Parent Forum Meeting  
Monday 21st October 2013

Meeting opened
Claire Price opened meeting at 6:30pm.

Apologies
Jenny Ross, Jan Cronly

Present
Claire Price, Karen Anderson, Gillian Taylor, Kathryn O’Malley, Shylie Sykes, Kathyrn Leslight, Melissa Toms, Daniel Bice, Sebnem Bice, Maria McCabe, Graham Dietrich, Greg Jones

In attendance
Brian Laybutt, Brendan Ryan, Tony Hunter

Welcome & Prayer
School Prayer

Selecting a Principal
Tony Hunter from Lismore Diocese presented first part of meeting to invite parents’ views on selecting a new Principal. Mr Hunter outlined requirements of leadership style, communication skills, accessibility etc. to be considered when selecting a Principal. Discussion around the criteria and considerations followed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting
Accepted by Claire Price, seconded by Gillian Taylor

Treasurer’s Report – presented by Kathryn Leslight
Treasurer’s Report table by Kathryn Leslight:
Report accepted by Kathryn O’Malley, seconded by Karen Anderson

Action: Kathryn Leslight to arrange an acknowledgement letter to those families who donated bread, meat etc. to the Bush Dance.

Action: Gillian Taylor asked for a breakdown of Forum’s contribution to be included in the Forum newsletter.

Secretary’s Report
Incoming correspondence:
• N/A

Outgoing correspondence:
• N/A

Mission & Values Facilitator’s Report – presented by Brian Laybutt
Mrs Zambelli is the school’s Mission and Values Facilitator and she facilitates or participates in the:
• Environment committee
• Minnie Vinnies
• Seasons Programme

**Principal’s Report – presented by Brian Laybutt**

**Term 3**
• SDD Day – Australian Curriculum
• Rugby League Gala Day
• Zone Athletics Carnival
• Enrichment Program – Science & Music
• National Tree Day
• World Maths Day
• Byron Bay Writers Festival – MS students
• ICAS Maths
• Anxiety – Parent Workshop
• Parent Confirmation Evening
• Tweed Public Speaking
• Banana Festival
• Confirmation
• Monster Raffle
• Fathers’ Day Stall
• Mt St Pats Has Got Talent
• MS Excursion – Brisbane/Sunshine Coast
• SDD – Friday 21st Sept

**Term 4**
• Google Calendar
• Preschool visits
• Year 7 2014 Orientation Day
• Year 5 Leadership Day
• Father/Son Camp
• Elective Sports
• Stage 2 Excursion – Wind in the Willows
• Book Fair
• Socktober
• Grandparents Day
• Murwillumbah Show
• Staff Development Day
• Kindergarten Orientation Programme
• School Disco
• Tableau (Sat 23rd Nov)
• Learn to Swim Programme - Kinder, Year 1, Year 2
• School Swimming Carnival
• Presentation Night Year 3 – Year 6 Gilbey Centre (10th Dec)
• Year 6 Treat Day (12th Dec)
• New Student Orientation Day (13th Dec)
• Reports Given Out (16th Dec)
• Kinder, Year 1, Year 2 Presentation Day (Tuesday 17th Dec A.M.)
• School Treat Day @ Murwillumbah Pool (Tuesday 17th Dec P.M.)
• Graduation Mass (Wednesday 18th Dec)
• School Treat Day Last Day (Thursday 19th Dec)

Important School Dates – presented by Brian Laybutt
• World Teachers Day - Year 1D
• Grandparents Day - Year 2D
• Murwillumbah Show – School Display Set up Stage (Thursday 31st November) - Kinder M
• Disco Term 4 - Year 2N & 2P
• Term 4 Parent Social – Day at the Races???

General Business

Australian Curriculum
The Australian Curriculum in 2014 will see the school implementing new English and Science components, and in 2015, new Maths and History components.

Music Instrument Program
Music instrument program update – Brian has bought some instruments and some have been donated. The school will be targeting these for Year 4 next year.

Play Equipment
Jan Cronly emailed Brian Laybutt with latest research on natural playspaces however was absent and unable to present. Brian has been visiting preschools who have this type of equipment.

Uniform Changes
Black sneaker type shoes brought in for children to wear with normal school uniform cost around $50.00. Shorts for girls sport will be phased in as stock of culottes are reduced in shops. This will be looked at again at a later date.

Parking and Traffic Update
The Council has completed the path from the school gate on Mooball Street to the corner of Queensland Road. Brian handed out report on parking which discussed the relevant options suggested to ease the parking issues at the school.

Meeting closed
Claire Price closed the meeting at 8:42pm