Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES
See Attendance Book

Apologies: Gavin Hunter, Jay Esson

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
Moved: Anna Broady
Seconded: Sharon Schweisfurth

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Issues raised: (1) Mrs Sumptom gave an update on the traffic trial at Old Berowra Road. The meeting discussed the need for a zebra crossing at Old Berowra Road, and concerns were raised about situating the crossing near Link Road – most families walk from Mittabah Road, so wouldn’t use the crossing if it were near Link Road. Parents are still continuing to park in the No Stopping zone on Ida Street. Mrs Sumpton encouraged us to keep talking to other parents and encouraging parents to obey the parking rules.

(2) Mrs Sumpton presented quotes for air-conditioning. The school needs to engage an electrician to assess whether we have enough electricity to run new air-conditioners.

(3) Mrs Sumpton presented quotes for the quadrangle, wireless connection, and computer equipment. We’ve had advice that eventually all schools will have wireless connection. To put wireless connections in would cost $52k. That would free up the computer room for other uses. It was suggested that we move partially to wireless at the very least. Emma suggested that we have hotspots for wireless around the school and offered her services in looking at competitive prices as she does this for work. A quote for wireless is coming from the department.

(4) The meeting discussed the use of mobile phones at school. Some schools have a blanket ban on phones at school. Mrs Sumpton discussed how difficult it is to police
a complete ban. The current policy at HNPS is that children are not permitted to use their phones in class.

(5) The parents discussed the need for shade in play areas and cover from rain in open areas. Question from Sharon – have we got quotes to get a weather-proof covering on the walkway down to the basketball courts? Mrs Sumpton: Yes, the quote has come back at $45k. The cost surprised many of the participants and the group discussed getting other quotes. Mrs Sumpton: with the push for local school decisions we can have more flexibility over this, however you also need to pay someone to oversee the work to protect against liability which will necessarily increase the cost.

Alexi Boyd suggested that we purchase 10 gazebos for use by the school and for P&C events.

Mrs Sumpton thanked Lynne and the fundraising team for a great day on Saturday at the Autumn Fair.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Anna Broady: The P&C approved an extra $100 for a telescope that was more expensive than anticipated.

Minnette Vogrig: Lots of children are not wearing the correct tights to school. Mrs Sumpton: it’s up to the individual teachers to talk to the kids – and it’s probably only about 15 kids that are not wearing the correct uniform. Mrs Sumpton suggested the P&C issue a little statement saying that we are a uniform school with a code and remind parents that children are expected to wear the right uniform. It would be better coming initially from the P&C, and then Mrs Sumpton and the teachers can follow it up. Lexi suggested we send a note round reminding parents what the uniform is ie. A skivvy can be worn under the shirt, but not on its own. Concerns were raised about encouraging skivvys in case they replace the shirt.

Emma Gluskie: After care is investigating running vacation care. We have confirmed that we are licenced to do that. A survey will be sent out shortly to assess the level of interest.

Belinda Greer: can we have more sports teams than just PSSA? There are so many kids trying out that are missing out. For 50 or so that try out and only 7 girls make it into the netball team. Emma suggested entering a school team in one of the local competitions. Other schools do it. You’d need a team manager and a coach. Mrs Sumpton suggests we run lunchtime matches for kids that missed out on the teams. Minnette will look into the options and report back to the P&C.

Lexi Boyd: Almost all classes have a Class Parent, and its working really well. A lot of social stuff is happening. It worked well for the fair but it needs to happen earlier next time. It helped to provide clarity around how the parents could help out with
different events and made it easier for parents to be involved. We’ve learned a lot from the way things were organised for the fair. 75 people have joined in to the Facebook page. There have been lots of very positive comments.

Lynne: We had the second best result we’ve had in the last 5 years. The feedback has been fabulous. A lot of the external stall holders praised the children for the way they helped out, their manners and their behaviour. We will do an online anonymous survey to get feedback from the school community. We are going to run a more detailed survey of internal stall holders to find out what was good and what could be better. There will also be a number of stallholders that will not be invited back due to issues with paying the fees. We are also looking at an online volunteering system.

A big thank you to everyone who helped out at the Autumn Fair. It was a wonderful day for the school.

CORRESPONDANCE

Letter on bullying; advertisement for water filters at the school; Gonski pamphlets; and a letter from MLC NSW Greg Donnally

Letter about the funding we get each year:
Classroom resources: $226k
Teacher relief: $90k
Urgent maintenance: $12,500
Banking: $3000
Gas & Electricity: $17k
Utilities: $12.52 for each student = $10k
TOTAL amount is $226k.

REPORTS

All reports will be emailed to the Secretary and circulated to the P&C Committee for anyone to read and comment on.

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm, Monday of Week 3, Term 2.

Meeting closed: 9.15pm