

**Minutes of the TAS P&F General Meeting held in Lower Maxwell Room  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

**Meeting opened:** 7.05pm with Presidents Margot Hill and Dominique Laurie in the Chair.

<b>Attendance:</b> Lyndel Taylor	Gudrun Dieberg
Margie Roberts	Deb McKern
Lynne Walker	Margaret Cobb
Richard Bird	Mindy McDouall
Lexie Morrison	Gaye Tombs
Vanessa Kruideiner	Grant Harris

<b>Apologies:</b> Lisa Sewell	Cheryl Oppenheimer
Rosemary Marshall	Michelle Laurie
Cory Dewhurst	Kelly Lamoureux

**Minutes:** moved by Vanessa Kruideiner that the minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed as a true and accurate record. Seconded Gaye Tombs.

**Business arising from minutes:**

- \_ The Tennis Day was a great success and raised in excess of \$8 000.
- \_ Grandparents day, while very hectic was also a great success. Many thanks to all our volunteers for all your hard work. The feeling is that next year it may be broken up into Junior School and Senior School to ease the pressure.
- \_ Cake stalls at the two Athletics carnivals were well supported with the Senior/Middle carnival raising \$900 and the Junior School carnival \$500.
- \_ The Open Gardens weekend at the home of Gordon & Dominique Burke excelled, with over 200 lunches being served in the two days. There were many wonderful comments on how the school operated on the weekend. Many thanks were forwarded again to Gordon & Dominique and their extended family for all the sacrifices they made in ensure the success of the weekend and all their expertise in coffee making.
- The Rugby Carnival was also a wonderful success; congratulations were forwarded to Jason and his team and all of the wonderful P&F volunteers.
- The coffee machine is now up for sale (Shona Eichorn the donor, has been contacted and has given her approval). The P&F committee are extremely happy with the Anthony Chick arrangement which operated over the Rugby carnival weekend and are happy to engage Anthony again at other major school fundraisers. We will not be hiring a machine, as the OH&S requirements and required commitment from the parent body are too great.
- It has been acknowledged that the residential staff and Gap students have been lingering too long in the Broughton Courtyard, which will be addressed. There is no reason they should not be finished by 12.30pm which is in plenty of time for the Year 12s to use the area at the 1.00pm timeslot.
- The final Creative Arts payment of \$15k was handed over to Mr Harris. The building is currently out to tender with the expected commencement in Term 4, 2007. The meeting felt an update in the newsletter would be good to let the TAS community know where the concept is up to.

## **Headmaster's Report:**

### **1 Enrolments**

I am pleased to report that enrolments have grown again this term and reaching the highest boarding numbers in a decade is particularly encouraging.

However, whilst growing numbers indicates good health in the TAS community, the School Council has determined that further expansion through double streaming the Junior School will not continue next year. This decision is made in line with the desire to retain the community nature of the School and the balance between boarding and day student enrolments in the secondary school (which have been evenly balanced for some time). This means that whilst the two classes presently in Transition will continue through the Junior School, there will be only one Transition class offered in 2008.

Growth in boarding numbers has also put pressure on places for casual boarding and I encourage parents who require casual boarding to enquire about places with as much notice as possible.

### **2 Holiday Activities**

- Mr Ball, five members of the TAS Cattle Club and three head of cattle spent 11 days living and working at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney. What might seem like a very demanding commitment to outsiders was clearly enjoyed by the team and their success in winning first, second and third place ribbons reflects their love of the job.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> TAS Primary Rugby Carnival was a great success by every measure, with 30 teams and around 400 adults experience Armidale and TAS at their finest. To Jason Lincoln and his large team of volunteer staff, P&F, referees and students, congratulations have been well earned.
- A number of senior cadets attended the CUO's course in Singleton, with all passing the course. Special congratulations are due to Robbie Oppenheimer for on being placed first in the Course and awarded the 'Student of Merit'.
- Mr Newton and Miss Owen travelled with students to work in the 'Just Enough Faith' project feeding and supporting the homeless on the streets of Sydney over Easter, before heading to Katoomba to join the huge Christian Youth Convention – Kyckstart.

### **3 ANZAC Day**

- The 14 members of the TAS Cadet Guard represented both school and community on ANZAC Day at services at Dangarsleigh and Central Park before our own ceremony at School on the first Friday of term. Their performance and the discipline and commitment it reflected is cause for great pride for all of us and I congratulate them on it.

### **4 P&F Funding for Canberra Trip**

I offer thanks to the P&F for again subsidising transport for the Year 10 excursion to Canberra. This support has been in place for many years now and this means that many families have benefited from it.

### **5 Laptop Computers**

The 1:1 laptop environment is now in its second term and our uses and approaches to this technology, both in academic and non-academic arenas, have developed rapidly. This has included development of boarding house protocols for computer use outside of prep time, ensuring that students in Junior and Middle Schools are not spending their play time in front of screens and taking a pro-active approach education programs for responsible use of the internet (Cybernetrix, run by the federal funded Netaalert project, which will be in operation later this term).

As part of the evolution of this policy and practice, we are engaging in a thorough review of the impact of this significant ICT development on our students, their educational progress and the School as a whole.

The independent study will be undertaken by a Griffith University research team and is a university funded PhD research project. This promises to be a comprehensive study and represents a considerable time investment for staff and includes broad input from parents and students. We have chosen this form of evaluation because it lies at the whole school level, rather than the macroscopic or microscopic levels typical of other evaluations of ICT effectiveness. In taking this approach, the project will directly analyse the effectiveness of TAS' own implementation and provide direct comparisons to other schools.

Murray Guest

### **Correspondence:**

**IN:** Murray Guest Thank you letter Rugby Carnival  
Anthony Chick Cheque Coffee at Rugby Carnival  
Pip Warrick & Shona Eichon Thank you Grandparents Day  
Ian Slater Orff Instruments proposal  
Ralph Hunt TLC Couch

**OUT:** Thank you letter Gordon & Dominique Burke  
Thank you letter Stephanie Engler  
Thank you letter Jason Lincoln  
Thank you letter Phil Radburn  
Thankyou letter ARC  
Thank you letter Scott Fittler  
Thank you letter New England Trophies  
Thank you letter IGA  
Thank you cards to all the volunteers  
Proposal to GM Armidale Dumaresq Council for the possible acquisition of the removed  
arbour.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

As at the statement date 26<sup>th</sup> April 2007 the P&F closing balance for the Cash Management Account is \$20 489.52 and the closing balance for the General Account is \$62 314.55.

The TAS Tennis Day held on the 11<sup>th</sup> March was a huge success with the net proceeds adding up to \$8 109.29. We have also received profits from 2 raffles, Junior and Senior Athletics Cake stalls, Open Gardens Scheme and also the Primary Schools Rugby Carnival which made a profit of approximately \$6 000. These amounts will all be reconciled by the next P&F meeting.

I move that the Treasurers report be accepted.

Moved by Lyndel Taylor (in the absence of the author, Lisa Sewell), seconded by Deb McKern.

### **Reports from:**

**Council:** (Andrew Murray) - nil

**Foundation:** (Barb Moritz) – nil

**Clothing Shop:** (Rosemary Marshall) – nil

**Costume Hire:** (Sue Lennon) – nil

### **General Business:**

– **Funding Proposals.** After close analysis of the projected P&F fundraising the P&F executive put to the meeting a two pronged funding proposal for the 2007 year (see

- The first proposal to fund new kayaks and furniture for the Sportscentre and Junior School was passed unanimously.
- The second proposal to conduct specific fundraisers for the erection of a Chapel St carpark was passed in principal pending the property committee's approval of the structure type and format.
- Funding requests for the TLC couch and Orff Instruments were rejected at this time.
- **Clothing Shop Eftpos machine and Website.** The meeting was informed that there will be a demonstration by Year 12 at 9.30am tomorrow on the possibilities of the TAS Clothing Shop Website.
- **Canberra Funding.** The meeting felt that there should be more mention in letters informing parents on the Year 10 Canberra trip of the support it receives from the P&F. This might inturn encourage parents to support more heavily the efforts of the P&F within the school.
- Email Address. There is a new P&F email address. It is [pandf@as.edu.au](mailto:pandf@as.edu.au)
- It was suggested at the meeting that the P&F publish how much money is raised soon after specific events. Unfortunately it often takes a long time to finalise expenses so estimates need to be given which are not always accurate and can lead to a misconception of the success of the event.

**Next meeting:** 7pm, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2007, Lower Maxwell

**Meeting closed:** 8.25pm

## **Proposals for the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2007 P&F Meeting**

After closely analysing the 2007 Projected P&F Profit & Loss (see attached) the P&F Executive would like to propose to the P&F meeting the following 2 proposals.

### **1. Proposal 1 – to fund these 3 projects**

- a. 2 new Nomad Kayaks
- b. 4 replacement tables for the Sportscentre
- c. 3 new tables for the Junior School Playground

#### **a. Two new Nomad Kayaks (Est \$4 700)**

As was raised by a letter from Mindy McDouall at the last P&F meeting, the current fleet of boats used for the Hawksbury Classic (a major TAS charity fundraiser) is ageing and a number of boats struggle to allow the boys to finish the race in the allotted time.

The proposal is to purchase 2 new Nomad boats. These craft are lighter and shorter than the traditional Sea kayaks and are made from a new material known as Kevlar. Being lighter will mean that they afford the boys a better opportunity to finish the classic in the allowable time. The other big advantage to these boats is that we can purchase 2 for the price of a standard Sea Kayak, approx. \$2 250 ea as against of \$4 500.

To strengthen the ties between the P&F and this funding project, the P&F would be able to select the names and oversee the sign writing and colours.

Peter Hall has also advised me that if the P&F were to purchase these two boats, an anonymous donor who will match the P&F's contribution dollar for dollar will come forward. Peter feels that if this occurs the Old Boys Association may be willing to also contribute. This means that our donation of 2 boats has the potential to snowball into a total donation of six boats.

#### **b. Four replacement tables for the Sportscentre (Est. \$1 500)**

The current tables in the Sportscentre are quite old and starting to show their age and the abuse from the amount of use they endure. The proposed tables would be of a sturdier build and have a centre pedestal which would make fitting the chairs underneath much easier.

This project does not involve replacing the chairs.

#### **c. Three new tables for the Junior School Playground (Est. \$1 680)**

This initiative involves providing the Junior School with playground furniture appropriate for very small children i.e. Transition and Kindergarten. At present the outdoor settings used at lunch and recess are difficult to access for the small children because of the height of the seats.

### **Conclusion**

The P&F Executive consider this proposal an all encompassing one as it enables the P&F to support all the schools, Junior, Middle and Senior and the TAS and Armidale communities as a whole through the Sportscentre funding.

**We put this proposal to the P&F meeting for endorsement:**

**“that the P&F support the funding of 2 new Nomad boats, 4 replacement Sportscentre tables and 3 new Junior School Tables, estimated expenditure \$7 880”**

## **2. Proposal 2 – Specific Fundraising for a covered Chapel St Carpark Shelter**

The issue of a shelter at the Chapel Street carpark was raised at the previous P&F meeting. Upon further investigation into this idea the opportunity has arisen to secure from the Armidale Dumaresq Council, for possibly no monetary outlay, the arbour which was removed for the Beardy St mall.

If this were to come to fruition, the P&F executive feels it is an opportunity too good to forgo. The proposal is therefore to embark on a number of specific fundraising initiatives to enable the P&F to raise the funds to erect and cover this structure to create the shelter the children require. These fundraising activities include a Muffin Drive, Tea towel fundraiser and Trivia Night.

**We put this proposal to the P&F meeting for endorsement:**

**“that the P&F embark on specific fundraising events to raise the necessary funds to erect and cover a shelter for the Chapel Street Carpark”**

P&F Executive, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2007