



# Seaforth Public School

## Parents and Citizens Association

37 Kempbridge Ave, Seaforth, NSW, 2092

Minutes of General Meeting held on 28th February 2017.

CHAired BY: Andrew Gregson

MINUTES BY: Kate Harpur

MEETING OPENED: 7:20pm

NUMBER ATTENDED: 29

APOLOGIES: Bernard Cheng, Martin Keenlyside

WELCOME: President welcomed all attending and extended a special welcome to relieving Deputy Principal, Ms Trudy Alcorn.

### GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Where's Bernard? Bernard sent his apologies both formally and informally. He is on carers leave because his son is unwell.
2. High School Catchments: misinformation was given at the Stage 3 High School information night last week. The Department of Education Portal will indicate the catchment each residential address is in for high school. There is now a set boundary as opposed to the old method of working out in concentric circles from Balgowlah Boys/Mackellar Girls High. A portion of the Seaforth Suburb will be in catchment for The Forest High, not Balgowlah Boys/Mackellar Girls. Ms Smith reported that each high school may be able to take ~20% from out of area. Mr Gregson and Ms S. Peskett to write to Department of Education to raise some of the parent body's concerns.
3. Building Works: The planned new classrooms for Kempbridge Campus are in the 8-9 week design process for drawings, before they go to tender (2-3 week process). No specific date given for building to start yet.

Surveyor was on site today.

Toilets - Department reports will move Girls Toilets to building adjacent to Boys Toilets (currently an art room). New bubblers will be placed on outside of the new toilet wall. Demountable Boy Toilets will be placed on wood chip near library whilst renovation takes place. Likely will occur in Term 2.

4. Holding Classes - query raised as to length of time students spent in holding classes this year. Ms Smith addressed concerns and explained need for holding classes and listened to parents' concerns about length of time.

5. P&C Updates - painted bubbler shed and the current works at Yatama Campus looking good. Stage 1 at Yatama almost completed, turf cannot be stood on for 3-4 weeks yet. Stage 2 will involved resurfacing driveway, more seats and refreshing the area.

Query about shade raised, this will be reviewed as effects of sun/shade are now seen. P&C will readdress possible shade cloth once the review has been completed.

Query raised about possible grant for new turf at Yatama. This would be a big project, ~\$200000 probably, with lots of variables. Grant applications tend to need to be specific towards the grant being offered, so best to identify which grant to apply for, will need "someone" to volunteer to apply for grant.

6. Canteen - have lost 2 hours of lunch preparation time with changes to daily timetable. Has been and will continue to be a work in progress addressing this change. Now an earlier cut off time for orders and sushi orders need to be done a day earlier. Staff have changed their hours to work with timetable changes. Will no longer be offering slushie's, due ongoing machine problems. Reminded meeting that the liability of the canteen falls on the P&C executive. Thanks to canteen staff for their flexibility with recent changes.

New canteen guidelines were released today by Department.

7. Air conditioning - temporary units were installed for first 5 weeks of terms, costing \$8500.

The Department of Education has instructed they need to conduct an electricity review and that solar panels will need to be installed for this number of permanent air-conditioners to be added to school. This project will now be managed by Assets and no longer by school.

8. Social Events: Rachel Cooke spoke of events for this year.

9. Uniform Shop: Looking at using a new supplier. Requested a new rack to display second hand items, approval given.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:30pm

NEXT MEETING: 7pm on Feb 21st 2017