

**Telopea Park School / Lycée Franco-Australien de Canberra
Parents & Citizens Association**

**Agenda
Wednesday 25 March 2015, 7:00 pm**

Secondary Staff Room, NSW Crescent, Barton

- | | |
|--|--------|
| 1. Apologies/Attendance | 5 min |
| 2. Business Arising: | |
| • Action Items from previous meeting (AGM) | 5 min |
| ○ Kerry B or Tom K update on parents voluntary contributions rate | |
| ○ Emmanuel T update on French contribution amount | |
| • Status update on ACT land deal for the tennis courts (Paul H) | 15 min |
| • Reponse from parents re. calls for interest in subcommittees | 10 min |
| 3. Report from P&C President (Paul H) – verbal update | 5 min |
| 4. Report from Acting Principal – Attachment | 5 min |
| 5. Report from Proviseur – verbal | 5 min |
| 6. Report from Treasurer – Attachment | 5 min |
| 7. Report from Before and After School Care Sub-Committee – verbal | 5 min |
| 8. Report from P&C Delegate – verbal | 5 min |
| 9. Report from P&C Communications Officer – verbal | 5 min |
| 10. Discuss concerns about traffic & driver behaviour – Attachment | 15 min |
| 11. A.O.B. | 5 min |

Estimated closing time

8:30 pm

Acting Principal's report for the P&C

22nd March 2015

Kerrie Blain passes on her apologies – she is on leave in London – and will return March 31st.

Term 1 is rapidly drawing to an end with 3 weeks to go, including the Easter break, which will affect Weeks 9 and 10. A reminder that the first Monday of Term 2 is an ACT Public Service Holiday (for ANZAC Day) and all public schools, including TPS will commence Term 2 on Tuesday 28th April. The school will be closed on Monday 27th April. The secondary Parent Teacher evenings are on in Week 10, Tuesday 7th April 4-6:30pm and Wednesday 8th April 6-8pm. Students will receive their progress reports the previous week, Tuesday 31st March. If you require copies of these reports please feel free to contact the front office after this date. Parents are reminded to book online for the Parent teacher evening using the PTO system. This will be available from Wednesday 1st April, 4pm. Further information is available in Telopea Topics, in your child's reports and on the school website. Primary progress reports are distributed on the last day of Term 1.

The Annual NAPLAN assessments will be conducted in Week 3 of Term 2, from the 12th to the 15th May. This year TPS has also been selected to participate in the NAPLAN "equating" study for Years 7 and 9 Numeracy. 2 groups of 25 students will be selected to complete this study (assessment). This is conducted in Weeks 1 and 2. The NAPLAN 2015 Equating Study is completed for the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). ACARA has commissioned the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) to conduct the Equating Study.

There have been a number of camps running throughout Term 1. The Year 7 Camp to Jindabyne was completed in Week 4. By all reports, students (and teachers) had a great time. The Year 7 camp is very important as students come to Year 7 from many different schools and backgrounds and the camp facilitates new friendships and forges a cohort connection. Since their return our Year 7 students have been more engaged and connected with peers and teachers. The Year 3 Camp to Birrigai was completed last week, the first 'overnight' stay for our students! The Year 6 Camp to Longbeach, occurs next week from Monday 30th March to Wednesday 1st April. Best wishes and thank you to the teachers who have organised the camp and committed themselves for this time. The Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp was also held last week. Students were at the coast and gained experience and qualifications in water activities such as diving, snorkeling and first aid. Next term will see the Year 4 Camp from Tuesday 28th April to Thursday 30th April.

The French exchange (for a group of Year 9/10 students) will leave for Grenoble on Friday 3rd April (Good Friday). The students will spend 5 weeks in France, including a French school and be billeted with families including travelling with them. Their final week will be in Paris. They return in Week 3 of Term 2. The French students from Grenoble will come to Telopea and Canberra for the return leg of the exchange from Week 8, Term 2. This is an annual exchange organized by Patricia Blumstein and preparations are already in place for the 2016 exchange. Another international excursion is the World Challenge. This will occur in September. The World Challenge Expedition is a combination of trekking in a challenging environment and supporting countries and communities across the world while doing it. The information night for the 2016 World Challenge was held last week. Students will be travelling to Mongolia!

This week sees our third Australian Citizenship ceremony at the school, Friday 27th March at 10am. Over 140 people from the community will affirm their commitment to Australia, including 2 of our very own teachers. We are very pleased to be involved in the process and our students will both participate and perform (the Primary choir and the Secondary Bands) and witness the event. As our community represents over 70 nationalities this is a great partnership and a good fit for the school.

The 2016 Enrolment cycle will begin soon. Online enrolments through the ETD's website are available from Tuesday 28th April to Friday 5th June. The Kindergarten 2016 Information Evening will be on Tuesday 5:15pm, 31st March. The Year 7 2016 Information and Expo Evening will be Tuesday 5th May from 6:30pm. Please advise interested families of these dates. Information will also be posted on the TPS Website, ETD Website and Telopea Topics.

Tom Kobal



A/Principal

Telopea Park School

Treasurer's Report, March 2015

- As at 20 March 2015, the P&C has approximately \$138K in the bank. Of this...
 - \$121K has been allocated for school projects in 2015
 - \$10K allocated for operating expenses
- Crowe Horwath have commenced preparation for the 2014 Audit
 - Engagement Letter signed and returned to CH
 - BASC working on CH questionnaire to prepare for the Audit
- Key deposits are:
 - \$3,558 received from Pickles as 5% commission on 1st half 2014 uniform sales
 - \$580 in second-hand uniform sales
 - \$500 stallholder fee from 2014 fete

2015 Accounts as at 20 March 2015:

Account ▲	Current balance	Available balance?
 0082968790230766 BSB: 082-968 Acct No: 79-023-0766 Transactions Pay bill Transfer funds Account details	22,339.54 CR	22,339.54
 0082968791075737 BSB: 082-968 Acct No: 79-107-5737 Transactions Pay bill Transfer funds Account details	116,018.22 CR	116,018.22
Credit balance:	138,357.76 CR	
Debit balance:	0.00 DR	
Net position:	138,357.76 CR	

2015 Income & Expenditure

TELOPEA PARK SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION	
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 20 Mar 2015	
	\$
NAB - General Account	17,923.00
NAB - Cash Maximiser	<u>115,633.32</u>
Balance Bank Accounts as at 1 January 2015	133,556.32
Add: Income year to date	5,772.56
Fete proceeds	0.00
Raffle proceeds	500.00
Interest	384.90
GST Holding Account	0.00
Uniform shop	4,137.66
Debtors receipts	
Other	750.00
Less: Expenditure	971.12
TPS Grants (see attached schedule)	0.00
Bank Fees	47.63
Catering	244.14
Fete Expenses	250.00
Raffle Expenses	240.00
GST Holding account	19.35
Other	170.00
Add: Unpresented cheques	0.00
Operating balance as at 20 Mar 2015	138,357.76
	\$
NAB - General Account	22,339.54
NAB - Cash Maximiser	<u>116,018.22</u>
Cash in bank as at 20 Mar 2015	138,357.76

TELOPEA PARK SCHOOL P&C INCOME RECEIVED

DATE	FETE PROCEEDS \$	RAFFLE PROCEEDS \$	INTEREST \$	GST HOLDING \$	UNIFORM SHOP \$	OTHER \$	TOTAL \$
22-Jan-2015						750.00	750.00 Athlete's Foot donation
30-Jan-2015			206.23				206.23 Interest on Cash Maximizer account
9-Feb-2015					75.00		75.00 2nd hand uniform sales (credit cards)
16-Feb-2015					480.00		480.00 2nd hand uniform sales (cash)
20-Feb-2015					25.00		25.00 2nd hand uniform sales (credit cards)
25-Feb-2015					3,557.66		3,557.66 Pickles Uniform Shop 5% commission H1 2014
27-Feb-2015			178.67				178.67 Interest on Cash Maximizer account
13-Mar-2015		500.00					500.00 2before10 Stallholder Fee Payment 2014-012
	0.00	500.00	384.90	0.00	4,137.66	750.00	5,772.56

TELOPEA PARK SCHOOL P&C EXPENDITURE

DATE	CHQ #	PAYEE	TPS GRANTS \$	BANK FEES \$	Catering \$	FETE EXPENSES \$	Raffle Expenses \$	GST HOLDING \$	MISC. \$	TOTAL \$
2-Jan-2015	automatic	NAB		16.61						16.61 Credit Card Merchant Monthly Fee
30-Jan-2015	automatic	NAB		14.90						14.90 Credit Card Merchant Monthly Fee
25-Feb-2015	online	Emma Burns			100.14			8.46		108.60 Nov 2014 Grants Meeting Catering
25-Feb-2015	online	Jacinda Still			144.00			10.89		154.89 Feb 2015 AGM Catering
25-Feb-2015	online	Saint John's Ambulance				250.00				250.00 SJA First Aid Inv #01411082
25-Feb-2015	online	Claire Bannerman					240.00			240.00 Rewards to Student Ticket Sellers
27-Feb-2015	online	Ian Greig Piano Specialist							170.00	170.00 Piano Tuning for ASC Music Lessons Inv #2241
2-Mar-2015	automatic	NAB		16.12						16.12 Credit Card Merchant Monthly Fee
			0.00	47.63	244.14	250.00	240.00	19.35	170.00	971.12

Dear TPS P&C,

I am concerned by parking and traffic safety adjacent to the TPS kindergarten, and more broadly for the entire school population.

There are not enough parking spots near the kindergarten entrance. There are only four parking spots on New South Wales Crescent close to the kindergarten gate, for a kindergarten population of around 80.

Some parents also drive dangerously. I witnessed parents leave these spots by doing rapid three-point turns in large SUVs, and driving the wrong way down the one-way section of NSW Crescent (see attachment). TPS staff initially refused to pass on my concerns or even ***their own*** eyewitness accounts of this behaviour to the school administration.

There is also the impact the gate roster has on parking and traffic safety. The kindergarten gate is supposed to open at 8:30am, but on several occasions in the last two weeks the gate has not been opened until 8:45am or 8:50am. This worsens parking and traffic safety, as the four available parking spots remain full until those parents can leave, and other arriving parents then park illegally further down NSW Crescent, across the T-intersection.

I have raised both these issues directly with the school, and am happy to say the Deputy Principal took action (see attachment). Hopefully this is now resolved, but I thought it best to provide the P&C with details in case the problem occurs again.

However, the Deputy Principal noted in her email that a new pick-up system is being considered, where kindergarten children are held and released directly into parents' cars. While I'm glad the school is thinking about improvements, I'm not sure this is the best option. I am not a traffic expert, but my view is that the main problem is that there are only four parking spots adjacent to the kindergarten. I think there needs to be more. I also think it is time: the Deputy Principal personally told me the parking and traffic situation "*had not improved in [the] twenty years*" that Ms Egerton had been involved with TPS.

I ask the P&C to discuss:

1. Whether the P&C will work with the school administration and the School Board on how to address issues of parking and traffic safety around the school and how various TPS bodies can pursue improvements, especially against the background of MOCCA and the additional parking and traffic pressures that this will have on TPS.
2. Whether the P&C will consider partly funding a professional traffic study.

In 5 to 10 suburbs each year, the ACT Government spends \$500K to \$1m per suburb on road safety measures. An independent study would also cost any improvements. A study detailing necessary road safety improvements would provide the P&C, the School Board, and TPS a solid basis on which to lobby the ACT Government for much needed road safety improvements. The study would be especially salient if proposed improvements fell under the lower \$500K envelope.

I will attend the P&C meeting and can speak to this item if the P&C wishes.

Hugh Griffin