



**MANLY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
Parents & Citizen Association**

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING  
Tuesday 14th May 2024**

Principal	Tina Lee
President	Chris Nicholls
Vice President	John Gillings
Vice President	Mutt Lutze
Secretary	Xara Roznerski
Treasurer	Peter Weatherston
Assist Treasurer	Ian Warren

**Attendance:**

Xara Roznerski, Holly Fellowes, Wendie McDougal, Terri Eves, John Gillings, Kate Williams, Amy Hansen, Matt Lutze, Chris Nicholls, Tina Lee, Helen Mc Dough, Becky McGowan, Jane Ellis, Peter Weatherston, Ian Warren, Hamish Bell, Bonnie Gibbons.

**Apologies:**

Kaisa Nieminen

**Minutes of the General Meeting held on 19th March 2024**

Approval of Minutes                      Motioned: Tina Lee                      Seconded: Chris Nicholls

**Action Arising from Previous Meeting:**

- Discuss spending priorities not discussed (carry over to next time for after the federal budget tonight)
- Tina to look into what anaphylactic parents would like in terms of safeguarding the kids. (can be closed)
- Kaisa to discuss with Sally around connecting with those who want to volunteer to build excitement in younger years even if there isn't space for them to come in (Amy emailed out and newer parents added to the volunteer chat)
- Tina to discuss with Sally promoting cafe owl to younger children (done)
- Peter to send Xara or collaborate with Xara on a spreadsheet to be shared with voted on costs (continuing)
- Assistant Treasurer to be voted on (Ian voted in as assistant treasurer)

**Agenda brought before Meeting:**

- Website handover (to be advertise in the bush tele and see if taken up and then rediscuss)
- Sport House Names (has been handed over to SRC)
- Funding Shortfall email (xara to distribute)
- Walkway coverage (was asked during the build and was not supported)

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Ian Warren, Bonnie Gibbons.

**REPORTS:**

### **Principal:**

Since our last meeting we have had some great events. Thank you to the community for the ongoing support of Easter Hat Parade, Parent/Teacher interviews, Photo day and the Mother's Day stall. The Mother's Day stall was a huge success and a big thank you to May and the Kindy volunteers for all their hard work in setting up and running the stall. It was a great fundraiser for the P&C and a lovely event for the children.

### **ASR 2023**

Tabling the Annual school Report from last year. A whole school, evaluation and situational analysis has occurred after our External Validation from the beginning of 2023. Main areas of focus for the next few years were:

1. Building resilience and lessening anxiety in our students
2. Increasing community involvement in the school
3. Focus on attendance matters- OS holidays in school terms for families is our main issue
4. Lifting our gifted and high potential students using differentiation
5. Integrating local history and Aboriginal history into our programs
6. Strong focus on explicit teaching of reading and numeracy- moving away from flexible and open classrooms.

### **School Plan 2024- 2027**

Outlines the focus for the next 3 years. Activities will support the 3 strategic directions of:

1. Student Growth and achievement- Explicit teaching of literacy and numeracy
2. Reflective Practitioners Embedding High Impact pedagogies- Collaborative Enquiry/ High expectations.
3. Connected Community Supporting High expectations and positive well-being for students

### **Schoolbytes- from Sentral and School zine**

We have begun the transition to our new platform of Schoolbytes. We will take the year to transfer all our stored data and information over to this new software. The newsletter will not transition until 2025 as it is not ready yet.

School Reports will stay with Sentral for this reporting period but will move to the new Schoolbytes platform for the end of year.

### **National Simultaneous Storytelling- Bowerbird Blues**

Will take place on Wednesday 22 May at 12.00pm. All students will take part and can wear a "Splash of blue" to celebrate.

### **Kindy 2025 Open Day- Monday 17 June**

School tours and performances will take place on this day.

### **Reports-Change**

There is a change in the reports to reflect the new syllabus implementation. We are hoping that the tick section will be easier for parents to understand. Comments will be based on effort, engagement and specific improvements or reflections of the students' learning. Reports go home in week 10- Beginning of July.

### **Budget cuts**

Tomorrow all NSW DoE schools will receive their budgets for the year. There is going to be a cut in expenditure from our whole school budget. The priority is to ensure all staff are kept in a position until at least the end of year and commitment be made to temporary engagements until the end of 2024.

Learning and support programs and the catering for significant needs will also need to be a priority which means that spending on resources will see the most significant change. Our IT expenditure will need to be raised for 2025. Smartboard replacement and technology will probably be the most affected.

Thank you to the P&C for the ongoing commitment to the teachers and resourcing. We at MVPS are not really worried about additional cuts at this stage.

**President:**

Visited the P&C Association meeting. Feeling very grateful for our P&C and Tina and the school and the fun and collaboration that our P&C has.

**OSHC:**

Movie night planned for charity, Bush to Beach. Also, adding in a dance class to the extracurricular activities held during the week.

**Treasurer:**

<https://tinyurl.com/bdxf5z75>

**Canteen:**

Canteen is busy. We have requested more volunteers to assist at the canteen, a battle as always. Canteen passed its menu check. Canteen vouchers will now be worth \$1.50 to allow the kids to purchase more items at the canteen.

**Uniform Shop:**

All running smoothly, cold snap creates a rush on winter uniforms. To date 2024 have put through \$30k, slightly down from last year. \$26k on hand which is excellent since when Wendy started it was over \$60k. Got a lot of stock that shouldn't have been ordered in 2017. Wendy seeking permission to write the stock off as it doesn't move. Was a chat about charities, Chris suggested.. If anyone has any ideas for repurposing, bring options to the next P&C meeting. Otherwise Wendy will handle the offloading.

**Band:**

Band is going well, they want to buy something other than instruments with their P&C donations. Would they be okay to use the \$5k to subsidize the band tour 2025 rather than buy instruments? Question posed by Chris, 1) do we want to manage the use of funds ourselves? 2) Trust the band committee to manage the \$5k and change it to a donation? Or do we want to say.. 3) This is a donation for instruments but if they want to use it for something different, to come and ask. Agreed to 3 :) also asked the Band committee to come tell us if they need it after fundraising externally.

**Cafe Owl:**

Cafe Owl has a comeback day on the mother's day stall day. Very happy to hear about the support for cafe owl.

**Class Coordinator Update:**

School community raised just under \$9000 for the mother's day stall! Thank you to all the kindy parents who volunteered... it was almost too crowded so loved the turn out. Thank you Tina and Sharon for being there all morning. Barry for moving the boxes and Kaisa for counting the money. Next event is the skipathon! Run by year 6. Most work is done in school, volunteers are mainly for counting the money. Kaisa handling flexischools. Trivia night handover meeting was the 5th of April. Talks are happening. Committee is potentially looking at doing the trivia night externally at maybe the Calabria club or Balgowlah RSL. Putting ticket price up to \$75 due to demand. Found a trivia host in a school parent who is professional.

**Neurodiverse Parent Support Group:**

Just had a meeting at the same time as P&C. MVPS School Counsellor came as a speaker to explain the support for our ND kids. A social occasion will probably be the next event.

**Other Business:**

Matt brought up a concern around year 5 SRC reps bringing up the need for more sanitary bins in the bathrooms and asking for mirrors. Parents concern is around something like this being brought up in an SRC meeting with the risk that it could be voted down by reps without understanding what they're talking about. SRC reps voted to pass it. P&C questioning how we can support this but Tina expressed that accessibility more than covers the children that are menstruating. DOE pays for maintenance of the sanitary bins. Tina to go back to the classroom and consult about the perceived accessibility issue.

**Spending Priorities:**

- Technology/laptop and Ipad replacements \$50,000 minimum for the end of 2024 [\(to be discussed next month\)](#)
- Playground equipment balls, creation of a quiet area near cafe owl, games etc - \$5,000 [\(to be discussed next month\)](#)

Mtg closed at:

8:57pm

**Next Meeting**

**18th June 2024**

**Actions:**

- Discuss the Federal Budget with Tina
- Peter to send Xara or collaborate with Xara on a spreadsheet to be shared with voted on costs.
- Xara to distribute P&C Association Email
- Website maintenance to be handed over, advertise in Bush Tele
- Tina to chat to year 5 classroom about sanitary bins.