

Peakhurst Public School P&C Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 03/08/2026

Time: 7pm

Location: Gumbaya Centre and online via Zoom link

Attendees: Brielle B, Rosie L, Ashwin L, Gayanthi K, Emma T, Emma Z, Nicole L, Karen H, Mrs Kristy Bentley, Mrs Carla Wilson.

Apologies: Nil

Chairperson: Emma T

Minutes: Brielle B

Meeting opened: 7:05pm

Item	Discussion	Actions
1	<u>Principal's Report – Kristy Bentley</u> As we commence our meeting, I would like to acknowledge the Bediagal People, the traditional custodians of this land which we meet today. I pay my respect to the Elders past, present and emerging of the Dharug and Eora Nations. Thank you to Mrs Wilson who is here tonight. School Funded Program – ySafe - Highly engaging and informative for students. 108 students completed the anonymous online survey with games being the number 1 reason for being online. They have indicated they are worried about being scammed and 'scary things' that come on screen. Ten students reported online bullying with three students reporting strangers have attempted to contact them. There is a belief that parents/carers don't understand online gaming and how you can't just 'pause' an online game, parents/carers are unable to differentiate between AI and reality, that children can access tutorials that support learning and Tik Tok is fun. Students have identified Roblox, Minecraft, YouTube,	

	ChatGPT, Tik Tok, WhatsApp, Canva, Discord, Snapchat, and Messenger Kids as frequently used by themselves or peers. - Free Parent/Carer webinar hosted online in the evening. We had 24 registered to attend with 11 attendees. - Next year there will be an AI component. Swimming Carnival Typically, our swimming carnival is held in Term 4 in preparation for the competitive carnival in Term 1 the following year. Unfortunately, due to availability and the new booking procedures for Max Parker Leisure Centre, our swimming carnival has been booked for February 2027. Playground Safety To support positive behaviour and safety, we seek the ongoing support of our school community in reinforcing playground expectations with students. Ensuring student safety remains a top priority, and your partnership in discussing these matters with your child is greatly appreciated. Key points include: - Supervision on the school grounds begins at 9:00am. For safety reasons, please ensure children arrive during the supervised period between 9:00am and 9:20am, or alternatively, use before school care services. - Due to the number of students and community members in the playground during morning play, certain games are restricted. Only handballs and tennis balls are permitted; all other balls should be kept still or stored in school bags to minimise the risk of accidental injuries. - The morning play area is the hard surface outside Stage 1 and Stage 2 classrooms, where play should be calm and free from running games to maintain a safe environment. - Recently painted red lines in the playground mark Out of Bounds areas. These zones have been identified by staff as locations that are challenging to	
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	supervise during breaks and are therefore off-limits to students. Your support in discussing these expectations with your children helps us maintain a safe and positive playground experience for everyone. Soccer on the field There has been an increase in incidents involving K-4 students during lunch and recess playing soccer. Incidents have included students becoming physical. The school is approaching the matter with education first, opportunities to practice the skills required and then consequences for those unable to remain safe. Student Behaviour at PSSA Season 1 presented some challenges for a number of our students in consistently meeting the expectations outlined in the GRPSA Players Code of Conduct. As we begin Season 2, it is an important time to remind parents and carers of these expectations to support a positive and respectful environment for all participants. - It is a privilege to represent the school at PSSA. - GRPSSA has a Player Code of Conduct that is enforced and accepted by players and their parent/carer to allow them to play. - Coaches/Referees are volunteer teachers, doing their best. Without them there is no PSSA. - If a player places the school's reputation in disrepute it will lead to Reflection, game suspensions or removal from the team. Public Education Week We are excited to celebrate Public Education Week with our community this Thursday, starting with a picnic lunch at 11:30am. Join us for a short assembly featuring performances from our talented dance and choir groups before they shine at the St George Performing Arts Festival next week, followed by an opportunity to explore open classrooms. Don't miss the Book Fair, which will be open for purchases at various times on both Wednesday and Thursday.	
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2	<u>President's Report – Emma T</u> • New Square card readers received. • Federation of Parents & Citizens Association NSW records updated with current executive members. • Office bearers to create Federation accounts. • Resources including AGM templates available through Federation portal. • Members encouraged to contribute photos and updates for inclusion in future newsletters.	
3	<u>Treasurer's Report – Ashwin L</u> Banking • New bank account established. • Funds transferred from previous account. • Old account closed. • Visa Debit sub-account established with \$500 float. Financial Summary • Opening transferred balance: \$56,800 • Uniform Shop income (May–June) deposited. • One additional cash count remains outstanding. • Father's Day purchases: ○ Budget: \$4,000 ○ Spent: \$3,784 • Main account balance approximately \$54,600 • Visa account used for: ○ Square Reader purchase. ○ Monthly Zoom subscription. Report accepted.	
4	<u>Uniform Shop Report:</u> • Next Uniform Shop to operate during Public Education Week/Open Day. • Volunteers confirmed. • Remaining cash takings to be banked.	
5	<u>Father's Day Update:</u> • Gifts received, unpacked and organised.	

	• Stall confirmed for Thursday 3 September, with Friday available for missed purchases. • Block E requested as venue. • Additional volunteers required, particularly for pack-up. • Newsletter to include volunteer request. • Remaining Father's Day budget (\$300) approved for additional bags if required.	
6	<u>School Disco Update:</u> • Date confirmed: ◦ 27 November • Planning subcommittee established. • Initial responsibilities: ◦ Determine theme. ◦ Decorations. ◦ Wristband ordering. ◦ Ticketing arrangements.	
7	<u>P&C Funding Priorities:</u> Hall Air Conditioning • Load testing completed by approved contractor. • School funded load testing (\$1,540). • Preliminary installation estimate approximately \$40,000. • School and P&C intend to jointly fund the project. • Target completion before Presentation Day (or ideally before the School Disco). Fundraising Fundraising initiatives discussed to support air conditioning project: • Pie Drive (approved to proceed). ◦ Emma Z to lead planning. • Possible future Movie Night. • Future newsletter to promote fundraising campaign. COLA Grant • Grant application still pending.	

8	P&C communications & updates discussion – Instagram, newsletter photos etc	
9	<u>Other business - Attendees are welcome to ask questions or raise other topics</u> Athletics Carnival Ribbons - Clarification provided: - Competitive carnivals (8–13 years) follow Department/PSSA guidelines. - Ribbons awarded only for finals or highest recorded times where no final occurs. 19 surveyed schools follow the same process. - K–2 carnival remains non-competitive with participation recognition. Breakfast Club Discussion included: - Previous support has been provided to individual families through canteen vouchers. - School currently provides: - Emergency lunches. - Staff access to emergency food supplies. - Breakfast Club feasibility limited by: - Canteen contract. - Volunteer availability. - Food preparation requirements. - Lack of eligibility for external Foodbank funding. - Matter to remain under consideration. Kindergarten Transition - P&C representation at Kindergarten orientation/transition sessions discussed. - Morning tea/welcome initiative for new families to be considered. - President to review upcoming transition dates.	

Next Meeting:	Monday 31 st August
Meeting Closed:	8:10pm