

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL Minutes of P&C General

Meeting Tuesday 6th February, 2018

Attendance as per the book

Meeting started – 7.40pm

Meeting Minutes were proposed by Michelle Commens and Helen Wrench

Principal's report

Curriculum and Administration

1. A big congratulations to our Australian of the Year local hero – Eddie Woo. This is an incredible honour for any person and I'm advised that Mr Woo is the only teacher to have ever been given this award, which of course makes it all the more special. Prior to receiving his "gong" from the PM in Canberra last Friday Mr Woo had been the choice of the premier Gladys Berijikian to give this year's NSW Australia Day address at the conservatorium last Wednesday. In front of a star studded line up which included the governor, David Hurley, previous governor, Marie Bashir, the premier, a number of ministers, past premiers, a range of D of E heavyweights and quite a few members of the Cherrybrook Community, parents, students and staff he gave a wonderful oration, detailing what being Australian means to him. The talk was widely reported in the press and is available in a range of locations. I'd also like to congratulate Denise Halliday who gave a wonderful vote of thanks at the end of proceedings. A superb presentation. He is now working as a consultant for both high school and primary school to raise the awareness of Mathematics.
- Introduction to Alison Gatt the new DP.
- The school has enjoyed a very settled start to the year with students quickly settling into work. Year 7 students are particularly settled and seem to have made the transition from primary to secondary very comfortably.
- Student numbers for 2018 are all but finalised with the total enrolment being 1950 students, slightly greater than at the same time last year. Our largest year group is year 12 with 370 students. The large number of enrolments, particularly in Year 7 & 8 since the beginning of the year has put a strain on resources.
- At the present moment the school has a number of unfilled positions being filled by very competent casual staff. We are in the process of filling these in a permanent capacity and hopefully all new staff will be on the team by the start of next term. A full list of new staff was published in the first Network of term.
- **Outstanding 2017 HSC Results**
A review of the 2017 HSC revealed many, many outstanding results. Chief among the many excellent performers were the fifteen students who achieved results, which led to each of them being recognised in the All Rounders Awards who each scored a band six (or the highest band available) in each of their courses of study.
We also had five students who achieved a top twenty place in three separate courses of study; Hansika Muthukuda, achieving first place in the advanced English course; Elizabeth West, tenth in Drama; Karen Huang, third in Food Technology; and Hemanshi Kumar and Caitlin Preston in Aboriginal Studies.

Finally a number of students, whose HSC Major Works have been included in major exhibitions by NESAs include, David Lee, ARTEXPRESS; Bailey Hamilton, InTech; and Dharshan Naidu and Jessica Panetta, Shape 2017.

- An analysis of students' ATARs, which the school has been able to gather, revealed at least six students scored ATARs greater than 99 and approximately 100 students scored ATARs greater than 90. In total 146 students from the class of 2017 were recognised on NESAs Honour Roll for a total of 374 credits.
- Presentation of graphs showing student and school growth over the past 16 years.
- RAM funding – additional money has finally come into the school. The well-being money will be spent on additional counselling time and the employment 4 hours per day of a first aid specialist who will also assist with the administration associated with student health care plans.
- I hope all families received a copy of Network via email this week. If you haven't please check with the school that your email address is up to date.
- BYOD Program - My thanks to the community for the support of this initiative. The vast bulk of students are now connected and staff have begun using these in class.
- Building update: Since the end of last year we have seen some significant progress on our building works. The new building is nearly complete to lock up stage and interior surfaces are now being undertaken. At this stage students should be occupying the building by the beginning of Term 2. Landscaping and refurbishment of the multi-purpose courts will then commence. In other exciting developments a two storey relocatable building was placed on site early in January. This is a marvellously designed and constructed building and should be ready for use as a staff study by late March. This building will help to alleviate staff overcrowding and will dramatically improve working conditions for our teaching staff.

Welfare

- The Year 7 swimming carnival will take place this Friday 16 February
- Year 12 P&T interviews Tuesday 27 Feb
- Year 7 Camp 21 to 23 Feb
- School photographs Tuesday 12 Feb
- Valentine's day roses Wednesday 14 Feb – Fundraiser for Charity

Important dates

- Year 6 to 7 information evening Tuesday 06 March.
- Zone swimming Monday 26 February
- CTHS cross country is scheduled for Wednesday 28 Feb.

Other matters

- Payment of school fees. Invoices will soon be sent to all families in Years 7, 8, 11 & 12. Stage 5 will follow a little later. It is most important that these fees be paid promptly so that the many programs that are reliant on these can get underway.

Alumni: Alumni Event will be held Tuesday 20th February. Past captains invited.

Canteen: Trying to get tap and go up and running this year. Survey monkey will be used. Next big project the canteen refurbishment.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

P&C ACCOUNT BALANCES as at 14th February, 2018

**P&C agreed to St. George TOTAL Fund
rollover the term
deposit which is
maturing in March
for another six
months. NAB**

AUD	AUD	AUD	AUD
General	425.57	146,338.59	146,764.16
Grounds	237.47	55,785.32	56,022.79
Building	366.50	259,966.57 *	260,333.07
TOTAL Bank	1,029.54	462,090.48	463,120.02

* NOTE : St. George Building Fund
Balance include a Term Deposit

of AUD 240,000- @ 2.9% p.a. maturing on 19th March, 2018

Other issues raised from school community:

- Gavin Poole from school community and P& C thanked the school for the high achievements of our students. An expression of thanks.
- Eddie to be invited to our next General meeting and speak about Maths
- Cherrybrook Ball 23/6 – fundraiser for the music department. ALL Welcome!
- Volunteers for canteen...PLEASE contact canteen staff or the P&C. We always need extra help.
- Elections in March for P&C Executive Committee.
- Lots of new year 7 families at meeting – we thank you for coming on board.
- Parent asked about the P&C roles and opportunities, again we welcome everyone on board.

- Paper permission notes vs – notes emailed home. Hard copies are still the way to go and pay online. Perhaps uploading these permission letters – this will be looked into.
- Learning platform – heading away from Moodle and moving onto Canvas. Teaching staff have expressed how much easier, faster and more professional the Canvas platform is. This platform also offers much better forms of student feedback. Within 18 months all subjects will be using this new platform.
- Year 7 textbooks are still rolling out with most of the textbooks online.
- Leadership 3 day camp – Six Year 10 students will need to catch up on any work they have missed.
- Uniform issue – Students don't wear hats. Hats are not compulsory except for PE lessons.
- Provision of lockers – Not possible – too many kids and not enough space!
- Year 7 kids are mixed grouped unless they are in the gifted and talented class. Mathematic classes are graded from year 8 onwards.
- Exchange program – LOTE program (2017 was Japan and China). A decline in German classes. A small group of students and parents will be joining Mr Brett doing the Kokoda Trail.
- What clubs and program are on offer? This was all showcased today (6/2/18).

Meeting closed - 8.50pm

Next meeting date - Tuesday 13 March (Week 7) AGM