

# O'Connell Public School P & C Association

## Minutes

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

**Where:** O'Connell Public School Library Building

Blacks Mill Lane, O'Connell or via Zoom

**Please Note:** *All agenda items for next meeting are to be notified to the Secretary or President two weeks before the meeting and if required, accompanied by a written report and a written proposed motion.*

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*'Our Parents and Citizens Association aims to improve the academic, social, and emotional outcomes of student's, regardless of a student's ability, race, gender, religion or socio-economic status'.*

**[President Reads Out]:**

*"For the remote meeting parents online are asked that no children are present for the P&C Meeting as sensitive matters may be discussed and please have microphones muted unless you need to speak". "Thank you".*

**Meeting Began at 6:25pm**

**Attendees:**

Trish (via Zoom), Vanessa (President), Jen (Treasurer), Paula (Secretary), Jodie, Melissa, Kate, Karen, Liane (via Zoom), Gabrielle (new member), Sarah Coad (local café re school lunches)

**Apologies:**

Tass, Marie.

**1. Acknowledgement of Country:**

**[President Reads Out]:**

*'In the spirit of reconciliation, the O'Connell Public School P & C acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.'*

## President's Report –

- Grants – March deadline. Sub-Committee to be formed and to include Trish to work out the best way forward with applications and how to direct for the School.  
The categories are Arts, Sports & Development (football goals which Peter Butler will quote on asap), Environment, Health/Wellbeing (Masterchef and/or nature play space?) and Education/school development. Some of the companies who are offering grants are CSU, Veolia, Commonwealth Bank etc. Oberon Council are happy to support the 365 Grant. P & C members to apply on behalf of the school.
- Mother's Day/Father's Day/Special Friends – discussion that these occasions should be held the Friday before and whether a Devonshire tea celebration or something else etc.
- The School Wish List was not provided to this meeting however, last year's amount was approximately \$28,000 and it is assumed that this year's will be of a similar amount.
- There are 3 new families to be welcomed into O'Connell Public School. Welcome dinner/bbq to be held on a Friday night at the O'Connell Pub. Trish had the sausages to bbq and the pub were attending to cooking them to be served on behalf of the school to be served at the function. This will be an informal event for all to attend.
- Parkour – Tully the School Support dog has obstacle training at Lucknow. Assessment is due for Horse Powered Learning on 29/2/24 by independent safety officer.
- Swimming Carnival – O'Connell won both shields with points totalling 1295. This was the biggest win ever and 12 children are now off to the District Swimming Carnival as a result.
- A thank you to Kate – for organising the forest area trees and the planting of birch trees and crab apple trees.
- Information sessions – there was no internet available for log in at K-2 2<sup>nd</sup> session, but it is available now.
- The Bathurst 12-hour Race – tickets available and 3 day passes also.
- Trish advises some conflicts of interest to be declared for O'Connell Public School personal reasons and should be declared each year:
  - 1) Yarrabin – Annie (Trish's Sister) – the property is used for Base Camp 1 and \$2 per person is paid to her when going to the forest for visits with the children.
  - 2) Base Camp 2 – owned by Trish and Annie – no money is to be charged for the use of this property for school purposes.
  - 3) Olivia Pringle (SLSO) at O'Connell Public School is in a personal relationship with Trish's son.

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### **Treasurer's Report** – see attached.

- Funds in account started at \$70,000. This amount will be adjusted as \$9,000 from O'Connell Public School should be for the school instead of the P & C. \$27,000 to be paid from the P & C to the school overall.
- The next P & C meeting should then show the timeline for payments in and the bus donations.

### **Principal's Report** – (via Zoom meeting):

- Choir – Funding for a choir conductor/drama & choir packages and artists which is a 6 – 8 week incursion.
- The school band requires singers to join them.
- Appreciation Certificates are to be made up from O'Connell Public School for donations/items. Trish already has some made up and Marianne will distribute.

### **P & C Discussion Items** –

- Heritage Trades Trail Sub-Committee - a new Sub-Committee has been officially formed with Karen Turek as the Convenor. This Sub-Committee works closely with the current P & C Committee. The Heritage Trades Trail to be held at Bathurst Showground on 16<sup>th</sup> March (Saturday). Discussion was had regarding what foods to serve and where they will be prepared and how. Volunteers to be rallied to help cook/prepare 200 pieces of zucchini slice, 200 Fruit salad cups and 200 Kransky rolls will be cooked/served. The food offered at the event will be different from what is provided already. Discussion on how to help keep queue lines moving and keeping wait times down.
- School Hats and Uniforms – Jen Precians has ordered 200 hats – 75 of both house colours (including 25 of the larger size). Hats are a reversible type and are in House colours and includes the school maroon on the other side. The uniforms are to be passed over from Jen as the process is now fully set up and ready. Tass and Kate are to do a “cheat sheet” for the AGM handover with all details when they pass their positions on.
- Gingerbread Fundraiser feedback – The plan for the same fundraiser will continue on as last Christmas and already orders are continuing to come in. This was very well received and very popular. Sofala Public School won the Schools' Gingerbread Competition for 2023 – Vanessa advised the school of their win. High Schools have also asked to join in the fun this year and all resources will be collected early to help with cutting/painting etc. as takes a lot of stockpiling. There was a suggestion to get bigger media involved – for example – Sunrise on Channel 7 to bring attention to the community event.

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- Sarah Coad attended the meeting on behalf of 'Get Roasted Café' on O'Connell Avenue. Sarah will be running the café with her mother (Paula Coad (secretary) and will be providing the new lunch menus to the school children. Sarah discussed that the menus will be ready and that payments for families will be created through 'Square' online so that all families have the opportunity to order and pay online separately to the café directly. Menus will be placed on the school Facebook Page so that parents can access. Cash will also be accepted if parents choose to, using the lunch order wallets as previously done with the previous café owner.

## **Helping Hand**

## **Correspondence In/Out**

N/A

## **General Business**

N/A

**Meeting concludes time: 7:30pm**

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