Lucas Heights Community School P&C
General Meeting 3rd December 2014

Meeting opened: 7.30 pm

Attendance: As per attendance book

Apologies: Carolyn Lakiss, Parrish Hull

Minutes accepted: Anita Gardner Seconded: Rachel Jones

Principal’s report (Kevin Haydon)

Kevin reported that there are currently lots of staff movements within the school. This includes Sandy Gibson’s retirement and David Craig’s transfer. There are also currently five job vacancies in the high school.

Kevin reported that the following students had been successful in the merit selection process to visit Gallipoli: Veronica Redman, Ethan Waudby, Alicia Hull and Kristen Grundie to be accompanied by Ms Catherine Graham.

Kevin reiterated his appreciation for parent attendance at P&C and related fundraising activities.

Kevin discussed school improvements that will be taking place in the school holidays and near future including; a full external repaint, new goal posts, a dedicated competition oval. The junior field will be reduced slightly in size, the existing goal post moved and the irrigation system repaired. These improvements will make the school a lot safer.

Kevin also reported on the new Year 7’s orientation day and commended parents for their attendance. Ms Fiona Jones is the new Year 7 adviser.

Deputy Principal (Carolyn Lakiss) Apologies / Absent

Deputy Principal (Bruce Redman)

Bruce discussed the recent School Spectacular that he had attended and noted that the students who attended were a credit to both their parents and public education. A great night was had by all.

Bruce recently conducted a ‘book clearance day’ which involved reminders being sent home for outstanding fees. Students were signed off once their fees had been
paid. This was a productive day and as a result many subject contributions were paid.

Bruce announced that he will be taking leave in 2015 with retirement planned in 2016. The meeting expressed regret at his departure.

**Presidents Report (Lyndal Townsend on behalf of Parrish Hull – Apologies / Absent)**

Lyndal thanked parents for their attendance and support throughout the carnival. She thanked Bruce Redman and expressed her regret that he is leaving.

**Treasurers Report (Tania Petrou)**

Net Funds Available $55172

The Uniform Shop which used to be run by the P&C still has it’s EFTPOS facility attached to the P&C account. A cheque needs to be written periodically to balance these transactions. Unfortunately, LHCS is unable to fix this due to LMBR complications.

A funding request was received for the purchase of ipads following the BYOD policy being implemented. This will be extended to year 3 and year 4 in 2015.

Rachel Jones read a letter on behalf of another parent that requested the meeting support the BYOD funding request so that all students could have access to ipads regardless of their circumstances.

This request was moved by Anita Gardner and seconded by Phil Redman. It was voted on by the meeting and carried successfully.

The school’s BYOD policy was discussed and it was noted that differences in teacher training reflect in differences of usage between classes. There will be a BYOD review survey where the contribution of parents will be encouraged.

Previously, a funding request was accepted for $6000 for goal posts. The cost of the goal posts was actually $6330.50 and there was a motion moved to accept this increase in cost. It was moved by Anita Gardner and seconded by Phil Redman and supported by the meeting.

**Fundraising**

Future P&C fundraising at LHCS was discussed with a plan to hold the school carnival biannually.
There were suggestions for 2015 fundraising that included; a Trivia Night, a parent dinner at a local Greek restaurant and the meeting discussed the $40 school contribution that parents are currently asked to provide.

It was agreed that there may have been too many fundraising projects this year and in the past given that the School Carnival will now be a large biannual fundraiser. It was discussed that on the odd years perhaps parent contributions from the $40 levy would be adequate given that the carnival raised $22000.

A panel will be formed to decide where the money goes and it will have contributors from the junior school, the high school, P&C and a chairperson.

**General Business**

Some parents expressed that they would like band to be an option for students to participate in at high school without having to decide between playing an instrument and doing a sport. Parents requested that the school consider the option of providing an additional before or after school time slot where band could rehearse and practice.

**Meeting closed: 8.47pm**

**Next meeting: Wednesday 4 Feb 2015**