Meeting opened: 7.35pm

Attendance: As per attendance book

Apologies: Parrish Hull

Minutes accepted: Anita Gardner Seconded: Tania Petrou

Principal’s report (Kevin Haydon)

Children were commended for their behaviour at the swimming pool by aquatic centre staff.

Kevin discussed the Auditor General’s report on the LMBR trial which stated that it had not produced the intended outcomes. This has been at a cost of $531 million and a summary is provided on the Auditor General’s website which parents may wish to read. A new pilot program introducing compatibility software is to be introduced soon.

Melanie Gibbons attended school assembly on 2 February to announce the schools’ success in gaining a $44000 grant for school cricket nets. The meeting went on a tour of the school to view the cricket net site and the other many recent improvements to school grounds. The school is currently being repainted.

Presentation night was an outstanding and successful event however tickets sales were down and the school ran at a loss of $4000. Kevin noted that the night supports achievement but also many behind the scenes skills in event management. The format of the night will be reviewed especially in light of the renovations at Sutherland Entertainment Centre. It will be necessary to find an alternative venue.

Deputy Principal relieving (Darren Mitchell)

Darren expressed that there had been a lot of interest in new enrolments at the school in 2015.

Work on the cricket nets and new goal posts will commence next week and be complete by Easter. The school is establishing a relationship with the local cricket club and Sutherland Shire Council. This should lead to a further decrease in vandalism with more groups using school facilities after hours.

The E-Diary has been introduced for years 7-12. It is to be used by students and staff to record homework, assignments and for two way communication between home and
school. Passwords will soon be released to students and information sent home to parents.

Darren encouraged parents to make use of ‘Homework Club’ which is held on a Wednesday afternoon by high school staff. It is a great opportunity for students to gain assistance with homework, assignments or revision.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) is gaining momentum with lots of year 7 students bringing their devices. Staff are developing resources and are encouraged to use devices in the classroom.

Joel Sarina, Head Teacher of Welfare was successful in gaining a $2000 grant from Club Menai for a boys welfare program known as ‘Top Blokes’. This anti violence program encourages boys to take responsibility for their actions.

**Deputy Principal (Carolyn Lakiss)**

Carolyn thanked parents for their co-operation with the changes to morning lines. Parents have been requested to stand near the big tree in order to assist students listening to important messages. Merit awards will no longer be presented to students each week. There will be two merit assemblies per term:

- **Term 1** – Monday Week 5 and Monday Week 10
- **Term 2** – Monday Week 5 and Monday Week 9
- **Term 3** – Monday Week 5 and Monday Week 10
- **Term 4** – TBA

It is expected that term 3 will be very busy with book fair, education week and grandparents day held in Week 3. Book week with a dress up parade will be held in Week 7.

The Crunch and Sip / Live Life Well program will be introduced this term and there is an information morning about this on Wednesday 11 February.

Premiers Reading Challenge will now be recorded online. Notes will be distributed soon.

‘Meet the Teacher’ talks will be held in Week 4 for general class information. Parents are requested to make an appointment with the teacher if they wish to discuss their child’s individual needs.

An enrichment program is being run on Thursday by Mr Chris Batty.

Parents were asked to participate in a survey for the School Plan 2015.

**Presidents Report relieving (Anita Gardner – Vice president)**
The March P&C meeting will include the AGM.

Interrelate will visit to school to present its sexuality and relationship education program on Tuesday 3rd March at 6pm for years 3-6 and 7.15pm for years 5-6. Cos is $25 per family or 2 sessions $30 per family. Interrelate has an excellent reputation for presenting a very high quality program and they have visited the school to do these presentations successfully in the past.

Treasurers Report (Tania Petrou)

Balance $56848 with $7700 allocated.

$49000 net funds available.

Tania moved a motion to have the books audited for $250 and this was seconded by Rachel Jones.

Fundraising

Funding requests for recommendations on spending will be put forward at the next meeting.

Parents who would like to have a say in how the money raised at the carnival should be spent were asked to contact Parrish Hull.

A mother’s day co-ordinator to purchase gifts is required as soon as possible.

A fundraising co-ordinator is also needed.

General Business

A parent asked a question regarding the cash payment for the swimming carnival. Kevin explained that this was a very effective way of collecting money for the event.

All parents were encouraged to come along to next month’s AGM.

A suggestion was made to set up a list of parents happy to volunteer an hour of their time for upcoming school BBQ’s. Such as the disco, education week etc.

Meeting closed: 9.25 pm
Next Meeting: Wednesday 4 March 2015 at 7:30pm