and some other whole school events.

Welcoming Learning Environment

Our school is often described as a unique and striking physical structure with a warm and welcoming learning environment. I am very proud to be the principal of our school. I am very disappointed in the recent vandalism that has occurred including smashed windows and a fire. I urge our community to keep looking after our school and report any suspicious activity to police immediately. Rest assured that all incidents of vandalism are reported to WA Police, Department of Education, and Department of Finance. I thank all those involved for helping to ensure our school returns to a safe working and learning site as soon as possible.

Gumala 3A Playgroup

The Gumala 3A Playgroup continues to run successfully 5 days a week. Plans are underway to expand the program to operate 2 sessions a day and provide a bus service for Gumala members across Karratha. If you have a 0-4 year old and want a head start to helping your child's learning journey, Shannon, Rosanna and Alana would be only too happy to see you at the centre.

Year 6 Camp to Coral Bay

It gives me great pleasure to endorse the Year 6 Camp to Coral Bay later this term. While camps are not mandatory, we believe that there are great benefits of such experiences. We are very fortunate to have staff who are willing to make significant sacrifices to their personal lives, parents who are supportive in preparing their children for the experience and students who are deserving of such a privilege. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Linda Willoughby, Mrs Michelle Downes and Mrs Jodie Barth, and make special mention of Mr Wayne Roosendaal who willingly answered the call for a male parent to attend. The Five Keys to Success; Organisation, Resilience, Persistence, Confidence and Getting Along will certainly be celebrated by all.

Learning Lingo

We are all on a lifelong learning journey. Learning happens at school, at home and out and about. You play a vital role in your child's learning. We will publish hints and tips to help you help your child. many more are available at <http://det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou/detcms/navigation/your-childs-education/years-1-to-6/>

Making sense of Maths. Ask your children questions while you are doing everyday activities so they begin to think and talk about Maths from an early age. Ask questions such as: How many are there? Which way is it? Will it fit in there? Is there enough for all of us? And How big is it?

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Learning Journey – Thursday 10 September 5.30 - 7.30pm

P&C will be catering for the night. Selling sausage sizzle, drinks and cupcakes from the canteen. We will be asking/looking for volunteers to help out on the night. Work 30 min blocks, 3 people at a time. We will be setting up a table outside to sell raffle tickets for the helloworld North West Karratha return

Stuart Dale

<p>flight. Tickets will be sent home to family reps before the event, \$2 per ticket, \$10 per book. Raffle will be drawn on the night.</p> <p>Carrie suggested doing hamburger with salad on the night. Stuart said that would require more volunteers and that can be an issue sometimes at events and did not want to be left with remaining stock if it didn't sell. Troy suggested hot meat and gravy rolls. Again this would require more volunteers and prep work.</p> <p>We will advertise on FB for volunteers to work in the canteen and for the donation of cupcakes.</p> <p><u>Disco</u> – Friday 30 October</p> <p>This will be setup like last year; erect temporary fencing around the undercover area and cover with black plastic. Sell glow products before the event and sell food and drinks out of the canteen. Need to look for Halloween props; paint Halloween images on the black plastic with glow paint, look at Red Dot for cheap Halloween items. Lauren has volunteered Aaron to be the DJ for the night, she will keep us informed about the outcome. Two sessions again Kindy – Year 2, then Year 3 – 6. More discussion at next meeting.</p> <p>Meeting closed at: 8.33pm</p>	<p>Stuart Dale</p>	
<p>6. NEXT MEETING: 20 October, 2015 at 7.30pm</p>		