



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

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 18th February 2025**

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

Attendance: Xara Roznerski, John Gillings, Wendie McDougall, Naomi Kiarie, Matt Lutze, Michelle Thomason, Amy Hansen, Kate Williams, Ian Warren, Nicky Lewis-Hughes, Bonnie Gibbons, Chris Nicholls, Peter Weatherston, Skye Abernathy

Apologies: Kaisa, Becky, Jane

Membership: Xara Roznerski, John Gillings, Wendie McDougall, Naomi Kiarie, Matt Lutze, Michelle Thomason, Amy Hansen, Kate Williams, Ian Warren, Nicky Lewis-Hughes, Bonnie Gibbons, Chris Nicholls, Kaisa Nieminen, Becky McGowen, Skye Abernathy

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 3rd December 2023

Approval of Minutes Motioned: Michelle Seconded: Matt

Action Arising from Previous Meeting:

- P&C to read through MVPS Behaviour Support and Management Plan and report feedback in Feb (**Sharon to present at the next meeting**)
- Find out what the camera from Forest High is called. (**handed over till next meeting**)
- Website handover/amalgamation (**Xara to sort for now and then when the new IT guys come on in may to see if they can amalgamate the 2 websites**)
- Microphones at carols (**Rebekah Major looking into and will come with a proposal**)

Other Business

- ATO email (**xara to email to Peter and Ian**)
- Fathering Project email (**Xara and Oli to look into**)
- Be Centre Fundraising idea (**pass**)

REPORTS:

Treasurer:

Treasurer's Report 18th Feb 25

Principal:

Welcome back everyone we have had a very settled start to the year and all the students and teachers seem to be settling into new routines and class dynamics.

Transition and change are always difficult, but students do adjust to change if parents remain positive.

We have formed 24 classes with no class having more than 27 students in it. 2 new Kindergarten classes are well and truly settling in.

We all began together on Thursday 6 February and even though it was a hectic day it was great to have all classes formed and ready to learn from Day 1. The 4 Staff Development days were wonderful. I realise it was an easy time for parents, but the teachers were very organised and prepared by the time the first students arrived.

We have no new teachers this year but lost Simone Lord and Natasha Smythe at the end of the year to be replaced by Mrs Catherine Nelson who is returning from maternity leave and is teaching with Mrs Lisa Cash on a Year 4 class. Mrs Kate Adamo was our only teacher to move and now is on Year 1.

Swimming Carnival 2025

Great day and very smoothly run. It is a long day for the Year 2 students who only go in one race at the beginning of the day. We will need to adjust our communication to make sure parents realise this. Returning them to school also caused issues with supervision for the day.

We will adjust a bit of organisation for next year.

AGM- Tuesday 18 March 2025

Some paperwork and templates have been made available on the P & C Federation website. We need to discuss which paperwork we would like to use for the AGM.

https://membersportal.pandc.org.au/PandCMember/PandCMember/Documentation_Tabs/PandCAssociationTemplates.aspx

Only members can vote at the AGM. I will put some information and collect the \$1 donation from the office during the month.

Behaviour Plan 2025

Manly Vale PS has a new Behaviour plan which is now available for viewing on our school's website. Mrs Oscroft and Mrs Lucey would like to present this Behaviour Plan to the P & C at the next meeting on Tuesday 18 March.

School contributions- Voluntary

A lot of talk in the media around public education being free. This is the case. However, dance lessons, gym and excursions are not paid for by the government. Basically, if parents don't pay for these subject contributions this year, we will cancel them for 2026. The school cannot afford to pay for these additional programs which have been enjoyed by students in the past and parents.

Subject contributions for science have been covered by the P & C and we feel very lucky to have this. Will the P & C consider covering the levies on technology that support licences including reading eggs, Maths online, wushka. This fee has been passed onto parents in the past as part of subject contributions. We usually charge around \$90 per child to cover IT replacement, a technician one day a week and the computer licences. We currently have 570 devices in the school including laptops and iPads. Every class has access to a 1:1 ratio of devices.

Is this something we want to support as a P & C? Currently the P & C has pledged to replace all of the devices for the end of this year. We have been gradually replacing technology last year.

Voluntary contribution is capped at \$51, and it is voluntary. It also provides for additional SLSO support and technology. As a school we can keep the classes small and under ratio as whatever money left over at the end of the year I put into teaching staff.

Currently we are modifying our book and stationery orders from Humphreys. Would the P & C be interested in covering some of these costs?

School Boundary changes-

Communication has been sent to the MVPS community around the changes to our boundaries and school intake zone from 2026. All families will have access to a co-educational high school. Our high school will be Forest High, along with the additional guaranteed option to enrol in Mackellar and Balgowlah Boys high.

However, with these changes some students will find that their local high school is Cromer high or Freshwater high when the 2026 intake plan comes in

For these families in these changed areas, they will be able to apply for an Out of Area position which will be accepted by Forest. This is only until the 2025 Kindergarten cohort transitions to Year 7 in 2032.

Out of Area Enrolment committee- Parent representative

Need a parent to be a part of the Out of area committee to work through applications and give recommendations to the principal. The committee is currently Carol Speight and Patrich Dylan. They don't meet it is all done through email and phone calls. Is anyone interested in taking on this role?

Parent Information evenings- Next week

Monday 24 Feb - Stage 2- 5.30pm

Tuesday 25 February – Stage 1- 4.30pm

- Stage 3- 5.30pm

OC and Selective High school applications close this Friday.

NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and Year 5- 12 March- 24 March

Interrelate family evening- Monday 24 March

P/T interviews last 2 weeks of term 31 March- 11 April

School Photo day- Wednesday 9 march

Spending Priorities (to be voted on):

President:

OSCH:

A very busy Summer Vacation Care commenced on Jan 6th & closed on Feb 5th. Our exhausted Educators are now resuming normal service, planning the year's program & getting the new Kindy families into the swing of OSHC life.

In Term 1 our charitable & sustainable initiative is always Books for Africa - please drop any second-hand books for 5-12yr olds into the Centre & they will be shipped to African primary schools who are much in need. Over the past 8 years Sustainable OSHC have collected over 10,000 books for this very worthy charity, saving them from landfill.

Canteen:

Canteen is back up and running for term 1. Kindy has been very excited to visit the canteen. Blizzards continuing for term 1 but will pause for winter (term 2 and 3)

Uniform Shop:

Put through \$9k in the past 4 weeks. End of Jan stock on hand just over \$20k. Could the Uniform Shop policy please go up on the school website?

Band:

Non attendance

Cafe Owl:

Non attendance

Class Coordinator:

Getting ready to sort the 2025 Class Coordinators.

Trivia Night:

Tina to find a date for the trivia night, then will be presented to years 3&4 to find a committee. Michelle happy to lead if no co ordinator is found. Trying to have more lead time than previous years.

Neurodiverse Parent Support Group:

The MVPS Neurodiverse Community group has been operating as a sub-committee of the P&C for the past two years. Currently, over 10% of the school community (~70 members) are engaged via a WhatsApp group, with both passive and active participation. A resource library is being curated for new members. For 2025, the plan is to survey the WhatsApp group to better understand their needs and priorities. The survey will cover:

- Topics of interest for parent sessions
- Preferred event times and platforms
- Suggestions and feedback

In Term 1, it's recommended to promote the MVPS Neurodiverse Community WhatsApp group in the School Newsletter, similar to the previous year, as this led to an influx of new members in Term 1. The results of the survey have and can be shared with the community on there.

Mtg closed at:
8:25pm

Next Meeting

18th March 2025

Actions:

- Uniform policy up on the school website
- Tina to find potential date for Trivia Night
- Out of Area enrolment representative needed - Michelle put her hand up :)