

MANLY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL Parents & Citizen Association

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 3rd December 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

<u>Attendance:</u> Amy Hansen, Kate Williams, Chris Nicholls, Becky McGowan, Tina Lee, Ian Warren, Xara Roznerski, John Gillings, Matt Lutze, Jane Ellis

Apologies: Wendie McDougall, Holly Fellowes, Kaisa Nieminen, Peter Weatherston

Membership:

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 29th October 2024

Approval of Minutes Motioned: Tina Lee Seconded: John Gillings

Action Arising from Previous Meeting:

- Check in on website handover (Tina, Michelle, Kate, Xara to chat and try and transfer it over to the MVPS website)
- Check to see how the carols went with microphones and if we need to invest (hand over to 2025)
- First P&C for 2025 (18th Feb) and General Meeting plus AGM date (18th March)

Other Business

- Email from Ben Dawe at Aspect (Tina is already trying to tee up something similar with the department of education so need to decline Aspect for now)
- Trees in k-2 area (Trees are being taken care of)

REPORTS:

Treasurer:

Summary

We will have donated over 120k to the school this year - fantastic contribution

This includes around 15k of recurring expenditure

Donation includes \$40k for educational resources (maths, english, science)

Includes \$20k released from our "computer fund" for direct IT resources

We have a healthy bank balance of over \$160k, \$215k including band account

After comitted expenditure, mostly for the computer fund (80k), we have \$76k

We raised almost 75k from our fundraising events in 2024, and an additional 20k from café owl, consistent with last year I will prepare accounts and Sarah Garland has agreed to audit them again this year (her final year).

Manly Vale Public School P&C Inc. Treasurers Report 1-Dec-24

215.260 Total in hank account Excluding Band a/c (ring-fenced) 161,772

Approved expenditure (not yet paid)

Oval maintenance at year end (5,118)Notes (45,000)

Contribution to computer fund FY24 Contribution to computer fund FY23 and FY24 (35,000)50k less 20k paid in sept 24 - expected invoice for \$35k term 12025

(85,118)

Includes 500 for Josie nationals rep

Net of approved expenditure 76,654

Historic target float/balance (prudent) 50,000

Available to spend immediately 26,654

Expected remaining fundraising this year

26,654 Total available to spend this year

Requested expenditure Notes - Wa Total requested expenditure

2024 expenditure to date

(10,000)Bandinstruments Hospitality (800)(10,000)Maths resources English resources (15,000)Science resources (15,000)(1,953)Insurance (1,000)Sports representation contribution

Gym mats for high jump plus stand (7,384)Stage 3 Spheros (6,000)

Edu marketing for playground (9,700)(1,500)Choir Stage 2 literacy resources (600) (5,000) Kindergarten home readers Wellbeing/anxiery Project (5.000)Stage 2 percussion (630)(20,000)Computers fund Misc gifts (300)Additional Maths resources (5,000)

Playground equipment replacement (2,000)Teachers Christmas party (1,000)World teachers day pens (590) Contribution to Library for Sarah Garland audit x 2 (200)

(118,657) Total Expenditure to date

Principal:

P&C report- 3 December 2024

What a wonderful year we have had at Manly Vale PS. Starting with the implementation of the new curriculum in English and maths for years 3-6, the success and return of the Great Aussie Bush camp with Year 6, the biggest Band program we have ever had with 23 very enthusiastic Bands Junior. Intermediate and Senior Band and 24 classes ready to go from day 1 of the school year.

The year has been a wonderful one for wellbeing. We have introduced the new Anxiety project and run 8 parent workshops. Teachers have spent 3 evenings learning strategies to support students with anxiety. WE as a community are now starting to work together to make positive change. Our Tell Them from Me results show a huge improvement in connections and a sense of belonging within our students. Teachers feel more confident to address childhood anxiety and not make accommodations that had no benefit to the parents or students.

School Behaviour Policy 2025

I'd like to share the draft Behaviour policy for 2025. Please feel free to take home and read and give input at our first meeting next year.

Peer Support

We implemented Peer support, and our Year 6 leaders led wellbeing sessions on a Monday afternoon for all students in the school. Our year 5 students have just been trained to support this program in 2025.

Sporting Successes

Many students making zone and regional level in swimming, athletics and cross country. Josie Han a National champion in the 1500m and 800m race. Daniel Prosek making the national tennis team and Hudson McLaren making the state AFL and basketball teams.

Writing Success

- 1 student became a finalist in the Dorothea Mackellar poetry competition- Zac Kealy
- 3 student finalists in the Young Writers competition- Caoimhe Bulcraig, Addison Watson and Lucia Madden.

Art Shack

Art expo in the hall. Jess Waters artwork was selected for the Operation Art competition and displayed at Bear cottage.

<u>Band</u>

Performing at a variety of festivals including the Northern beaches festival Pittwater High and Forest high festival. First bunnings BBQ as a fundraiser for next year. Band camp- a great success at Elanora.

Drama

Performing at the Arts Alive drama festival at Chatswood.

Dance

K-2 dance concert- Dancing through the Decades Dance sport gala- Home bush- Year 5 Hip Hop dance concert- Years 3 and 4

Aboriginal education-

- Network meetings held at our school with representatives from every school in the NBLA
- Aboriginal cultural and games afternoon hosted by Manly Vale this term.
- 4 students receiving awards at the Gawura awards day at the zoo for their contribution to Aboriginal culture within our school.

Healthy Harold

A great couple of weeks with the van.

Assemblies

Visits from Para Olympian Kate Bailey and Olympian Sienna Hearn.

- ★ Book week
- ★ Great author visits
- ★ HPGE gifted and extension programs
- ★ Maths games
- ★ Maths Olympiad
- ★ STEM club
- ★ Art shack
- ★ Spelling Bee
- ★ Debating and public speaking at Parliament House.
- **★** Fundraisers
- ★ Skip-a-thon raising close to \$25000
- ★ Mother's Day and father's day stall and breakfast
- ★ Open day picnic event- biggest yet.
- ★ Trivia night- \$30000

Teachers

- We have our first Highly accomplished teacher- Mrs Karen Lucey just about to finish her accreditation
- Middle leadership network- Sarah Birrell, Cadence Abrahams, Mel ward, Nic Black band. We will expand this next year to include the return of Mrs Catherine Nelson and Mrs Hannah Taylor.
- Mrs Simone Lord off on maternity leave and Ms Tash Smythe leaving for Spain for a year.
- World Teachers Day- very appreciated and very special acknowledgment from the P&C

What makes a successful school is community, students and teachers working alongside each other to make the best possible learning environment for our students. Schools should be a happy place where students feel safe and secure and want to learn and engage and improve themselves.

This year I would like to acknowledge all of you for the work you have done in making this happen.

- ★ Chris leadership of the P&C exec and ably supported with Matt and John. All with the same caring and sharing values we hold up as a school
- ★ Xara you are giving of you time to be a secretary and a wonderful mum to Connie. Knowing and supporting the values of community involvement in our school.
- ★ Peter Financial expertise, making sure we always have enough in the bank for the important things. Supporting our kids' learning.
- ★ lan for stepping up to this role and shadowing Peter so we have a smooth transition.
- ★ Amy for your positivity and communication to all the community. Such a valued role in the P&C.
- ★ Wendie McDougall- Uniform shop and her volunteers
- ★ Becky McGowan Canteen
- ★ Fundraising teams- Including Michelle Thomason for Trivia night, and the many parents who helped over the year with a variety of activities.
- ★ Sally Tindall & the Cafe Owl Volunteers

It has been a great year. I thank you all for your support of the school and the initiatives we try to achieve. I Look forward to a successful 2025.

Sad to see 3 of our executive P&C members leave Chris, John and Peter but hoping more will come next year.

2025 classes

25 classes again next year. We will be supporting an extra teacher to drop numbers down in each classroom. 3 Kindy classes but stable numbers and growth in the other grades and stages.

Spending Priorities (to be voted on):

NIL

President:

Big Thank You for this year. It's been a lovely year because of the members of P&C. Big thank you to Tlna for being the best Principal and therefore School.

OSCH:

It's been a huge year with expanding the business. Staff, parents and students are happy. Very proud of our staff who step up to the plate everyday. Have finished the year with Manly Vale, Wakehurst, Mona Vale, Newport and opening Seaforth in the new year. Reverse Advent Calendar is going great!

Canteen:

Merry Christmas from the Canteen.

Blizzards have been a HUGE success, Students are excited by them. Will continue them for term 1 2025 with the hot weather.

Canteen has achieved 5 stars in the council scores on doors rating for food safety and hygiene.

I have completed the required food handler course to comply with new legislation.

Uniform Shop:

Band:

Band Christmas Party tomorrow night:) Wednesday 4th Dec.

Cafe Owl:

Class Coordinator:

Everything going smoothly. The P&C Christmas gifts will be distributed this week for:

- Canteen Staff
- Uniform Shop staff
- Barry
- Helen for P&C accounting
- Sally Tindal managing Cafe Owl

Leftovers from the Kindy Cheese and Wine night has been donated to the Teachers Christmas party.

Big thank you to all the volunteers this year. Thank you to Michelle for leading Trivia and thank you to Tina, Sharon, all the office staff and Barry for assisting with the fundraising events.

Trivia Night:

Lots of people interested with good ideas for next year!

Neurodiverse Parent Support Group:

NIL

Mtg closed at:

8:45pm

Next Meeting

18th February 2025

Actions:

- P&C to read through MVPS Behaviour Support and Management Plan and report feedback in Feb
- Find out what the camera from Forest High is called.