

**Aranda Primary School P&C Association**  
**Minutes**  
**18:30, 16 February 2022**

**1. Welcome and attendance**

Jono Dampney (Public Officer), Joel Dalton (President), Phil Gray (Principal), Erin Dampney (Uniforms), Alison Watters, Penny McKenzie (Book Club), Wendy Robertson (Secretary), Josh Fitzmaurice, Hayley Beveridge, Danish Khan, Merisha (Mish) Percival (Canteen)

**2. Apologies**

Apologies received from Petra Cole (Vice President) and Kirsty Munn (Treasurer)

**3. Confirmation of minutes from the last meeting**

Minutes from the last meeting (AGM) will be confirmed at the next AGM.

**4. Reports**

**Principal**

- Written report received with thanks; see Appendix A.
- Teachers at the school are amazing and have remained calm and got on with the job, adhering to protocols and keeping the school safe. Support from the school community during COVID times has been fantastic. The school was short five teachers at the start of the year, and it has been a struggle to find relief teachers.
- Aranda Primary has the lowest number of covid cases in Belconnen, but we will see what the term brings. Potentially we will do more classes outside and merge classes.
- Phil presented pictures of what the P&C has bought for the school, including sporting equipment, coding kit etc.; see Appendix B. Including sporting equipment.

**Q&A:** **Joel** asked Phil what were the upcoming events on the school's agenda? Phil answered: hopefully, assemblies, swimming carnival, music, camps will happen soon. He hopes all inter-school competitions such as chess and sport will start soon. All outdoor clinics can go ahead.

**Penny** questioned whether book club ordering could commence and adults come into the school in week 9 to sort. Phil replied in the affirmative.

**Hayley** asked whether pick-ups of children from the school would change. Phil responded that it is an ACT directorate directive that parents be outside of the school grounds and might be one of the last COVID changes to return to normal.

**Mish** wondered whether a parent reading program for kindy students could happen outside. Phil responded that he will talk to the team, as potentially it could occur. Parent reading times at schools have been proven to raise children's reading levels. He lamented the damage that COVID had caused to the sense of community at the school.

**President**

- Joel reported that historically the P&C had done lots of fundraising for the school. Coming up:
  - Colour fun run on a weekend early term 2. It has a 5-6 week runway from advertising to its occurrence.
  - Kirsty actioned the Grilled fundraising, Joel will check out Southern Cross Club, and Wendy will look at Rebel.
  - Trivia night will happen early term 3.

- Bunnings BBQ.
- Wine tasting will occur late term 3.
- Cherry drive in term 4.
- Canteen special days.
- Potentially picnic baskets for the end-of-year concert.

### **Canteen**

- Mish reported that the canteen started the first week rather than the second week of term.
- Due to the hail storm and no power for 5 hours, canteen staff had to discard goods.
- The canteen manager resigned end of term 4, and Mish is still looking for a replacement.
- Discussion about issues related to recruitment.
- Mish has been stepping in to help in the canteen.
- There has been a 10% increase in prices due to staffing costs and keeping up with CPI.
- Husk bakery can provide nutritional pies for a reasonable price. They will be locally sourced, healthier and have a considerable decrease in single-use plastic than the current option. Mish thanked Chrissy Scott for running the lead on the pie project. Launch date TBA.
- Mish has resigned as chair of the canteen subcommittee. She has enjoyed the time. The P&C committee thanked Mish for her fantastic contribution as chair.
- Mish thanked the P&C committee for the new oven in the canteen; it has positive reviews from the canteen staff.
- Mish asked the P&C to brainstorm ideas to engage and support the children's curriculum through the canteen. For example, a competition for kids' to produce an online cooking video, which gets cooked for term four etc.
- Bank authorisation change: The P&C unanimously requests the Commonwealth Bank of Australia to remove Ms Laura Birk and Mr Jason McCrae as bank authorisation representatives and replace them with Mr Adrian Watts and Ms Merisha Percival both current P&C representatives of the Canteen sub-committee. Mr Watts and Ms Percival should have the same access to bank accounts as their former authorisation representatives.

### **5. Welcome Picnic**

- Mish will do the welcome address.
- Wendy will organise the speaker.
- We will advertise through year representatives and the newsletter.

### **6. Constitution update**

- Jim and Jono will sort out the constitution updates.

### **7. Strategic Comms**

- The position is open and to be filled as a priority.

### **8. Financial reporting/auditing Xero**

- Joel reported that Xero is a straightforward way of looking at what the P&C has been doing from a financial point of view. It is suitable from a governance and reporting point of view with the visible ins and outs. Adrian from the canteen will get it up and running and train Kirsty. It will cost \$30-40 extra per month. **Motion to purchase proposed by Joel, seconded by Penny, unanimously passed.**

## 9. Date of next meeting

18:30, Wednesday 23 March 2022

### Appendix A

#### Aranda School P&C – 16.2.2022

##### Principal's Report

**Return to School:** The children and teachers returned with excitement and enthusiasm. Parents have been supportive.

Preschool and Kindergarten: very settled start. The children coped really well – even without parents in the classroom.

Years 1-6: Great first day. All of our children went home happy on day one.

**COVID:** Unfortunately, Covid protocols and all that goes with being as Covid safe as possible, has tested us at the start of this year.

Covid RATs distribution will continue for another 4 weeks.

Started the year with 4 Covid positive staff members – infected during the break.

We are struggling to find relief teachers.

5 children reported Covid positive so far this week (Preschool included).

Our numbers are comparatively small.

Share pictures of recent purchases from P&C donations.

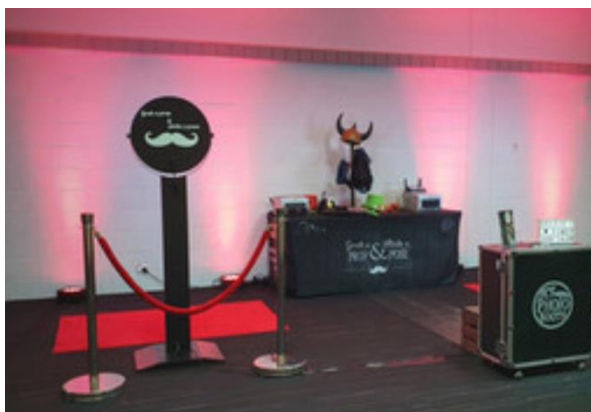
### Appendix B













Mud kitchen scheduled to be built in 2022