

CORRIMAL PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES- 11 October 2016

(Held at Corrimal Public School, Yr. 6 Room)

Attendance: Lenora C, Delina G, Karen F, Helen B, Debby S, Jo R, Bec W, Carol E, Mei-Ling P, Rachelle B, Karen B, Amanda Giles, Emma Meadows

Apologies: Angela J, Christine G, Janice P, Jill W

Guest Speaker @ 3:20pm

- Jesse, a Representative from the Music Bus informs those in attendance the music program available for our students from the Music Bus
- Lessons are provided on the portable Music Bus Van. Students are in a small class of 6-7 children where they are taught individually as well as a group.
- Variety of Instruments to learn, popular ones are guitar, keyboard and electric drums.
- Lessons go for ½ hour at the cost of \$15/lesson, except for drums which is \$17/lesson
- Parents are keep in the loop on how lessons are going through the child's lesson books as well as Term reports. Children get to keep music books at end of Term.
- Monday 17th Oct, will be a demo day for students to try out the Music Bus, and Expression of interest letter will go home to parents.
- If enough to have the Music Bus at school, lessons will likely be held either during lunch hour or after school. Not possible to fit during school class hours.
- Possibility of holding a concert for the school with all the students who took lessons to perform together.

Meeting called to order by Karen B at 3: 44pm

1. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** submitted by Lenora
 - Corrections to previous minutes to be made: add Christine G to attendance list, put in discussion of how some parents would like a sports type jacket (like the one the staff wears) to the uniform and response to parent's question as to whether the school can provide before school care to students for a fee.
 - the minutes stand approved once corrections are made

2. **BUSINESS ARISING:**
 - Music Bus Program for school: Guest speaker presented information before official start of meeting re: above notes.
 - Trivia Night update- made a profit of approximately \$1750. This is enough to purchase 3 computers for the school.
 - Profit compared to our last trivia night in 2014 (\$2600) is less due to several factors: less raffle tickets sold, less auction items to purchase and financial climate this year is not as good. Many families/people are spending less and tightening their belts. Night was still considered a success, lots of positive feedback.
 - Making this event a bi-annual event (holding it the opposite year of our Fete) approved by all.

3. CORRESPONDANCE

3.1 In:

- Invoices from suppliers
- Received a fundraising information on selling sunglasses to students. Not accepted as would just be another item students lose and go into lost and found.
- Received two notifications and petitions from NSW P&C Federation. One is to support saving the Gonski and another is to protest the NSW government privatising Sports and Recreation Centres. Any P&C member interested in signing the petitions can do so after the meeting.

3.2 Out:

- None

4. REPORTS

a) **President's Report:** given by Karen

- Bank signatories have now been updated, just still a slight issue with the Canteen Account to be clarified with the Commonwealth bank shortly.
- There is a Corrimal Chamber of Commerce Meeting tomorrow night (in conjunction with Corrimal Rotary), feel this is a great opportunity for the P&C to do some networking with members of Corrimal community. Vice President Angela J to attend meeting.
- Executive committee having informal get together to help with transition to new positions as well as to Angela J, who is unable to attend GMs at this time, in the loop
- RE Ethics Classes: Karen F will commence teaching a Stage 2 class this Wednesday. Rand F has commenced teacher training and will complete this coming Sunday. Looking at the possibility of her starting a Stage 1 class Wednesday next week.

b) **Treasurer's Report:** given by Karen F

- As of Oct 10th : total Balance: \$11,669.77
- Break down is: Main Acc \$ \$3,445.63 ; Canteen Acc\$ \$8,124.10; Events Acc\$ 100.67
- Noted that there is still 2 weeks' worth of takings from Canteen and uniform shop to be deposited into accounts.
- Steve has now handed over all documents & files. Still need to fix some signatory issues with bank.

c) **Principal's Report:** submitted by Amanda

re: attachment A

- Digital sign can display photos. Will not run continuously, will be turned off at night and during holidays.
- New banners displaying school rules also being purchased as well as flags to use at events.

- 80 page document created for the external validation to be on display in the school office shortly. Most staff members were involved in putting the document together.

Action Item:

- Bec W & Lenora C volunteered to design and put together display for public library. Aim is to showcase what Corrimal Public School has to offer such as our Kindy Playgroup. Possibility of having some kids artwork from our Kindy Playgroup included in the display.

d) Canteen Report:

- No Canteen report available.

e) Uniform Shop Report: given by Lenora

- Sports uniform has been ordered at the end of last term from our new supplier, Pro Uniforms and should arrive end of next week.
- Uniform Review: Fact sheet about how to review uniform handed out. NSW education department recommends new review is done every 5 years. Need to have a large majority (parents/staff/students/etc.) to make any changes.
- Review past meeting notes, last review was done back in April/May 2012, so school is due for another review.
- The last review was an open ended survey; basically it just listed of all the uniform items and people were asked to make suggestions.
- Poor response from school community; only 9 surveys were returned. Results were that black tights were allowed to be worn under sports shorts in winter but not during regular days. Boys could wear white or grey socks.
- As history of surveys are not very popular form with school community need to make these survey questions specific. Limit the number of questions, where possible have visual images to look at rather than text to read and provide examples of possible alternatives or additions to be added to the uniform
- Decided Uniform Review Committee to be formed, made up of parents, staff and students.

Action Items:

- Members Mei-Ling, Karen F and Debby S. volunteer to represent parents/P&C financial members on committee. At next staff meeting teachers to be informed of committee and decide who will be part of the committee. SRC students to be consulted as well.
- Notice to be put in newsletter and on FB page for expression of interest of parents who wish to join committee and for suggestions on changes to the uniform.
- Committee to have survey questions ready for the beginning of next school year, when survey is to be conducted.

f) Grants Report:

- Still waiting to hear back on whether our application for Road Safety Grant has been approved or denied.
- Cheque/Deposit from Corrimal RSL has still not arrived yet.

5. NEW/GENERAL BUSINESS:

P&C participation in COS Carols Night:

- Possible suggestions list of glowing items to sell present by Lenora (re: attachment B)
- On the night P&C will have a stall to sell the following items- 200 LED candles, 80 Glowing Fairy Floss sticks, 200 Flashing Santa Necklace, and 200 Flashing Santa Ring. Funds raised will go towards our P&C goal of purchasing new computers for the school.

Action Items:

- Lenora to purchase glowing items required for stall.
- Amanda to find out from COS Carols organisers whether we need to provide our own table and gazebo for selling or will they provide us with an area.
- advertise in newsletter for request of volunteers to help at P&C stall

Kindy Playgroup:

- Good turnout at first session. 29 families attended. Receiving positive feedback already about program. Next week canteen visit and Madison from Cancer Council coming to speak about healthy lunches.

School FB page:

- Suggestion brought up about having an official school Facebook page. other schools in the area have successful FB pages
- skool bag app not as successful as hoped in keeping parents informed
- Topic tabled until next year once Mr Tim Fisher returns as principal. Will also look into the NSW Education department rules are involving Social media.

PSSA for Term 4

- Some parents have not received credit notes yet for cancelled PSSA days last term. Amanda will check with office staff to correct.

Meeting Closed at: 4:46pm

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 8th November 2016 at 3:15pm in the Year 6 Class Room.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Principal's Report
- B. Fact Sheet on School Uniform Review
- C. Glowing Items to sell at COS Carols



ATTACHEMENT A

CORRIMAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C MEETING- TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 2016

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Music Bus

A representative visited our school today to explain the program. The bus will return next Monday, 17th October, 2016 for a 'Launch Day'. All classes will spend 20 minutes in the bus to get a 'taste' of what the program offers. If parents are interested in participating in the program they are able to organise their child into the program. This is done independently of the school.

Kindy Starters Playgroup

Thank you so much to Lenora and Michelle for your excellent organisation of the Kindy Starters Playgroup. This is a fantastic initiative to support both the students and families starting at Corrimal PS. Yesterday we had 27 children and families attend.

Surveys

This is the last week for the TTFM Survey which has been open for parents, staff and students. In response to parent feedback asking for both on line and written surveys, a survey was also home to parents for feedback on our current practices. To date we have had 14 parents, 7 teachers and 57 students complete the on line surveys. I also have had 21 written feedback surveys returned. I will report on the results once they have been collated.

Digital Sign

We have ordered a digital sign to be placed inside the fenced area outside the bottom building on Wilga Street. We are also in the process of ordering two pull up banners and a new flag.

Visible Learning Parent Workshop

We are holding our Visible Learning Parent Workshop next Tuesday 18th October, from 6-7 in the Library. So far we have 3 parents attending.

Corrimal Library Display

I have booked Corrimal Library from Monday 7th November to Friday 11th November. The cabinet is a standard wardrobe size and have 4 shelves. Seeking volunteer parents to coordinate the display for us.

External Validation

All schools over the next 5 years will be externally validated. We are being validated in Week 5, Thursday 10th November, 2016. Over the past two terms we have formed a validation team to identify our schools strengths and areas to work on. We have compiled 7 pieces of evidence which is then sent away to be validated. An external validation panel consisting of two principals come to our school in Week 5 where myself, Tanya Veljanovski and Emma Meddows will present our evidence. This evidence has been evaluated and collected against the School Excellence Framework (SEF).

2017

At this stage we are anticipating an enrolment of 189 students. We presently have 37 Kindergarten students enrolled for 2017. We currently have 172 students enrolled.

CoS Carols

This is coming together to be a great event for our community. The flyer will be included in the newsletters of the CoS school, throughout the community and to the preschools. Our P & C are selling glowies. Corrimal Cougars are selling food, RFS and Santa are coming.

Corrimal RSL Community Support Presentation

Angela Johnson and myself will be attending Corrimal RSL for a Community Support Presentation on Thursday 20th October, 2016 to celebrate the support Corrimal RSL community partnerships. They have spent \$95000 towards community and sporting groups, local schools and charities.

Amanda Giles
Relieving Principal

Fact Sheet 19: School Uniforms

Changing School Uniform

Whether the uniform is being adopted in the first instance or being altered, the Principal should ensure that they seek the views of parents on the proposed uniform through the established P&C Association at the School.

According to the Department's School Uniform Policy:

"Each school's uniform policy must be the result of formal consultation with students, teachers and parents or carers, including the P&C Association, local Aboriginal Education Consultation group and School Council, where relevant."

"The school's uniform policy and school uniform requirements should be reviewed at least every five years and amended where necessary. Groups within the school community may also seek a review when circumstances change significantly or issues arise."

The P&C Association cannot compel the school principal to change the school uniform, but members who feel strongly about the need for change should, in the first instance, raise the matter at a general meeting of the P&C Association and propose that the association investigates current attitudes about the options for altering that uniform.

If this proposal is supported by a majority vote at the P&C Association meeting, the association can then decide how best to canvas parent views on the subject. This could take the form of a written survey of all parents, or the holding of special meetings, which much prior notice, so that various points of view can be expressed and views tested.

If a P&C Association recommends a change in school uniform, it should be able to demonstrate significant support for the proposed change. It would be most unwise to suggest that the uniform be altered if the proposed changes are supported by little more than a simple majority of parents.

If the Principal is reluctant to allow discussion or says categorically that the uniform will not change, regardless of parent feeling, the association should explore the possibilities of change with the School Educational Director or Regional Director as suitable.

Notification of change

All parents or carers and, as far as is practicable, all retailers concerned must be notified early in the school year preceding the change. Some schools may need to allow up to three years for change, to enable school uniform shops and others with significant stocks of the uniform to be replaced to prepare for the change.

ATTACHMENT C

GLOWING ITEMS FOR COS CAROLS

P&C already has 79 LED light candles sticks & 80 light up fairy floss sticks,
Can order the following below from www.ilumn8.com.au. Shipping will be around \$12



Flashing Bracelet - Jolly Santa

Our flashing Santa bracelets are a perennial favourite, and always sell out early. Made of super soft silicone these bracelets will compliment any night time Christmas event. Combine with the matching silicone Santa badges for an excellent effect!

SPECIFICATIONS

Height	Santa 5.3cm, Bracelet 1.6cm
Width	Santa 5cm, Bracelet 20cm
Depth	1.8cm
Packaging	Poly Bag
Pieces/Packaging	1
Colours	Red
LED Colour's	Red & Blue
No. of LED's	3
No. of flash modes	1
Flash modes	Fast Flash
Activation Method	Button
Battery Type	AG3
No. of Batteries	3
Batteries Included	Yes
Replaceable Batteries?	No
Battery/Glow life	TBA
Wearable size	18cm and 15cm Length to Clips Fits children and most adults
Product material	Silicone & Plastic



8008RMA
Stock Status: In Stock - Normally dispatched within 1-3 days.
Sale Price: \$0.85 (Was: \$1.70) SAVE \$0.85

1 x Flashing Necklace Jumbo Cute Santa

Each necklace rapidly flashes three super bright LED colours Red, Yellow and Blue. Activated and deactivated by pressing a button on the back of the necklace. Santa shape is 7cm x 5cm. White lanyard, one size fits all. Made from hard plastic. For ages 6+

Stock Code:8001XMA

Sale Price: \$0.75 (was \$1.50) SAVE \$0.75



1 x Flashing Santa Ring (Squeeze N Flash)

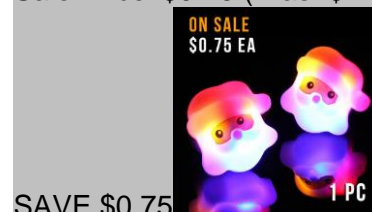
Each flashing ring rapidly flashes three super bright LED colours. Activated and deactivated by squeezing the ring. Made from soft jelly-like rubber. Very soft and squidgy to touch.

For ages 6+

Stock Code:8011XMA

Dispatched within 1-3 days.

Sale Price: \$0.75 (Was: \$1.50)



SAVE \$0.75