

29th April 2009

Next meeting:
Wednesday May 6th
7pm in the Library

Meet the Team:**President:**

Rebecca Williams

Vice President:

Sarah Johnstone

Secretary:

Andrea Kowald

Treasurer:

Kathy Lamph

Vice Treasurer:

Jane Watson

School Council:

Debbie Carson

Kim Sutherland - O'Brien

Uniform Shop:

Melinda Grant

Canteen President:

Andrea Kowald

School Magazine:

Lyndal Barry

May Agenda:

- Heavy traffic plan update
- Working bee to reduce white ant risk
- Nomination and ratification of parent representative for interview panels

To add items to the May agenda, please contact any member of the executive (directly or via the school office) before May 4th. The deadline has been extended this month due to the school holidays.

The agenda will be published in the newsletter one week before the meeting where possible. Items not on the agenda will be carried over to the June meeting.

Hunter St Happenings

Your P&C at work.

Council Plans spell trouble!!!!

Heavy Traffic Plan for Hunter St

As you would have seen in the newsletter, a proposal has been put to Singleton Council that would see Hunter St as a major traffic route for heavy vehicles travelling between John St and the Highway. We would urge you to send a letter to Council stating your opposition—a pre-printed letter was included in the last newsletter and is also available on the school's website.

Grounds & Technology

The technical issue with our portable smart-board has been resolved thanks to the dedication of Mrs Taylor, Mr Holloway and Mrs Montgomery.

The grounds are looking fabulous thanks to our tireless staff gardeners and the gardening club. Don't forget, as mentioned in previous newsletters, the school is looking for families to 'Adopt a Garden'. This is a fantastic idea that will help us maintain all of the amazing spaces created last year and over the holidays by a small band of volunteers. Our grounds say a lot about the pride we have in our school and our community spirit, so if gardening is your thing, why not adopt a garden?

April Meeting Outcomes

Although smaller in number our April meeting was pleasant and productive. Some thorough and fair quotes have been submitted regarding air conditioners, but we have agreed to hold off on the purchase until Mrs Montgomery hears back from the Department of Education and Training. Hopefully we will have some positive news for the May meeting.

Spellodrome. Our teachers feel that incorporating spellodrome within the school curriculum will apply pressure to an already full timetable. They also have concerns regarding the application of Spellodrome's pre-determined lists in their classrooms and how positive this

Canteen

We had a wonderful day at our café while the school was involved with parent/teacher interviews. Thank you to all of the gifted cooks who baked for us and then lent a hand serving and chatting with parents throughout the day. Thank you to Penny Clancy for the café suggestion—we will be back for other similar events.

The staff enjoyed their 'Feast Day' a couple of weeks ago. The chefs were delighted with the feedback and are looking forward to spoiling the staff again in Term 2.

The canteen committee would like to give the students of 5T and 5LM a huge pat on the back, and an enormous thank you for their hard work. In just a few short weeks these students have developed snack ideas, conducted some very thorough market research, prepared and tasted their top five ideas, and delivered us a very professional and detailed presentation. The next phase will be product packaging and costings. We look forward to hearing their outcomes as much as we do tasting the final products. Look out for some fabulous new treats in the canteen in Term 2. Next is Yr 6's turn and be warned, Yr 5 is a hard act to follow!!!

will be for the children. Teachers are happy for families to join spellodrome privately, but would also like to recommend the following websites for some excellent *free* spelling (and other)activities:

www.copacabana-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/Get_Smart.htm

www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise

www.tale.edu.au (TaLe—teaching and learning exchange)

See you next month.