

**Minutes of the TAS P&F General Meeting held in Lower Maxwell
Wednesday 17th May 2006**

Meeting opened: 7.10pm with Presidents Mindy McDouall and Gaye Tombs in the Chair.

Attendance: Kelly Lamoureux	Gudrun Dieberg
Sue Lennon	Cheryl Oppenheimer
Helen Doyle	Richard Bird
Margie Roberts	Margot Hill
Lyn Webster	Paula Moloney
Mike & Bar Mulligan	Gordon Burke
Dominique Burke	Barb Moritz

Apologies: Richard Doyle	Angus McDouall
Helen Stevens	Jenny Johnston
Lynne Walker	Lexie Morrison

Minutes: moved by Bar Mulligan that the minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed as a true and accurate record. Seconded Margot Hill.

Business arising from minutes:

- **The Primary Rugby Carnival:** the weekend was a great success and wonderful showcase for TAS and the Armidale district. It was a credit to Jason Lincoln and his team, the P&F had many favourable comments from visiting families. There was a huge effort from the P&F for the catering and many thanks go to Marg Fenwicke for the great job she did. The P&F have sent flowers to her in appreciation. Jason was a delight to work with and the P&F look forward to next year.
As a fundraiser it was not as successful as hoped, as the cappuccino provider took customers away from coffee and cake provided by the P&F. There was discussion on the feasibility of the P&F investing in good cappuccino equipment, with the possibility of employing Year 12 Hospitality students and the kitchen maintaining it. G Burke to look into buying a second hand mobile cappuccino cart with a view to using it at P&F functions and further uses.
- **P&F Tennis Day:** Kate Coward and her committee have done an amazing job organising the tennis day and have fabulous sponsorship. The P&F hopes as many families as possible supports the day.
- **Car Boot Sale:** advertisements are going to In-Tune, 2AD and Gordon Burke will follow up with a sign to go up daily at TAS. The P&F will cater with egg & bacon rolls, tea & coffee.
- **P&F Ball:** an urgent call for a Ball Committee and items to auction for 19 August. Lyn Webster, Margot Hill & Margie Roberts volunteered for the Ball Committee, anyone else who is interested please contact Mindy McDouall & Gaye Tombs.

Headmaster's Report:

Murray extended his warm congratulations to Gaye Tombs & Hugh Piper on their marriage.

1. Holiday Activities

- I have heard excellent reports of the performance of all our senior delegates at the Regional Round Square Conference in Alice Springs at the very end of last term. As I commented to our teaching staff at our beginning of term meeting, it seems that the boys who represent TAS at conferences, service projects and expeditions always shine with their initiative and willingness to dig in and make the most of their experience.

- Charles Cull and Steven Brown completed the CUO's course held in Sydney over the holiday period.
- Reverend Newton and a team of students traveled to Sydney to work with the Just Enough Faith operation, feeding homeless people and then on to the massive Kyckstart youth Christian Convention in Katoomba. These activities were very much student led and this made them all the more pleasing.
- Four of our senior Rugby players toured to Canada with the NSW Country School Development Team over the holidays. They were victorious in all four of their games.
- A group of students with Mme Kathryn Tamminga traveled to New Caledonia for a French language experience and the trip was reported as very successful.
- Over the last weekend of the holidays, TAS hosted over 500 junior Rugby players for the second TAS Primary Rugby Carnival. Twenty-five teams from around NSW and Queensland converged on Armidale for the weekend and I particularly congratulate Jason Lincoln for his vision and initiative in setting up this great carnival and the P&F for their very considerable efforts in catering to all parts of the carnival.

2. Staffing

- Mr William Caldwell has been appointed to the Mathematics staff replacing Mr Greg Scott. Mr Caldwell comes to us from MLC where he has been teaching with distinction for the past 10 years and he and his wife with their young family have relocated to Armidale.
- With Mr Peter Hall on long service leave this term, Mr Mark Taylor steps in to the role of Acting Director of Studies.
- Mr Jim Pennington will take on the role of Acting Coordinator of PDHPE for the term.
- Mr Hall's classes have been reallocated and Mrs Jacqui Horlock joins the Department for the term. Mrs Horlock is an experienced Physics, Chemistry and Maths teacher and has been doing HSC tutoring in Science at TAS.
- Mrs Ros Brady joins the PDHPE Department and will take some of Mr Taylor classes for this term. Mrs Brady is a highly experienced PDHPE teacher, having worked as PDHPE Coordinator and as a consultant on syllabus and teaching for the Department.

3. Headmaster's Country Tour

Pip Warrick, Ian Lloyd and I commence the annual 'country tour' today. This has become a central plank of our student recruitment strategy and offers the opportunity to make contact with many of our boarding parents in their local areas. This year interviews will be conducted in Inverell, Moree, Glenn Innes, Tamworth, Walcha, Gunnedah and Narrabri. Parent functions will be held in Inverell, Moree, Gunnedah and Narrabri.

I take this opportunity to thank the Carrigans for their hospitality in hosting our Moree function last night, Anna Ireland for her organisation and Pip Warrick and Ian Lloyd for their time away.

4. Creative Arts Centre and Appeal Progress:

The key focus of recent Appeal work has been on the visit to Armidale by Mike Hoskins. This promises to be a major event, with Mr Hoskins' itinerary including:

- meeting with School Council on Tuesday evening for a casual dinner after the regular May meeting.
- meeting with architects to discuss the building on Wednesday morning.
- unveiling the Foundation Stone with the whole school community at midday on Wednesday, followed by lunch for invited guests on the chapel lawn.
- Informal meetings with TAS Old Boys on Wednesday afternoon.
- Lunch with Maris Cash and several invited guests on Thursday.

Work on further fundraising within the Sydney Old Boy community has yet to be launched and this will be the focus of Appeal work through the remainder of the year.

Building Progress:

It is expected that revised plans will arrive in the coming days and be ready for Council on Tuesday. We are now at the stage of ensuring that the building will fit within the \$2.8m budget and I look forward to seeing this next step.

5. Board of Studies Inspection

TAS will be inspected by the Board of Studies on 8 and 9 June. Success in this inspection is necessary for our registration as a school and occurs every 6 years. Since our last inspection this process has become considerably more rigorous and judgmental and for the first time it will include inspection of boarding.

I think that the parent body should be aware that the process of inspection presents a considerable workload and responsibility burden to teaching and boarding staff generally. This is true for all staff in the School.

Correspondence: IN NSWPC Choice in Schooling Newsletter
Dept. of Education & Training newsletter/brochure on apprenticeships & traineeships. www.skilling.nsw.gov.au
NEiTA Teaching Excellence Award Nomination Forms

OUT TAS Foundation nominating Mindy McDouall as P&F Representative
Thank you to Jason Lincoln, Paul Schmude & Sally Prowse re: Primary Rugby Carnival
Aanuka Beach Resort seeking sponsorship for P&F Ball

Treasurer's Report: moved by Mike Mulligan that this be accepted. Seconded Helen Doyle.

Reports from:

Council: (Andrew Murray) - nil

Foundation: (Mindy McDouall) - nil

Clothing Pool:

Margot Hill: acting Clothing Pool Mistress in Rosemary's absence, brought in a sample of goods from the Clothing Pool and will set up a stand at the Sydney Boys High School v TAS rugby games to showcase them.

Costume Hire:

Sue Lennon: the Costume Hire needs a sign on the front door of the Clothing Pool with opening times, Sue Lennon to look into. Murray Guest to follow up with Pat Bradley re: Maintenance to remove old hot water system, put in new heating and repair wiring of old heating.

General Business:

- _ Mindy McDouall presented a cheque for \$15,000 to Murray Guest for the Creative Arts Centre Appeal. Murray thanked the P&F for their support.
- _ There has been concern from parents that facilities such as the swimming pool, gym, tennis courts, library and computer room are not as readily available for the boys as they would like. Murray will address this through the Bulletin with information on times of availability. He will also let the students know. If parents are still concerned that the boys are not able to use those facilities readily then the issue will be explored further.
- _ Cheryl Oppenheimer has NEiTA Teaching Excellence Award nomination forms for parents who wish to nominate TAS Staff who excel.

- The pie warmer is missing from the McConville Centre. Apparently Year 12 has one in their room, and while Murray applauds their initiative, he will investigate!
- P&F have bought a small bar fridge for the McConville Centre for TAS staff to use during their meetings.
- Sam Bailey, a TAS Old Boy, has published a book “Head Over Heels” with his wife Jenny. It is their story of tragedy, triumph and romance. Sam is willing to speak at a P&F dinner in the TAS dining room, and sign books, on Friday, 8 September. The P&F will explore further to see if it is viable.
- The film Kokoda, showing at the Belgrave Cinema, was suggested as a P&F Fundraiser. Lyn Walker to look into.
- The Combined Armidale Schools Athletics Carnival is being hosted this year by TAS, on Thursday, 8 June. The P&F traditionally caters for this event and Dick Hodgeson has approached the P&F to cater with a cake stall. Liaison Parents to be contacted for help on the day.
- Attention was drawn to a ditch in the tennis court car park. Murray Guest to explore further.

Next meeting: 7.00pm, Wednesday, 9th August, Lower Maxwell

Meeting closed: 8.55pm