Meeting opened: 7.40pm  Present: as per attendance book
Apologies:  Patrick Murphy, Jo Monahan, Jenni Easton, Tracey Hawkins Budge, Linda Willer, Amanda Cashion

Minutes of Previous Meeting
Moved: J White  Seconded: Phil

Business Arising
- Amanda Cashion wished to pass on her thanks to the families and staff for their support of the Coast Shelter Canned Food Drive which was a huge success.
- School access report, will definitely be ready for next P&C meeting in August.
- Noted that Mary Foster said in Week 2 and 3 newsletters that decisions about what fund raising monies would be spent on would be passed back to P&C NOT made by the fund raising committee. At no time did Mary or Jo say that decisions wouldn't be discussed at P&C.
- D Morrow said she hadn't heard of lipstick drive until it turned up. Margaret asked Peter directly and was referred to the fundraising committee. Company is doing it to raise money for home readers at all schools that participate although M Foster is sure there would be flexibility if school didn't need readers.
- P&C Planning document: D Morrow has reviewed 2008 document, P Rogers read outstanding items, not much left that hasn't been addressed, some new items may come from school budget for this year: L Oliver said has asked staff in each stage to identify what teaching resources they need, then $1000 to be spent per classroom to improve learning environment. Other priorities P&C might like to put into its planning document: Renewal of playground seating in various locations; furnishing of the Takari room; hall furnishings such as, additional seating, curtains, lights and landscaping of embankment; re-wire cricket nets; covered walkway for D block; external fences; provision of alternative passive play equipment for top playground. Focus this year is making improvements to learning environment in each classroom. J White questioned that fact that it is already June and P&C money needs to be spent if it is to benefit the children this year.
- Technology goals are heavily dependent on the fair, decision will be made after budget meeting to order technology in advance or wait until fair. School does have the money but will only be spent on worthwhile purchases. J White says she would prefer to give something back to the school now. Meeting agreed.
- MOTION: “That P&C expends $10,000 towards the purchase of a bundle of three interactive smartboards for the school in addition to fair funds.”
  - PROPOSED: J White  SECONDED: M Foster, to be advertised in newsletter for vote at August meeting. Will enable school to order smartboards sooner rather than later.
- L Taylor questioned whether adequate STLD readers were available for those students needing additional reading assistance. L Oliver said adequate readers are available.

CORRESPONDENCE
Correspondence in:
- Letter from Lauren Taylor covering her concerns re canteen and readers
- Sunsmart Program letter from Cancer Council, offer declined basically we promote very well through hats, sunscreens etc within school structure.

Correspondence out:
- Fair newsletter
- Letter of congratulations to Nathan Willer
- Revised canteen policy
- Rejigged flyer for community phone book

Treasurer's Report
Opening balance: $19,280.13  Closing balance: $19,414.62
$1900 raised for mothers day stall, $155 honey drive, $120 entertainment books. E-books moving slowly this year.
Proposed: K Kilmartin  Seconded:J White

Canteen report
Opening balance: $6147.24, Closing bal: $7052.18
Cheque for $3000 from canteen for P&C, will leave balance of $4052.18. P&C wishes to thank Canteen Committee and supervisor for the $3000 cheque.
- Had committee meeting last Wednesday, all minutes have been distributed. Received letter from L Taylor, addressed to general P&C but raised at committee meeting. P Rogers read letter (see correspondence file for copy). Regarding March meeting,
minutes didn’t reflect B Whight’s distress regarding a heated exchange between herself and J Easton, there has been a subsequent letter from B Whight and the P&C executive has responded to that letter. J Easton has run the canteen for many years with very little guidance from P&C. We have updated the canteen policy to provide her with guidance about how we want the canteen operated, which we can then use to monitor and review the performance of the canteen and the supervisor. Meeting decided to put Canteen policy on email loop for comments so it can be signed off at next meeting.
- Canteen committee needs to locate a new employment contract for J Easton, which will be appended to the canteen policy. J White mentioned that canteen survey had been advertised yet only 16 responses received. Parents should use P&C as forum if they have issues with the canteen, or staff or principal not resort to playground hearsay. J White spoke about hygiene concerns, such as state of sink and lack of colour coded sponges, need for better tea towels.
J Pearson said all concerns raised in L Taylor’s letter were discussed at canteen committee meeting and J Easton gave reasonable responses. Food intolerances; J Easton is willing to assist by providing appropriate foods for children with intolerances/allergies and parents should approach her for assistance in this area. Canteen will not ban foods with colours and preservatives if they are Canteen-approved.
- Volunteer crisis needs to be addressed using external training. P Rogers will devote next green sheet to Canteen to raise awareness and recruit volunteers. Next Friday is Canteen Day and we will have a green morning tea. Last day of term will be Pizza Day.

Proposed: P Rogers Seconded: J White

Uniform Shop report
Opening balance: $4620.45 Closing balance: $6375.45
Winter sales larger than previous years, advertising and having more in stock has helped, stock on hand $13,543.16? is this covered by insurance? K Kilmartin to look up our insurance. Still looking for another team member, orders through office working well. Needs assistance with computer. Wants to introduce two new stock lines: scarf and library bag. Meeting agreed on scarf without logo and Calico or something environmentally friendly in the blue for the library bag. Other two school representative blazers are now ready and an invoice will come through

Proposed: P Rogers Seconded: K Kilmartin

School Council Report
Recommend website to look at new curriculum to be instituted by 2013. New teaching position, took to staff and staff want to go with a direct service transfer. Kerry’s is the first position to fill. Then Barry’s position could go to merit. Need to work out codes for both positions. Can use listing or advertisement to use as selection list. Looks like we will still hold 18 positions into next year so safe to do a merit selection early in new term. Position would be advertised for two weeks. J White to be P&C representative on merit selection process.
Chaplaincy with retirement of Rev Val, position is vacant. P&C responsible because we receive grant. Anglican church does paperwork but if they can’t find a suitable replacement we should not replace the chaplaincy. Took Val six months to get to know the children and gain the trust of the community. Two year program was due to end in June, only because we have an extra year that we are even having discussion. If Anglican church doesn’t find a replacement we will not continue with program. Can we keep kids club going with volunteers. D Morrow says would need a teacher to supervise.

Proposed: J White Seconded: L Byrne

Fundraising report
Lipsticks sold 110, entertainment books slow, next year consider giving to each individual child to boost sales. Business directory: four ads sold so far, have done letterbox drops from Koolewong to Bunnings. Will be ordering fathers day stuff before next meeting but we approved it in February. Free ads for businesses who contributed to working bees.
Can we invest in a P&C stamp, a self-stamper. Yes

Proposed: M Foster Seconded: K Kilmartin

Principal’s Report
Life education has been here this week, including year 6, mainly about alcohol, will also do interrelate. Sub-regional P&C meeting interesting. Kindness concept has had two responses. School reports are being done, with five ratings, bigger boxes, more aligned to departmental template. Hall: steel work virtually completed, bricks arrive Friday, take two weeks to lay, still trying to do power work and ramp during holidays.
P Rogers asked about a landscaping plan, shows areas in astro turf, can it be done properly? Contractor has said let him get the structure up and then he will talk to us about the astro turf. BER committee to discuss which sort of tank to have.

Special Projects Report
Eco garden working bee organised before rain, had to find another source for the gravel on a special deal for around $700, money already allocated by P&C. And there will be a faerie garden outside the wooden playground. Waiting for a new date for working bee.
Quote for light for P&C shed would cost $877, may be able to find another ticketed electrician who can do it for cost.
Report Proposed: L Taylor Seconded: J White
Spring Fair report
All going well. We have already booked stall holders and have a new parent who will design our logo. Work on entertainment, sponsors and publicity in hand.
Proposed: J Pearson Seconded: J White

Sub-regional reports
Thank you to Mary, Jo and Jenni for food preparation and also to staff who set up room, had three presenters. Discussed transport, linking in to world kindness day from 8-14 November, Federation has adopted it, World Kindness day is on the 13th and NSW DET. Report by David Cullen on new Australian curriculum.
Proposed: J White, seconded: P Harland

General Business
- Environment club and shed expenses. P Rogers asked L Oliver how eco club is to be financed. L Oliver has an environment budget and said he would put $200 towards garden and gravel. Some items, such as lock, P&C agreed to pay. Needs to be a system for monies spent on eco garden and eco club projects.
- Year 6 fundraiser for the movie night. J White said while Fred Hollows Foundation well known, Blue Dragon not well known. LO says Yr 6 initiative and Blue Dragon chosen because of affiliation with another school. J White says can we send out some information about Blue Dragon and Fred Hollows, LO says student leaders can do that.
- Guided readers, Alison Carey, $2000 given by P&C towards purchase and books were on display, levels 2-15, all covered and ready to go.
- Salvos clothing appeal. Meeting says yes.
- Lisa Byrne, after last meeting’s discussion of school banking, bank has put school liaison officers back in, will come to a school assembly in a couple of weeks, awards for kids who have already done 10 deposits.
Meeting closed: 10.10pm
NOTE NEXT P&C MEETING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, 11 August at 7.30pm