MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 8TH 2015

1. Welcome: Attendees: Fiona Love; Ness Newell; Wendy Savage; Nadine McFadries; Sarah Patterson; Liz Laws; Vanessa Fitzgerald, Vanessa Rushworth; Sheryl Skewes; Neven


3. Matters arising from the September/October Minutes
   a) Taps / Toilets in SALT – run time and cleanliness- new cleaners, this will be monitored and hopefully all of the issues have been resolved;
   b) Climbing wall grips – replaced and the flying fox fixed – it is really popular with the students, excellent news thank you;
   c) Konnective replacement software – ‘Updat-Ed’ is now up and running – please encourage the families to download this as it is going to be a useful tool for school/home communications; Q - the app is taking a long time to download; this will be looked into.

4. Correspondence – N/a

5. Principal/Assistant Principal report Q & A
   a) Parent Club wished to pass on their condolences for the passing of Mrs Skewes mother; and their Congratulations to Neven on his appointment as the Principle of South Yarra Primary School;
   b) Book Week review and library opening update – shelving now in the library and the book stock is being sorted and culled – hopefully ready by Monday; help may be required after this has been completed by staff; re-opening of the library will be in the new term; blinds, furniture, Sarah and Gerry have plans to develop the interior as an exciting learning space – Q - will there be a celebration opening? Could the date be looked at carefully to include all the students? – some things will be done over the holidays it will be fully finished before the opening, look at opening after the camps at the start of Term 1 2016;
   c) November Parent/Teacher interviews – the majority of families attended; reports next week (Thursday) which should reflect the discussions from the meetings, Anna Redlich will hopefully be back after her surgery soon but not too soon to ensure she is well; next Tuesday the new classes information will be released and also the whole class lists for the year group; next year the reports system will change and the reports should come out before the meetings; Q - could the specialists reports be less generic and more personalised? This will be looked into as the new system is put into place;
   d) Thank you to Parent Club and all of the volunteers who help out in numerous ways within the school; it is a massive commitment once you volunteer and it is sincerely and genuinely appreciated by all of the staff at the school;
6. Presidents report

a) Class Rep annual review – update – very well attended, approximately 12 Reps there; recommendations that the Class Reps form goes out next week with the new class lists as then it will hopefully ensure Parent Club have a full set of class reps before the first 2016 PC meeting in February; PC to get Class Reps enrolled earlier; Office co-ordinate the lists and class information and teachers decide who the Reps will be; Recommend that Prep classes have 2 Reps, an existing family and a new family as Reps to enable them to find their feet; requested that the new ‘Konnective’ needed – this is now in place;

b) Toyworld Shopping Night – review – 12 Nov – very successful event – thank you for all involved from Anne at Toyworld;

c) Yr. 6 / Prep tea towels – review – they should have arrived; moved to be a Mother’s day tea towel instead next year;

d) Bush Dance – review – very good event with 10-12 families attended disappointing attendance but thoughts were due to it being postponed due to poor weather earlier in the year – indoor area needs to be nominated in case of poor weather for the future;

e) Garden Club – update, Kitchen Garden and Chickens update – Chickens will continue to be an item next term; Kitchen Garden is a fabulous resource and is a ‘happy place’ within the school, Wendy is looking to timetable sessions with the Y4s next year as part of the curriculum and discussions with the teachers have taken place, this needs to be finalised and formalised; Bunning’s are willing to help again, Wendy forwarded images of the veg harvested to Tania at Bunning’s who also saw the TV coverage; Excellent work by all involved students, staff and parents – Thank you; Volunteers required to water over the holidays (wendyvsavage@hotmail.co.uk if able to help), Wendy will co-ordinate the roster, combination lock for the shed will be issued to Parents;

f) Entertainment Book 2015 – review – no payment yet the cheque will come in next 2 weeks;

g) Scholastic – update / review – final orders on their way - $1863.50 in credits from Scholastic sales this year with $18.50 still to spend. This compares to $112 for 2014;

h) Australian Wastesavers – update / review - $353.39 raised this year;

i) School Carols Night – stalls update – Tomorrow night; 4.30pm stalls open – currently 11 stalls; soft drinks and BBQ, show bags and lollies on sale; bring a picnic / rug / chairs - finish after 7pm;

j) Prep 2016 Dinner – update – Six Keys – Thank you to Ness, Fitzy etc. for co-ordinating; 18 new parents; well received especially with families who are moving into the area;

k) Staff Morning Tea – Update – next Thursday please bring a plate to this for the Staff from us all Parent Club as a Thank you – next year a combined event is being planned with the School’s Thank you to the volunteers and parents to staff all in the one event;

l) Year 6 Graduation update – this proposal has evolved; Parent Club are funding the after graduation party, food and decorations; a list of events for Y6s will be released for the incoming Y6s to enable forward planning; cost $1300 ($300 on decorations to be reused); 5.30 – 6pm Awards Ceremony (approx. 2 hrs.), then to the SALC for sushi,
deserts, pizza, cupcakes etc etc; Giant 2015 helium balloons on order and then just replace the final number (school colours); sweets/lollies bench and soft drinks, chill space and photo booth $199 +$50 for photo props / usb stick with the photos at the end of the night and then the students can take a copy of the photos, this has been funded by the Y6 families; the students and their parents are very excited; do we need any help to organise? (probably just the Y6 parents); from 7pm a couple of people to meet the photo guy and move the refrigerated platters into the Salc; Y5 classes offered/requested first to pass the tradition down so they could invest in it – Liz will email the reps; Thank you Cindy for planning and Thank you to Fiona for enabling this to come to fruition; plans now in place for next year;

m) Berry Street – update – deadline Friday for all gifts to be delivered;

n) Uplift bra collection – went well, deadline extended to the next week;

o) Run sheets for 2015 – updated – Fiona and Wendy to co-ordinate the collection of these;

p) Father’s Day / Mother’s Day craft stall format – discuss in February meeting;

q) Parent Club calendar of events and class responsible for – proposed for next year – Prep for Bunning’s BBQ; Y5 Grandparents Day; Y2 Mother’s Day; Y4 Father’s Day footy breakfast; Father’s Day stall Y3; Y1 Cake stall; Y6 Easter raffle; coffee cart, Prep tea towels; Social night for whole school next year; School disco; Family welcome night picnic; Scholastic online next year; Bulb Drive, Movie Night, Entertainment Book, Wastesavers;

r) Parent helpers for clean up during final week of school – Year 6 store room and Centenary display photos – email to be sent to request help with this;

Other:

s) Parent Network Co-ordinator has been approved, role description to be reviewed at School Council tonight;

t) School is looking great and the Preps playground and Kitchen Garden all looking sorted and fabulous.

7. **Announcements:** Next Meeting Tuesday, 23rd February 2016.