

**Minutes of the TAS P&F General Meeting held in Lower Maxwell
Wednesday 25th October 2006**

Meeting opened: 7.06pm with President Mindy McDouall in the Chair.

Attendance: Margot Hill	Terry Bohlsen
Margie Roberts	Cheryl Oppenheimer
Paula Moloney	Richard Bird
Kelly Lamoureux	Vanessa Kruidenier
Lexie Morrison	Gudrun Dieberg
Steve Webster	Grant Harris

Apologies: Rosemary Marshall	Linda Pearson
Helen Stevens	Angus McDouall
Lyn Webster	Lynne Walker
Murray Guest	

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

Business arising from minutes:

- _ Murray Guest sent his apologies as he was unable to attend. Thanks were extended to Grant Harris who was present in Murray's absence.
- _ **Open Garden Scheme, 28 & 29 Oct:** thank you was extended to Margot Hill who is co-ordinating the AOGS weekend. A bus for community service boys has been organised, rosters for volunteers being finalised, equipment to be taken out on Fri, raffle at Jeogla organised by Lynne Walker – the P&F have donated a TAS umbrella – and raffle at Palaroo donated by Carmel's Nursery.
- _ **RazzamaTAS Fete, 4 Nov:** a meeting was held on Mon, 23rd Oct, and organisation is well under way. Pat Bradley has confirmed that the Fete will be held on Front Field.
- _ **Clothing Pool:** The suggestion of having an eftpos machine for the Clothing Pool has been discussed with Rosemary Marshall, who was very receptive to the idea, and the next step is to hand over to Pat Bradley as Business Manager. It was suggested that it be up and running before Term 1, 2007 ready for the influx of new boys, particularly Year 7. The question of whether there is an adequate accounting system to cope with it was raised. Pat Bradley will be able to oversee it.
Marketing will be followed up after the Fete. Hopefully photos could be taken for the website and Binghi order forms for the start of each year.
- _ **Costume Hire repairs & maintenance/sign:** Pat Bradley following up.

Headmaster's Report: presented by Grant Harris

Recent and Upcoming Extracurricular Activities

The recent school vacation period saw a number of successful activities which are now being reported on in assemblies included:

- The demanding Kokoda Trek led by Trevor Thatcher
- 1st XI Cricket Tour to Sydney
- The Junior Round Square Conference in Adelaide at the end of Term 3
- The Year 8 Pilgrimage to St Christopher's Orphanage
- The International Round Square Conference at Gordonstoun in Scotland.

Added to these in the first two weeks of Term 4 are:

- Mission Possible – with record attendance
- Relay for Life
- The Hawkesbury Classic – with a record 87 paddlers and around 90 land crew taking part
- The Celebration Concert in the Sydney Town Hall.
- Grant Harris added that there was also a 5 day Leadership Course for JNCO & SNCO, noting that 33 boys had signed up for it, of which 23 were Year 8 students.

It is the breadth of coverage of these activities which stands out and I am very grateful to the many staff and other supporters who have generously made these opportunities possible.

Campus Developments

Three important developments are now either underway or planned for the coming months:

- The Chapel Street car park (phases 1 and 2) is close to and will be in operation in the coming weeks. Further parking and traffic changes will follow this. Whilst this project has been a long time coming, it has been worthwhile and I congratulate Pat Bradley in particular for following it through so well.
- Plans have been prepared for the extension of 2 Middle School classrooms and this work will commence this term. This will make space for increased numbers in Year 6 in 2007. The two classrooms to be extended currently have space for 16 to 18 students and projections for 2007 will see these classes over 20.
- Work on Front Field is due to commence in the coming weeks. However, progress on the fence and new sign will be slower due to problems with heritage issues (yes, the fence is heritage listed!)

Laptop Program

Progress toward the introduction of the laptop program early in 2007 continues. A number of the parent information sessions have now been scheduled and information is being sent to parents about these. The purpose of these sessions is to involve parents in the changes to pedagogy and the learning experience as well as providing further information about the operation of the program.

The dates in place are:

- Moree 8 November
- Narrabri 9 November
- Armidale 16 November
- Tamworth 17 November
- Glen Innes 22 November

The Armidale parent session will be announced shortly and information continues to be provided on the TAS website.

Enrolments

I am pleased to report that enrolments have continued to grow again this term. The enrolment of 205 boarders is the highest for a decade and the total enrolment of 577 is the highest for 13

Congratulations to Mrs Forsythe

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Lou Forsythe is to be awarded the 2006 Sutherland Award by the New England branch of the Australian College of Educators. This is the senior award for contributions to education and is a significant achievement. The Awards are to be hosted by TAS this year on 7 November.

Correspondence:

- IN**
- Murray Guest, thank you letter re: Sam & Jenny Bailey Dinner
 - Innovative Education & Training P/L: order form for Year 12 book The Road to Graduation – copy given to Library
 - NSWPC Choice in Schooling newsletter
 - Dennis Dempster – funding for Middle School tables & chairs

- OUT**
- letter to Commission Stalls for Fete from Mindy McDouall

Treasurer's Report: moved by Steve Webster that this be accepted. Seconded Lexie Morrison.

Reports from:

Council: (Andrew Murray) - nil

Foundation: (Mindy McDouall) - nil

Clothing Pool: (Rosemary Marshall) - nil

Costume Hire: (Sue Lennon) - nil

General Business:

- The request to the P&F from Dennis Dempster for funding for 6 picnic tables in the Middle School area, with a quoted cost of \$3900, was voted on and passed unanimously. Mindy McDouall to follow up.
- A cheque for \$1000 has been given to the P&F from Jason Lincoln for the Primary Rugby Carnival. The cheque was accepted with gratitude and Jason's ongoing generous support of the P&F was noted.

Next meeting: AGM, 7pm, Wednesday, 15th November, McConville Centre followed by General Meeting

Meeting closed: 8.10pm