



## Elanora Heights P&C Association

### Term 3, Week 7 P&C Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August  
**TIME:** 7pm – 8.55pm  
**VENUE:** School Staffroom

**Attendance:** Lisa Phillips, Jono Rosconi, Janine Ralston, Suzie Stanford, Lauren Sciacca, Belinda Brown, Renae Godden, Lee Milligan, Sue Garrity. Zoom: Jade Fernandes, Michelle Clark, Kylie White.

**Apologies:** Allison Salmon, Jade Browett, Linda Smith.

**Acceptance of prior minutes:**

#### Item: Actions carried over from prior meeting

Item	Action	Owner
Fundraising Update Bogan Bingo (Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug) update:	One last comm to be sent out. Invitation to OOSH team and EHPS staff to be sent. Reminders to ticketholders to bring gold coins. Donations can be made via Munch Monitor.	Jade F/Fundraising team

#### Item: Principal's Report

##### Principal P&C Report

##### **Bogan Bingo Fundraiser**

Thank you for the fabulous night of community, fun and fundraising for our school. It was a very exciting night to spend time together, dress up, be social and entertained all in the one event. I've heard nothing but positive feedback and want to express our gratitude as a school, to the organising committee and small but mighty P&C.

##### **Michael Taylor**

The sudden death of our EHPS colleague and teacher was a huge, devastating shock to our school staff, students and community. It has been a rough few weeks and grief will continue to manifest in different ways for all. Our school honoured Mr Taylor in the most respectful and memorable ways. The support shown to us by parents, individual families, other schools and colleagues at other schools has been heart-warming and helpful to our healing. I want to thank the parents who attend PSSA on the 19<sup>th</sup> and gave the most beautiful support to the Taylor family. This, along with the black arm bands, letters written by students, the signed soccer ball and dress-up fundraiser, all featured at Michael's Celebration of Life which I attended with Michael's teaching team. I was honoured to represent our school community and read the student letters as a part of the service.



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We are fortunate to have our Senior psychologist situated at Narrabeen and on call as we need, along with our very own school psychologist Mrs Foldes two days a week and our youth worker, Ms Bosler, to support the wellbeing of all students. It is important to move through cycles of grief and help one-another to do so. It is recommended to keep students in routine and busy. All teachers at Elanora are supportive and are looking out for our students and continue to provide challenging and engaging learning environments.

### Support Staff & Wellbeing Specialists Recognition Week - 5 to 9 September

This year more than ever our General Assistant, Andy Brooks, administrative staff working in the office, Kirsten Zeelie, Nicole Graham, Margi Chapman, Louise Shea, Kate Blows, those working in the library, Jo Argent, technology, Greg Mawson, those working in the classroom and supporting the wellbeing of students, Gabrielle Foldes, Joe Rix, Danielle Danswan, Kate Blows, Kelly Galluzzo, Rachel Cernecca and our Youth Worker, Katie Bosler have gone above and beyond. We want to acknowledge their collective and individual, tremendous care of our students, families and community and to thank them for the work they do.

### Maintenance Works at the School

Thank you for the Bunnings Shed – Mr Brooks is assembling the shed.

Old Stella Room Insurance Job – re-paint, re-carpet for a dedicated music/band room.

Pickle Town Upgrade – after our last meeting, we all agreed to a smaller scoped project, one that can be run and managed by the school which cuts out the DoE. We have reached out to Josh Bailey, through his company, Dolphin Property Maintenance, dad of Ledge and Tillie. Josh has been working with Mrs Cullen in a volunteer capacity on regenerating our bush. Our initial meeting, saw Josh indicate his interest in the project and the next step is to have him meet with the Pickle Town Committee (Lisa Phillips, Kirsten Zeelie and Di Reeks) to finalise the scope. Would a P&C member like to be included? The meetings will occur during school time.

### APC&I Panel

Each school in NSW is going through the recruitment process for our newly formed Instructional Leader. I would like to thank the parents who offered to help and tried to reorganise their schedules. Charlotte Bonnar has agreed to complete the training and be on the panel as the P&C representative. It is a huge relief. Department of Education panels have strict guidelines to adhere to. One regulation is that panels have gender representation with at least one female or male. The training is completed by reading a PowerPoint. I would love to have more parents do the training, to have a larger pool to call on for our next panel.

### Make My Own Lunch

Today and tomorrow, years 3-6 students will engage in Make My Own Lunch. This is a unique opportunity that allows students to practically learn about nutrition and make their own lunch. A smorgasbord of rainbow food, covering the recommended food groups are on offer. This year marks the tenth year that MMOL has been happening in our school. I want to thank the parent volunteers and Mrs Cullen for organising (including hours of food purchasing and prep) to ensure our students learn about the benefits of healthy eating in this amazing way. Today, a visit from Dr Sophie and a healthy message from her was a special surprise for our students.

### School Fundraisers

We are proposing a School Fun Run fundraiser in term 4.

The Music (Strings and Band) program have organised a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser for Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be sending an App message to recruit volunteers and encourage everyone to buy a sausage.

Father's Day is on Sunday. I am happy to set up the photo booth and invite dads to drop students at school and have a photo.



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### Staffing, Casuals

Like all schools and most industries, we are experiencing high volumes of staff and student illness. This is resulting in employment of several casuals a day and many students away for prime learning. We are doing a very good job of navigating these problems. All teachers are required at our school to provide a detailed day plan if they are away. This follows the teacher's classroom program and helps to ensure students' learning is uninterrupted. We have hardly had to split classes. Our budget for Sick and FACs leave has been expended and we have a full 13 weeks left for the year.

### Curriculum Reform

Furthermore, we have new curriculums being released in term 4 and have started intense professional learning of all staff to ensure the K-2 English and mathematics syllabus are ready for implementation in 2023. Most professional learning occurs Tuesday after school, Wednesday before school, in grade collaboration and stage meetings. Teachers may be released from class to complete the required, mandatory training as well.

### Uniform Shop

Sue Garrity approached me after the last P&C meeting and was concerned I wanted to change our uniform. I would like to clarify that I would like to educate the parents about our uniform, expectations and seasonal changes and then also survey the parents. I know uniform changes are costly and take a fair amount of phasing in and out of time. However, I did not propose changes to the uniform.

### Huge Wins

Congratulations to the touch football team who blitzed their way to the grand final. We are extremely excited for their wins and successful progression throughout the competition. We wish the team the very best and thank Mr Rosconi and Mr Cooper for their leadership and coaching.

Today our year 6 debating team won their debate against a very polished Murray Farm Public School team. I was extremely proud to watch the girls in action as they debated through strong rebuttals to take the win.

We are so excited to have had three teams win their PSSA competitions and are looking forward to presenting patches to all of the players. PSSA is a massive extra that sees teachers missing lunch, doing extra training and a whole lot more responsibility and administration. The wins are an added bonus to see our students thoroughly enjoying their inter-school sport.

Our overall result from the Zone Athletics Carnival saw Elanora students win several place ribbons and moving onto the next level. Our little school came overall third and second in the handicap.

### NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN results were released tonight for schools. Our teachers will engage with the data and we will send out the individual student results to families early next week.

### Kindergarten Enrolments

As of today, our 2023 kindergarten enrolments are at 47.

### Mimosa Concert

Tomorrow night I am looking forward to being the guest Principal Emcee at the Mimosa Concert at the Opera House and present to the 10,000 students and families in attendance.

Thanks to Kylie White has been covering the books in the library



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### **Item : Treasurer's Report**

Apologies from Linda

### **Item : Uniform Shop and Canteen**

Uniform shop: Sue approached Lisa after last P&C with concern we wanted to change uniform – need to educate families re seasonal uniform, distribute photos of uniforms (in newsletter etc), to highlight identity and team, discipline, pride in appearance and expectations.

Complaints associated with uniform for school photo day received via school office and class parents. Survey parents to understand reasons why kids might not be wearing the uniform.

Not proposing uniform changes – cost significant and time consuming.

Introducing non gender specific option discussed at last P&C.

Sue: Girls long blue pants, Long sleeve shirts popular, Long sleeve polos, profit goes back to the school.

Orientation – Sue will present uniform with kids across age range modelling the options, and include how/why we have developed the current uniform.

Canteen: Fridge is fixed. Lots of spoilage. Ingrid and Karen went above and beyond shopping daily.

### **Item 4: Social and Fundraising Committee Report**

Colour run to be run by school. Compare Jono and Renae's company. Tentative dates back end of term  
4 Mon Tues Wed Week 9 and 10. Need to consider significant number of events in calendar:

Christmas concert, teacher keen to organise Christmas K-2 celebration with

Performing Arts night Week 8 ~1<sup>st</sup> Dec.

Presentation Day Yr 3-6 and K-2 Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

Year 6 Valid assessment next week

Year 6 Checkin assessment

Year 3, 4 and 5 Checkin assessment first weeks Term 4

Market Day, Year 6 Graduation, Year 6 clap out, excursions, Year 5 camp coming up in Term 4.

Tell them from me snapshot from next week until week 4 Term 4

Year 6 orientations

Kindy Orientation

R U Ok Day Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

Significant burden on teaching staff

Canteen fundraiser suggestion from Lee – bundling a fun meal – within healthy eating policy.

Could do separate non canteen sausage sizzle

Recommend set schedule to go forward. Big ticket items – eg disco

Gift drive for bear cottage



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Each Year allocated to a specific fundraiser - Fundraising committee to meet prior to next P&C and present the set fundraisers for the year responsible for each

- Possibility of adding the Entertainment Book to fundraising opportunities being explored.
- Term 4 Cookie Dough – distribution date
- 2023 activities to be scheduled in advance
- Tea and tissues
- Few weeks in Year 1 welcome bbq to kindy parents P&C to introduce things in the school
- Suggestion to invest in apple paypoint

Other business:

None

MEETING CLOSED: 8:55pm