

RYDE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL GENERAL P&C MEETING AGENDA

Date: 25 October 2017

Opened: 7.35

Present: As per register

Apologies: Siobhan Reynolds, Kelly Centellas, Carolyn Miller, Julie Grey, Rochelle Robinson, Chris Seeto

Minutes of previous meeting:

Accepted: Steve Hackett

Seconded:

Nick Barnes

Business arising from previous meeting:

- Gen Webb Proposed Approach for future meetings: - Minutes to be circulated through in advance
- Time limit per agenda item 5 min - Rotation of Sub-Committee and other Reports to be started for next meeting
- Thank you to Terese and presentation of certificate
- Sports committee – sub fund set up – still working on it -
- Lost Property – update on whether prefects & SRC idea is helping / working? – work in progress
- Update on progress for Social Media committee recommendation on best way to promote businesses supporting school activities - soc. Media report
- Can new Soccer uniforms be considered –Mr White will talk to Nicole Doig and exec
- Priority from Mr White is devices for students – have a ratio of 1 to 2 kids at present – does school have any specific request re this?
- Purchase of new BBQ and urns – did this take place? – Urns were not purchased – attempted to – wholesaler used due for delivery – BBQ didn't happen all checked and worked
- Update form Tully Sharp-Butler –on discussion with Mr White and Osch committee about facilitating quicker hand over of kids taking part in music program - President of Osch – concerns about legal position for them – walking around school on their own is a concern – resolution for one person to sign all out and in. Communication around time it takes for those who are in music program. Too big a compromise for Osch.
- Motion: Request for replacement of music stands and trolley needed for music festival on 23rd of up to \$2500 - did this take place? (request via social media for Granny Smith Festival indicated still short) – purchased percussion equip + 24 stands + trolleys
- Update on whether anyone wants to take on process for reviewing school uniform – information previously provided by Mr White
- Tables to be replaced – previous meeting raised by Suzanne and agreed – heavy ones. Count & confirm need. Storage needs to be confirmed
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Correspondence in: Entertainment Books

Comment – not made much money \$300 for the year – consider continuing or not – is it worth it?

Correspondence out: Thank you certificates Fathers Day & Trivia

Comment – many thanks to Beverly who assisted with creating the certificates

Reports:

Principal

- Staffing – Principals position advertisement closed at 4pm this afternoon. Mr White has not applied for personal reasons. Number of other retirements – Mark Thompson left end of last term, position to be filled by central appointment and /or interview, Debbie Achurch retired – learning & support .5, Ms Finlater has retired for end of year – Central appoint followed by local appointment is preferred approach from Dpt. Will need a couple of panels for end of the year for appointment of Teaching Staff. Next Monday there will be a training course for Parents & carers interested – to be trained so you can be on panel for selection of new teachers. Previously trained individuals need to be retrained.
- 83 – kindy's anticipated for next year. Has to send through updated numbers as larger than expected

Meeting Closed: 9:38pm

Next Meeting: Tues 12th December

- Compliance around working with children checks – FACT Sheet circulated. Canteen – and other volunteers – non-paid option is fine and Paid Employees – will need to do \$80 one. Every 5 years it needs to be done. Exemptions – reading group volunteers fetes camps excursions and volunteering in canteen don't need one.
- P&C Allocation of \$'s for School Needs/Items - Bridie coming in to do the \$'s tomorrow - \$90 k estimated roughly ...
- Kiss & Ride – have been talking about it for a number of months – it appears from all points of view that the Kiss & Ride is not working – need some solutions – looked to Baronia Park
- **ND Update** – Proposal – Waiting to move in at an angle – parent responsibility to be mindful of the importance of NOT double parking as it does block the entire street. 2 sides creates issue – other side goes without sanction. MD responsibility is for the children – could open doors for first 2 cars only. Class Volunteer System – parents come and help 2-3 to help – call names of children parents further down – open doors kids only back doors – no boots opened – kids go in – school not allowed to touch seat belts – NEEDS volunteers

CONVERSATION/DISCUSSION

- Counsellors – Mr W. spoke to them about the issue– round about at Cressy would need to be lobbied
- Rules and communication are critical
- Brian – comments Good solution is what we are after – walkie talkies – double gates – opened then
- Support of P&C critical – can't do it themselves
- Register for P&C –
- Next Year
- P&C representative to work with Mr White – call for nominations to join with school to Lobby for some changes.
- Lobbying council – paint markings in kiss & ride zone
- Loud speaker – prefects took responsibility – 1 minute – if kids not there parents have to move on.
- U Turns also a problem
- EARN & LEARN – 59000 points – Thank you to everyone for your contribution. Classroom Outside Activity Equipment
- Due for delivery of equipment in 2018 – photos of items and feedback loop requested
- Netball dress presented to much excitement
- Interactive whiteboards requested earlier in the year – 3H's board needed replaced – if there is money still left over – quote received and lamps going / not great.

President

- REPORT presented by Gen Webb (see attached below)

Comment: Megan Otterwell – to send us link to volunteer management tool used from Scouts

Comment: Megan Otterwell - was trained and should have been asked if she wanted to participate in Selection committee for Principal role. Confidentiality of the role was the key part – lack of access to previously trained and interested people – need to have had regular interaction with the P&C to understand the views of the school community in their capacity on the panel. Training for interested parents taking place so we are prepared should selection panels representatives be required for staff appointments in 2018 – half a dozen parents have indicated interest.

Preloved uniforms

- REPORT presented by Gen Webb (see as part of Presidents Report attached below)

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Banking

- REPORT presented by Gen Webb (see as part of Presidents Report attached below)

Book club

- No REPORT presented

Social Media –

- REPORT presented by Gen Webb (see as part of Presidents Report attached below)

Outstanding Item: promotion of businesses who support us – using Facebook page as opportunity to acknowledge & promote them – certain night of the week suggested – Comms tool for parents is still key purpose

Grounds & School Watch

- No REPORT presented

Treasurer Report – presented by Terese Cosentini

- Summary of financial position and update on Bookkeeper and finalising End of Year financials provided
 - All P&C accounts \$221,363 – Canteen and Music Yr 6 Building Fund all contribute to this. P&C \$56k – already paid for – wish list \$68k - \$46k voluntary contribution - \$9800 cheque given to make up the difference – PA system is authorised but pending payment and \$20k for technology resource – General working account .
 - Very busy time finalising accounts books sent to external auditor – once compliant and in order – send books to P&C Federation. Need this for AGM – Denis OShea – has offered to be bookkeeper for 2018 when returning from his o'seas trip. Nick Denis & Terese to meet.

Motion - to spend \$10k on New White Boards/ Technology

Proposed: Tully Sharp- Butler Seconded: - Suzanne Kimpton

Motion - to increase membership to \$1.00

Proposed: Kim Bunny Seconded: Fran Hahlos

Building Fund

- No REPORT presented

Sports Sub-Committee

- Minutes of subcommittee meeting Sept 17 – provided (see separately included below)
- REPORR Presented by Brian Downton (see attached below)
- Update on Fundraising Plans:
 - First Fundraiser – Xmas Raffle Idea – wish list identified with school / ND – released through kids doing Athletics - conscious of fatigue – idea is to sell it outside school community
 - Next Year – Colour Run for Walkathon - Movie Night

Requests

Motion – Sports Shirt is Introduced as Uniform Item for 2018 – min of 3 quotes – Bringing in Sports Uniform – sports fabric – DET document about changing the uniform needs to be reviewed – Mr W. PSSA – stock school has to buy might be reduced as other sport would be appropriate for.

Proposed : Alice Robins Seconded: Steve Hackett

Motion – requested \$5500 (120 Items) to replace PSSA singlets & soccer uniforms \$500 towards banners

Proposed: Alice Robins Seconded: Nick Barnes

Comments :

- Nicole Doig – softball T-ball Cricket – summer – sports top will solve the issue as all 3 use one – Netball – has new dresses – Tiger Tag – most schools wear sports top – some wear jerseys. AFL singlets & Cross Country Singlets –
- Tully preference for white == WW – don't change the colour – far harder to get it through /approved.
- Senior Girls – shaping is important to consider and colour choice – black & yellow on sides could work well.
- Suzanne Kimpton Question – what is the process through department? – have a look back at whether we already have approval for a sports shirt. If we have then re-introducing existing approved item does not require full process for new uniform item.

ACTION ITEM: Nicole Doig to have a look in to whether we already have sports shirt within approved School Uniform items

VP Fundraising

- REPORT presented by Nicole Shore in Siobhan's absense (see attached below)

Art Calendar update - provided by Tully Sharp-Butler

- All orders in – sitting in box waiting for delivery. 183 students ordered calendars most popular item - \$5850 – expectin \$2460 profit – most done on flexischool – 8 students paid on flexischool but no artwork – no issues to fix as had contact details. Kindy parents didn't understand what it was about.
- Could you promote a Yr 6 specific item – alternate artwork or photo promotion could be really good for building it next year.

Community

- REPORT presented by Steve Hackett (see attached below)
 - Unsuccessful with LCub Grants proposal – liaising with a few clubs to ghost write application
 - Building new relationships next year
 - Welcome to Kindy Parents evening – looking in to running event early 2018
 - Updates on current partnership programs (Rebel, IGA, Atheletes Foot etc) coming through next meeting

P&C Music Subcommittee

- Minutes of subcommittee meeting 22.10 – Submitted (see separately attached)
- REPORT presented by Lina Diaz (see attached)
 - contact parents for flute violin & other instruments needed for next year – working on timetables Now
 - Accounting Software – Widia & Nick looking to finalise invoices
- **Requests –**
Motion: Approval for purchase of 1xBASE & 1xTENOR Recorders that we own and hire out to students – approx. cost of \$1500 , specialist guitar amp with metronome - \$319.
 - Q from Nicole Shore regarding the cost of the recorder and the benefit – surprised at cost given base guitar's are only a few hundred dollars. Lina explained it will be a resource available to students ongoing and the cost will be re-cooperated via music program fees over time.

Proposed - Tully Sharp-Butler Seconded – Suzanne Kimpton

P&C Canteen Subcommittee

- Minutes of subcommittee meetings – no meeting held for T4 yet
- Report – no report
- Requests – no requests

General Business: Kiss & Ride Discussion & Next Steps + Boys Uniform

Motion : Request to update the Boys Pants – cheaper option presented – issues this year is current ones shrink

- Still have stock – fleece option still can be preferred – once run down stock no more available as this is discontinued.

Proposed - Alice Robins Seconded - Steve Hackett

Presidents Report (including Social Media, Banking, Preloved Uniforms)

Presidents' Report – October 17

- We've had a huge few months with fundraising events as detailed in fundraising report – a massive Thank You to all involved, takes an awesome team to achieve what we have achieved – which is record funds this year. Thank you in particular Siobhan for your hours and hours of coordination and management of these events.
- Executive team met a couple of weeks ago to discuss the remainder of the year key points are:
 - Progress of Sports Committee – Thank you to William, Nicole and the rest of the schools executive team for your support in the establishment of the sports committee. We believe they will be a great asset to the school and we all look forward to working more closely with all parties in the future. Full sports committee update will be provided in that report.
 - Turnover of executive team, Alice Robins, Siobhan Reynolds and Genevieve Webb will all be resigning for their executive positions and new candidates are currently being sourced, with one option for fundraising being that we will take more of an event based approach with the VP overseeing fundraising rather than being completely responsible for every detail. i.e Mother's Day stall, Trivia Night, Election days...
 - We have found someone willing to run our famous Ryde East Music Festival next year – THANK YOU Natalie Sherman, Marlene will commence handover shortly.
 - Volunteering process and management of volunteers to move online to real time forms so we have full visibility of who is volunteering when, we will adopt the same or similar process to how music committee runs their volunteers for the year.
 - All Executives are currently updating email addresses and forms, including one page process documents for events so hand over will be easier and all will have access to required documentation.
 - Panel for Principal position has been formed by the Dept. of Education. There was a high level of confidentiality for this position and the P&C nomination was offered to me as President and I was asked to keep confidential. I accepted without knowing the full process from the P&C Federation. After discussions with the Federation and as per the Convenor / department wishes, I sought the approval of the Executive committee to support my nomination, which was supported by the majority. Dates for resume review and interview have already been set and we hope to have a new principal for the start of 2018.
 - I raised the need for us to have more P&C representatives accredited as panel members, as due to a number of retirements and growing school numbers we are likely to have more positions become available. William and I have agreed on a date of Monday October 30th to hold the training, 7pm in the staffroom. All are welcome.
- We are a still a wealthy P&C despite our 2017 contributions to the school – Terese to give an update on where we are at with accounts, what's yet to be spent etc.

Banking Report:

- To be provided
Banking Coordinator: Elspeth Orlandi

Pre-Loved Uniform Report:

- To be provided post Kindy orientation day on the 24th October
- **Pre loved Uniform Officer:** Sim Hazelhurst

Facebook Page:

- Continuing to grow with current group numbers now at 260 members.
 - Posts and comments are down a little bit, however top post is the Kiss & Ride post with a lot of members weighing in
 - Providing an effective means of communication to the parent community
- Admin team** – Kerry Martin, Capucine Yeomans, Sharon Cunningham, Belinda Mortimer

Book Club:

- No report

Fundraising Report

REPS P&C Fundraising Report – 25th October 2017

- **Update on fundraising activities:**

- **Father's Day Breakfast:** held on 31st August. Over 500 dads, grandads and kids attended and it was a great success – event is getting bigger and better each year. Big thanks to Kelly for organising and all the mums who helped out.
- **Fundraising activities held at local election:** P&C ran a cake stall and BBQ at local election held at school on 9th September. Involved over 30 parent volunteers. Raised \$3476.
- **T4 Disco** – Friday 10th November - looking for volunteers for both infants (5-6.30) & primary (6.30-8pm)
- **Bad Moms Christmas Movie fundraiser:** will be held on Thursday 2nd November at Event Cinemas Top Ryde. We've now sold enough tickets to make sure this event is taking place. We'll be selling tickets now on Flexischools until the 31st October and after that, tickets can be purchased on the night. In addition to the funds raised through ticket sales, we will be selling raffle tickets with some great prizes on offer.
- **Ryde East KeepCups:** we have now put in an order for 240 Ryde East branded KeepCups (range of sizes). These should be delivered in early December in time to be handed out before Christmas. P&C will promote the sale of these cups through newsletter, Facebook page and class parent emails. Will be selling them as 'essential stocking fillers'.
- **Role of Vice President, Fundraising:** I will be stepping down from the role at the end of 2017. The P&C Exec have discussed introducing a Fundraising Committee next year. The Committee would have a Chairperson who have oversight of all activities but one parent would be responsible for organising each fundraising event (rather than one person organising all events) to help share the load. If you're interested in being involved in the Committee, please feel free to come and have a chat!

Sport Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes & Report

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From: Fran Hahlos <franahlos@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Sep 21, 2017 at 10:52 AM

Subject: SC Meeting update

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Thanks to everyone who came along to the Sports Committee fundraising meeting last night. It was a great flow of ideas and below is a recap of what was discussed and decided:

We need some funds in the Sports Committee account asap so are looking to implement the below for T4:

1. A raffle – a nice easy way to get some dollars.

- 5 prizes – MICHAEL RICHARDSON is looking to secure a couple of major prizes.
- Tickets to be sold widely across the community, not just to REPS families.
- *BD to seek approval from P&C*

2. Summer Movie Night on the oval

- Proposed date Saturday 25th November
- Hire a screen (or have one donated for the night)
- Sell food, drinks, ice-cream, popcorn, coffee, glow sticks
- Sell tickets to the movie
- Fun pre-movie games on oval.
- Draw the above Raffle on the night
- *BD to seek approval from P&C*
- *FH to look at costing options*

3. Grill'd Macquarie Centre – apply to their “Local Matters” program. KATE JOHNS will enquire (after response from Steve Hackett)

4. Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – KELLY we are still keen to look at securing a date for this. Do you still have a contact at Bunnings?

Other ideas discussed were:

- Sports Trivia Night – this idea was greatly liked but felt it was too similar to P&C's trivia night and might be seen as competing for funds.
- Mini World Cup (Soccer or another sport) – comments that this idea was too difficult to organise for T4 this year but an idea for 2018.
- Inter-school "Commonwealth" Games gala day – would like to propose this for T2 2018 to play alongside the Comm Games on the Gold Coast in April.

We have also been given approval to do a Colour Run fundraiser in June 2018 instead of the walkathon.

Any questions, ideas on the above or contacts to make it all happen please drop me a line!

Cheers,
Fran

SPORTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Term 3 October 2017

Update:

Athletics Training: Great numbers (approx. 50 each session) and feedback has been very positive from the initial sessions. Parent support has been strong with a number volunteering each week. A huge thanks to Glen Duncombe, Alex Halhos and Steve Barlow who lead the sessions each week.

Fundraising:

- P&C Sports Committee Christmas Raffle: concept approved by P&C exec team & planning well underway with tickets to be distributed through students attending athletics training on 1st Nov. Prizes all sourced and confirmed and booklets will be printed this week. Fran has worked hard to get this item sorted and full credit to her for getting this organised and ready.
- Colour Run Event: Initial conversations have occurred with CUA and we have registered for a 2018 Colour Run event. Doing so gives us a significant discount on the event cost. Date will be confirmed early next year when REPS Calendar is finalised. Early conversations with Nicole and Gen indicate this may be a Term 1 event.
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle: We have entered the ballot for the January to June date allocation. Kelly has been fantastic in getting this through.
- Outdoor Movie Night: exec team has approved this as our first major fundraiser for 2018. Fran has worked hard to put it all together and has all relevant information required for the event

Priority items for fundraising: Brian met with Nicole and Rachael to discuss what the current priorities are for funds raised. The following key areas raised:

- PSSA Rep Uniforms: This is a priority for 2018. Julie Grey, Kelly Stein Centellas, Fran Halhos and Brian Downton have obtained quotes from a range of suppliers (including Pickles) and this information will be collated and passed onto Nicole and P&C exec team with a recommendation. Stocktake of current REPS items also needs to occur to ascertain which items can be repaired and which need to be replaced.
- Singlets are used for XC, athletics and AFL. Currently not enough for AFL and XC at the same time which is something that ideally needs to be rectified prior to 2018.
- REPS Banner & Flags: Rachael Jenkins and Brian to look at suitable options for REPS banner or flags. Key issue is around weight of items and suitability for outdoor environment.
- Gymnastics equipment: a number of the floor mats (approx. 8) need replacing in the short-mid range future. Nicole will also speak with Paul (gymnastics coach) to get further information re any items that need replacing.
- Relief cover: General agreement that it is preferable for a REPS teacher to attend any Gala Day with students and/or parent. SC covering cost of casual would go a long way in ensuring these events are safe, duty of care is present and they are affordable to those attending.

Gala Day Competitions & Trainings: the two Gala Days that REPS will enter in 2018 will not be decided until the PSSA and REPS calendar has been finalised.

Areas for discussion at P&C meeting

- **Athletics trainings:** this term was very much a tester to gauge interest & as a result was a free training. The session has been really well received so we will look to continue to offer a morning

training once a week each term. However, we will move towards a user pays model to help raise funds for the SC/P&C.

- **Sports Shirt for 2018:** after discussion with Nicole Doig and Gen, the SC would like to propose a motion that Sports Shirts are introduced into REPS as a uniform item for 2018. This motion would be under the following conditions:
 - A minimum of 3 quotes are obtained with a summary of preferences put forward to P&C exec team as well as REPS exec team for final approval
 - REPS exec team are responsible for rules regarding when the item can be worn
- **PSSA uniform replacement:** Singlets need attention and a number will need to be replaced to bring up stock to the amount required for Cross Country and AFL. Soccer uniforms are also in desperate need of attention and may also need replacing, however this depends on the style of sports shirt selected and if PSSA requires numbers on the back of tops.
- **REPS Banner & Flags:** Rachael and Brian to establish a suitable solution so an appropriate REPS banner or wind flag can be taken to PSSA events.
- **P&C funds allocated to Sports Committee:** In light of the above (banner and PSSA uniform) the SC would like \$4-5,000 put into its account from the P&C funds. From this total it is proposed that a maximum of \$3000 is allocated to the replenishment of PSSA stock & a maximum of \$500 to ensure REPS has appropriate signage to take to rep events. The remaining funds will stay in SC account to ensure adequate finances are available to cover incidental costs that may arise.

Music Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes & Report

Meeting Closed: 9:38pm

Next Meeting: Tues 12th December

Music Committee Meeting Minutes – Thursday, 12 October 2017

1. Meeting open – 7.40pm
2. Present – *Lina, Vange, Widya, Lisa, Leanne, Carol, Sara, Jennifer, Nick, Caroline and later Jodi, Lara and Sharon; from P&C Alice*
3. Apologies – *Kim, Robyn, Soo, Sarah, Steve, Jo*
4. Officebearer updates - Coordinator, Treasurer, Secretary

Coordinator

Lina reported that we have 131 enrolled for 2018 before counting next year's Year 2 Percussion program. We need a Violin teacher, as strings are at capacity. We also need an Oboe teacher. Numbers are healthy/balanced except for Brass.

Some discussion on bands/ensembles. Performance Band and Jazz Band are by audition. Guitar Ensemble is at teacher's discretion and will remain optional into 2018. In the absence of Mr White, Steve will conduct Jazz Ensemble.

Update re Oosh: Year 3 and up will be able to sign themselves out.

Performances: As Eisteddfod winners, Recorder Ensemble is playing at a morning tea at the Ryde Library. Jackie is organising the flutes to have a mini-soiree at school on 9 November from 3:15 to 5:15 in the Library. Performance Band is playing at Granny Smith Festival Saturday 21 October at 5pm on the big oval.

Contracts for 2018 will be electronic.

Treasurer

Widya reported one non-payer for strings ensemble. Kindy child trialled for 4 weeks and dropped out and family does not want to pay for the term. Discussion on "blacklist" i.e. if in future the child wishes to rejoin the music program, the outstanding amount must first be cleared. Committee agreed to this approach.

T4 invoices will be manual. No program fee for new joiners in T4.

\$100 program fee per child from next year to pre-fund the Music Day.

Secretary

Timetable updates need to be sent to Secretary to enable Master List to be prepared.

5. Accounting Software – Nick

Committee agreed to purchase the Xero system at a cost of \$50pm. Noted that there is potential to cost share with other P&C committees but we have urgent need so we will go ahead and any cost share is upside. New system will be used for T1 invoices.

6. Musical Variety Night Friday 17 November

Lina will send out link for volunteers Google doc. Set-up is at 2.45 (if gym in hall, start getting the instruments out of the Band Room). BBQ is at 5.30pm and Concert is at 6.30pm. Sharon volunteered to get the cakes. BBQ Committee ... to be involved? TBD.

eForms to be used for attendance/catering.

Georgie Rich can help the Band Captains Emma and Josh with the M.C.ing as they also need to perform.

“East Ryders of the Storm” to be played!

Composition Competition winner (and mystery judge!) to be announced at MVN.

7. Composition Competition

Daniel Murphy Petersham P.S. is a judge and we have a mystery judge!

8. Committee 2018

The Committee welcomes Nick Barnes as new Treasurer and Caroline Jarvis as new Instrument Manager.

Sharon Dinh is new Guitar Parent. Kim is new Brass Parent. We do have a volunteer to be new Percussion Parent. Lisa is happy to continue as Reeds Parent but will advertise to see if someone else comes forward. We need a Strings Parent and we may need a Flute Parent.

9. Website and eForms

Google Forms is working well. Website needs more content.

10. Instrument Purchases for 2018

We need Alto and Tenor recorders. Lina advises cost to be in range of \$50-\$100. Committee approved purchase.

11. Review of Music Program Subcommittee Policy Document – referral to small group

Lina/Jennifer to review over summer break

12. Any other business?

Alice advised next P&C Meeting is Tuesday 25th October.

13. Next Meeting date? *TBA*

14. Meeting Close *9.05pm*

General Meeting Report – 25 October 2017

REPS Music Sub-Committee

Since the last P&C Meeting on the 8th of August, many great things have been achieved by the kids in the music program.

We've said goodbye to Scott Marshall, our clarinet, saxophone and oboe tutor. Scott was offered a teaching position at ASHAM as the head of Woodwind, Brass and Percussion. We are welcoming Garran Hutshingson-Menser and Nishchal (Nish) Manjunath to teach clarinet and saxophone, the hunt is still on for an oboe tutor for 2018.

Since the last meeting, the Recorder Ensemble participated at the Ryde Eisteddfod where they won the Recorder Ensemble category. This is a great achievement for an ensemble that is comprised of beginners and experienced players. Sue has done an amazing job being able to cater to everyone and to achieve such an amazing result in less than a year. The recorder ensemble has been invited by the Eisteddfod organisers to perform at a Musical Morning Tea at Ryde Library on the 13th of November. The other performers at the morning tea are also winners from the Ryde Eisteddfod. The Recorder Ensemble also played at the Truscott Street Public School Fete and again received a great reception. Thanks to Amelia Jamal, Erik Thorvaldson, and Amy Diaz for covering the vocal and the additional instrumental parts for the performance of Six Ribbons.

We've had the Senior String Ensemble and the year 3-6 members of the Recorder Ensemble participate at the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House. This was an incredible experience for children and parents alike. Thanks to Monique and Sue for all the extra work they put in to get the children ready for the concert.

Our Performance Band also participated for the first time at the NSW Schools Band Festival on the 20th of August at UNSW. Once again, they have stepped up and won a Silver Award with their wonderful performance. Thank you to Joe for preparing the children so well and also to the parents for making the trip out to Randwick on a cold and windy Sunday. At the T3 week 8 Gold Card Assembly they received extremely positive feedback for their performance from the parents and grandparents in the audience. This was followed up by their appearance at the Granny Smith Festival on Saturday 21/10. They got to play to their largest audience to date at Eastwood Oval. They continue to do themselves and the school proud with such outstanding performances.

At the Father's Day Breakfast, we had the Senior String Ensemble (joined by the FOIM Recorder Students for one item), the Guitar Ensemble and the Rock Band all performing. The performances were again of a very high standard and very well received by the highly attentive audience.

On the 23rd of August, our REPS Band students participated in a band workshop organised by Mr White and Mr Ward. Thank you to the Ryde City Concert Band for sponsoring this event with funds received by them from a special grant of \$1000. It was a fantastic

experience for the children to be part of a large band (over 100 players). Their next performance will be at the week 8 Gold Card Assembly.

We had a Composition workshop in week 5 run by Michael O'Donnell which was attended by 12 children.

In Week 6 we had a very successful Music Program Information Evening which included instrument demonstrations by a number of children. In week 8, the instrument tryouts took place. The electronic form is working extremely well for the instrument registrations for next year. There are currently 130 children registered and we expect an additional 40 or so after the year 1 percussion demonstrations. These will take place during the same period as the year 2 swimming program.

The Composition Competition has two adjudicators secured and I will keep them as a surprise. The entries close on Friday in week 4 and the winner will be announced at the Musical Variety Night.

For the Musical Variety Night the format has been changed due to the increase in the number of ensembles this year. Year 6 students and other school leavers will be invited to play solos if they wish to, other small groups or soloists will be as recommended by the tutors. We will also have the debut of the REPS Orchestra who will perform the World Premiere of "East Ryders of the Storm", composed by Michael O'Donnell and they will be conducted by Mr White.

Afterward the MVN we will be into reports and auditions for the Jaz Ensemble, the Performance Band, the Rock Band as well as percussionists keyboard players for the above.

The conductor of the Jazz Ensemble for 2018 will be Mr Steven Richards, who is a dad at REPS. We are all extremely excited at what is in store for this new ensemble.

We are looking for 2018 contact parents for flute, violin and woodwind. The ideal time to come onboard is now. Many thanks to Katrina Samawi who has volunteered to be the percussion contact parent for next year and to Carolyn Jarvis who will be taking over from Carol Crane as instrument manager. Kim Bunny will move from percussion and take over as brass contact parent.

Our development team of Robyn Hirano and Vange Longford are awaiting feedback about the webpage and the information on it so that we can improve it . The web address is www.rydeeastmusic.wordpress.com

We currently have \$15,000 in the bank with term 4 invoices to be sent out shortly. We have purchased two sets of trolleys and stands as well as the added percussion equipment that was approved at the last meeting. We have also had servicing done on a number of instruments over the school holiday period.

The financials of the music subcommittee will be run through the accounting software Xero which will have an ongoing monthly cost, however, with the increasing number of students in the program we feel this is now a necessity. Widya and Nick will be working together over

the course of this month doing the invoicing and making all the preparations so that we will be up and running on Xero for the new P&C Financial year.

Finally, I would like to ask for approval for the purchase of bass and tenor recorders by the program so that we can hire these instruments out to interested students. Approximate cost \$1500. And also for the purchase of a specialist guitar amp (one that does effects) with an approximate cost of \$1000. The money would be spent from the Music Program raised funds.

Thank you,

Lina Diaz
REPS P&C Music Coordinator

Sent from my iPhone

On 13 Oct 2017, at 12:58 PM, Steven Hackett <Steven.Hackett@chatswoodrsl.com.au> wrote:

Hi Nicole,

Sorry I didn't get back to you earlier.

There is not a lot for me for the upcoming P&C meeting.
Points are below.

1. We were unsuccessful in our Club Grants application to have work done on the bottom oval. Looking at different types of grants to apply for next year.
2. Continued involvement with community partners in Bresic Whittney, Amazing Paints, Athletes Foot, Rebel, IGA, etc.
3. Looking to build relationships with new local business for next year.
4. Collaborating with Angelina from Bresic Whittney in regards to a "Welcome Kindy Parents" night on the second Friday of the new school year.

That's about it for me. Short & sweet.

I'm looking to be more heavily involved with this role for next year & cutting back a bit on some of the other committees that I am involved with.

I am assistant coach of both T-ball & Soccer as well as taking the kids to both Karate & Swimming.

I think I suffered a bit from P&C burnout this year in taking on this role. There was so much to do at the start that I found it difficult to be motivated towards the end.

I got great support from all of you but found I had to jump a few hurdles with a few of the community partners. I will look forward to working a bit closer with a number of them next year.

I hope you are well, please again pass on my deepest condolences to Swanny with the passing on of his mother.

Kind Regards,

Steve Hackett.

**Steven Hackett | Duty Manager
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