

Minutes for the Holbrook Public School P & C Association Inc.

Meeting held at HPS Library

13th May 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: *School Library* - Akear Boers, Louise Purss-Semple, Jos Burey, Tania Saunders, Bec Cardile, Rebecca Prentice, Andrew Lawson, Erin Finlay, Caity Thomson. *Via Zoom* - Sarah Finlay, Tash Ziebell, Helen Geddes, Kate Hicks, Ashlee Harrison.

Apologies: Alex Smith.

Acknowledgement to Country: Akear Boers.

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes from the meeting of 20th March 2024 were assumed to be read prior to the meeting.

Proposed: That the minutes of the meeting of 20th March 2024 are a true and correct reflection of the meeting.

Moved: Akear Boers 2nd Jos Burey. Carried.

President's Report - summary below:

- Enjoyed opportunity to work alongside Louise & the teachers. Proud we have been able to support the school with our fundraising, collaboration & consultation.
- Over the past 12 months – countless BBQs, Bull Sale Catering, Kidney Car Rally Lunch, Easter Raffer, Paint & Sip, Henty Field Day Baking, Berragoon Sale, Minion's Movie Night, Mother's Day Stall etc.
- Largely a new committee – proud of our achievements and the tireless work of fellow members behind the scenes to make our first year such a success. Thank you for the continued support of the teachers, children, parents and broader community in raising funds. Over \$22,000 have been raised in the past 12 months, a huge success.
- Money raised has paid for 'The Wellbeing Program' for 12 months (Resilience Project), concrete painting, supported students & teachers with lunches, representative jumpers etc, setting up of Hardship Fund, provided funds for classroom & teacher supplies.
- Goodbye & thank you to Tania Saunders. Tania has worked tirelessly to support her new committee members, providing expertise & guidance. It has been a pleasure to work alongside you.
- The year ahead – no doubt more sausage sizzles. We will hopefully achieve more successful events to bring more wanted items to the school. Excited for another year ahead of events!

Treasurer's Report - summary below:

- Thank you to my amazing fellow Committee Members – it's been an absolute pleasure to work so closely with you over the past year.
- Special mention to Tania Saunders who will be stepping off the executive after completing her second term.
- Thank you to Louise for her support and tireless work. Thank you to all of our wonderful teachers, students and parents for their ongoing support of our fundraising and school.
- In a very good position financially, and are willing and ready to re-invest in our school.
- Fundraising this year came to an impressive \$22,826.99.
- Significant amount reinvested back into the school and will result in long term benefit for the school community as a whole through the Resilience Project, water station, concrete painting, class supplies and various other projects. Total amount was \$18,241.00
- P & C operational costs (membership/insurance) was \$851.30
- Net profit for the year is \$3,751.69
- Our closing bank balance is \$18,106.45
- Finances audited by Kate Heijse.

Proposed: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as submitted.

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Moved: Jos Burey 2nd Akear Boers. Carried.

Principal's Report – summary below:

- Thank you to P & C members for all their amazing work. I really appreciate all the hard work, time & effort you put into running the P&C and raising valuable funds for the school.
- The staff and I feel very supported by the P&C and believe the school and the P&C have achieved many things that will impact directly on the educational outcomes and well-being of all our students at HPS.
- Huge thank you to Tania Saunders who put everything into her secretary role and has always been willing to get things done and try new things in her time on the P&C exec.
- Big highlights include funding the Resilience Project, Kidney Kar Rally, supporting students in sport, supporting school events, providing support for families in need to participate in school activities, overcoming challenges of participation and the huge amount of BBQ's, cakes and lolly bags.
- 3 Riverina representatives thus far, for Hockey – Will Finlay, Braxton McKillop & Jonty Ingle.
- Success with our whole school writing stimulus and the involvement of the Gnomes visiting Holbrook. Joining with Tumbarumba PS to look at the consistency of teacher judgment on writing assessment over Zoom.
- School Captains attended the GRIP Leadership Conference in Albury last week.
- External Validation has been completed by the school. 3-hour meeting to present our evidence and report and validate our achievements against the School Excellence Framework. Highly commended by Principal Support Leader, Director of Educational Leadership in our meeting and provided some valuable feedback on areas of excellence and future directions for the school in Teaching, Learning and Leadership.
- Athletics Carnival on 31 May Friday in Albury – BBQ by the P&C
- Louise will be attending the Principal Conference in Sydney from 27 – 29 May.
- Community work underway at the school including fortnightly visits by classes to the Harry Jarvis Wing at the Hospital, Holbrook Meals on Wheels and the Anzac Day ceremony.
- Upcoming events - Chess, Debating, Mother's Day stall, Biggest Morning Tea, Resilience Project Activities
- Positive feedback from Cross Country at the Complex and some ideas to improve for next year.
- New enrolments for Term 2 - 7 new students
- Awaiting budget cuts for NSW Public schools – Louise will update the P&C at the next meeting regarding changes to the school operations.
- School Production – Theme: Race Around the World will be on Term 3 Week 8.
- 2025 – School Anniversary we will discuss ideas over the next few meetings.

Correspondence: IN: Nil OUT: Nil

Business Arising:

- **Movie Night – summary:** successful night. Great venue with canteen facilities on-hand. Possibly more of the local community likely to attend with event off-site.
Action: P&C to check when membership is due to be paid to HFNC - \$300/400.
- **Fathering Project:** rather 'Hands on Learning' Use grant (pre-30th June)
Action: Item to be discussed further at next meeting.
- **Thank you certificates** – Thank you certificates Mother's Day Stall.
Action: Akear to liase with office to make up certificates. Kaleen Laffan & Jess Melbourne – thank you for Mother's Day Stall.
- **Memorial item/board** – change to Memorial - Bell & Plaque. In 2025, 150th Anniversary of HPS. Possible ideas of what we could do – bell & plaque. Could involve whole community, Hands on Learning Project.
Action: Item to be discussed further at next meeting.
- **Postie Bike Visit** – 4th November. Tania was approached in regards to P&C doing breakfast. Originally Kidney Car Rally, now Kids Cancer. They pay \$10-\$15 / head regardless of the how many actually attend. Bacon & eggs at the HFNC facilities. Child involvement - get SRC involved. Continue it on as a theme – writing a letter.
Action: Check availability of HFNC venue. Apply for 2 x \$5,000 grant (pre-30th June) – could be put back into Hands on Learning. Item to be discussed further at next meeting.

- **Mother's Day Store – summary:** Good feedback and great selection of gifts.
Do a **Father's Day Stall** – similar set-up. Parents could donate gifts or just get Kaleen to do the same thing as the Mother's Day Stall. Maybe let families know that it's one item per child, to ensure nobody misses out on purchasing a present.
Action: Father's Day Stall on next agenda. Item to be discussed further at next meeting.
- **Berragoon Sale** – approached to do canteen again in 2025 (9th-12th January) Excellent fundraising event - \$13,000 profit this year in 3 days. Holbrook Paddock eggs. Possibly get children to help serve.
Action – Jos to take lead on this event. Helen Atkinson – donated coolroom this year – lock them in for 2025.
- **Fundraising Ideas**
 - **Tom Curtin** musician – **Sunday 3rd November 4-7pm, Woomargama Cricket Oval** - Approached to do a BBQ, approx. 400 people attend (usually). Day before Postie Bike Visit – only do one of these events?
Action – item to be discussed further at next meeting - make decision as to whether we take on this event as well as Postie Bike Visit.
 - **Bald Archy** – Holbrook Shire Hall 29th June – 28th July. Get involved in catering or pay for the Year 5 & 6 to go and visit – may not be appropriate for younger year groups.
Action - item to be discussed further at next meeting.
 - **Mother's Day Breaky** – Kate Hicks suggested the idea of doing a Mother's Day breakfast/morning/afternoon tea. Mothers come into the school.

Next meeting Wednesday 19th June at 7.30pm on Zoom.

Meeting concluded at 8.46pm.



Akear Boers – President



Erin Finlay - Secretary