Parent School Forum Meeting 21st July 2015 - EVENING

Attendance: Brian Laybutt, Rebecca Gardner, Rebecca Burch, Greg Arnold, Emily Gronholt, Elissa Collins, Louise Shannon, Kirsty Hawkins

School prayer

Welcome & intro: Greg Arnold Chairing

Secretarial minutes: can be accessed online. Minutes accepted as an accurate record of the last evening meeting. No business arising.

Treasurer report: no monies received as yet so no report.

Parent Assembly: Rebecca Gardner is attending term meeting at Murwillumbah. Invite still open to another parent to attend. Successful grant application purchasing parent resource books - list to be brought along next meeting to choose.

Class Parents: update on some class events. Dinners, park play dates, movie nights have been successful. Kindergarten have had several events and created a class facebook page.

Principal Report: as per presented & attached.

- Eisteddfod - cancelled due to excessive costs of transport. For 2015 will enter choir or particular groups e.g; performing group, rather than whole school. Justification for transport and logistical timing of events throughout day.
- BOTES- successful, registration for 5 years is approved.
- Zone Athletics - Brian asked for feedback from parents - positive.
- Items for feedback
  - K-2 swimming program - term 4, transport to Kingscliff costs challenging, Rebecca to contact Pottsville learn to swim for closer venue. Elective sports in term 4 includes surf school, (as well as tennis, dancing etc.) Greg to approach Pottsville Sports club to use courtesy bus. Brian to look into Casuarina Swim School class times and costs and possible reduced bus logistics.
  - Year 6 camp - options available discussed at last meeting, Sydney/Canberra, Brisbane/Sunshine coast. Will set precedent for future years. Survey to go out to families.
  - Lunchtime activities/clubs - Mon - dance, Tue - choir & art, Wed – choir & mini vinnies, Thur - board games, Friday - school radio station. Philip suggested - boys only dance group was successful at previous school. Possible sport elective choice.
  - Insight SRC - thanks to parents involved in surveys. Will use to monitor future years.
  - School Uniform – addressed in recent newsletter.
  - Outdoor Stage - $4000 grant funded this. Flag poles to be erected on Saturday.
  - New Staff - Abi Praten employed on Wednesday for maths assessments. Christelle Scard - as a teacher aide with specific children & classroom.
  - Student teacher – Sam for Term 3
  - Student banking – to start soon. Elissa reported that a Branch member from Kingscliff will attend one morning and afternoon to sign up new families. Then every week on Tuesday mornings with parent volunteers.
  - Crawford family - school to support family.
AGENDA

- **Family & Fundraising Events**
  - **Cookbook** – Margo & Mellissa organising. Template ready to be distributed to families, digital and hard copy to attain one recipe from each family. Also looking for sponsors.
  - **Bushdance** – 11th September 6-9, Kindergarten organising. Different aspects of organised by separate parents. Band $700 for 3 hours, family event so priority is not on raising funds. $10 charge per family. Bbq food sold on night. Tea & coffee & sweets to be sold as well. Playing Possums, $700, Elissa noted another country band for $600 may also available. Other new ideas including; Sugar cane mulch chairs and then sell next day to parents to raise funds. Kindergarten committee to meet again to organise further.

- **Foundation Coffee Table Book** - seeking further assistance - utilize skills of families.

- **Raffle** - purchasing motorbike, iPad & seeking donations for accommodation and other prizes. Rewards for class most tickets sold, & child that sells most tickets. Greg to talk to Rory Curtis at Good guys in regards to prize. Raffle not able to be organised by bush dance time frame so will do at end of year.

- **Parent Skills** –
  - Decided that Parent Forum group sending out letter to attain skills/talents/business contacts of families, so school can also support them.
  - Rebecca S. suggested that a representative (Philip agreed to this week) to talk at Friday assembly to engage families. Later, other people of committees coming up the front to share experiences & rewards of helping & ask for help. Different people each time so families can see diverse range of people supporting the school activities. Evening parents agreed positive idea.
  - Rebecca B suggested a Parent Forum newsletter twice a term after meetings. Parents perused a draft idea. Focus on sharing what the parent community are doing, if help is needed by groups co-ordinating events etc. Testimonial from a parent (Greg Arnold offered this time) in the newsletter about the rewards of helping out. Contact details of Parent Forum Committee available to all families through this newsletter.

- **Class newsletters** suggested from Elissa to keep abreast of class activities and learning, basic information, not overload the teachers. Brian to discuss with teachers to distribute.

- **Class representatives** assisting new families settling into school mid year. Principal to seek permission of their contact details at enrolment to pass onto class rep.

- **Budget allocations**: topsoil sport field. Informal quote form Richos $16000. Brian to source quote from Coast to Country. Discussion to be carried over to next meeting.

- **Charles Street** - Greg questioned the issue and lack of progress of Tweed Shire Council to complete road. Brian reported continual delays and additional costs but school still persisting to move forward.

- **School mass** - Emily asked about this event, Brian confirmed that the School organizes and participates with students and teachers once a month, families invited to attend or help. Next one scheduled for 30th August.

Next meeting 25th August, 9.15 & 7pm