

P&C Meeting 23 March 2011

Thanks to all who turned out for the schools P&C Associations meeting on 23 March 2011. We enjoyed wine and nibbles and lots of discussion. Here are the headlines:

Additional insurance: It was approved to take out additional "no fault" cover for all students as per the offer from the P&C Federation. The policy offers defined benefits for kids injured at school and when on excursions. The cost is approximately \$1600 for the year - good value for 330 kids!

Special fund raising for Greta Brown. Thanks to all involved. The money raised as approved has been paid to Greta's family and was received with thanks. It will be used to assist Greta to catch up with lost school time by the provision additional tutoring.

New Assistant Principal. Debbie Hobbs has been appointed subject to any appeal. Congratulations Debbie from the Association. The school will now need to recruit an additional classroom teacher.

Demountables. Remaining demountable to be installed in main playground. All avenues were explored for the positioning of the demountables but unfortunately this is was the best location.

Public school Funding. We urge all parents to make a submission please go to www.forourfuture.org.au and click on make a submission. There is a draft submission on the website which can be cut and pasted as required as well as a copy of the submission sent by the Association.

Fund raising objectives: For 2011 the Association continues the previously approved focus on acquiring purchasing electronic whiteboards for all classrooms. The process of completing this objective continued with the meeting agreeing to purchase one more whiteboard from existing funds. We now need to fundraise to purchase 7 more whiteboards at a cost of approx \$6.5k each.

Air conditioning unit for canteen. It was approved to purchase an air-conditioning unit in the canteen at a cost of \$1,800.00 which was a rock bottom price and a great deal organised by Sheralee.

Casual vacancies on Executive Committee: The P&C is in desperate need of more parents on the committee. There are presently only 3 persons on the executive committee which should have at least 5 members. Many thanks to Cath Daley for volunteering to act as Minute Secretary. There are a number of positions casually vacant which need to be filled. All welcome, we can find something for you which will fit whatever time you can spare. If interested please contact us via the website or come to the next meeting. There are also a number of sub-committee's in which parents can get involved if they have a particular interest such as Grounds, Innovations, Canteen, Business fundraising and Before school care.

Thanks to everyone who gives so generously of their time, money and resources to make Austinmer Public a better school for our children.

For full details please see the complete minutes of the meeting when posted to the web site.

Dates to put in your calendar

Make a wish pyjama Day - Wednesday 30th March
Cross Country - Friday 1st April 10am
1st day back Term 2 - Thursday 28th April
Next P&C Meeting - 11 May 2011.

You can also go to the Austinmer website and view the calendar link is <http://austinmerps.n4b.com/calendar.cfm>