

BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
P & C Meeting
WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY
7.00 pm – 8.15 pm
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Attendance:

Mia Kumar – **Principal**
Katherine Lye – **Deputy Principal**
Julia, Alvarado - **Deputy Principal**
Kara Gabbett – **P&C President**
KT Wlodarczyk – **P&C Vice President**
Marnie M Noor – **P&C Vice President,**
Cat Rodie **P&C Secretary**

Attendees per sign-on register:

Bryony Mika
Isaac kuruvilla
Hayley Wang
Marnie Binte
Mohamed Noor
Danielle Elliott
Susana Guio
Javier Garcia Arias

Meeting Chair: Kara Gabbett

Meeting recorded by: Cat Rodie

Apologies:

Chiara Cenati **P&C Treasure**

Format: In Person

Start: 19.05

1. Welcome and Introductions – Kara

2. Principal's Report - Mia Kumar

Overview of recent school news included:

- New house captains
- Luna New Year celebrations - prefects held lunch for international students
- Natalie Tan is the new prefect coordinator
- Big Siblings activity
- Swimming Carnival took place - great student support
- Y7 settled in well, happy and engaged
- Enrollment numbers:

- Y7 142
- Y8 162
- Y9 201
- Y10 174
- Y11 215
- Y12 194
- Band program commenced for 2024 - 75 students went to band camp
- Duke of Edinburgh - Y11 embarked on Silver training expedition
- Photo Day took place
- Tara Credlin returned from world travels - will talk to students about her experiences
- Olivia Rothwell is the new Head Teacher, Learning & Engagement
- Jessica Mehzer new science teacher
- Kathy Lazos is back from leave
- Tristen Carey is relieving HT English,
- Zahra Plumpsted new English teacher
- Student, Rose Palmer - won Young Citizen Award 2024
- Students voices - students keen to play active role in assemblies
- Kaitryn Matovic - Y12 student investigated ways to increase solar panels in the school
- Theme for 2024 - The Year for Connections

Mia is looking for parents who would like to drive the school bus.

3. **2023 HSC Results Presentation - Julia Alvarado**

Information in the Event newsletter

Overall the results were pretty good.

[See attached slides](#)

4. **President Report - Kara Gabbett**

- Dates for P&C meetings for the year confirmed (see below)
- AGM in March
- Email Kara if you are interested in standing for a position
- Guest speakers - any suggestions or requests - let Kara know
- P&C received a letter in support of Ms Dib

5. **Adoption of minutes from previous general meeting**

1st: Marnee

2nd: KT

6. **Treasurer's Report - Chiara (read by Marnee)**

To summarise;

We sit on \$105,550 with some expenses already planned for the beginning of the year.

We also own money to the school. There are two cheques to be written. One for the dance concert and one for the music concert

Music: \$948.93

Dance \$ 384.44

7. General Business:

Grants - KT

- KT will look for grants to support Kaitryn Matovic's solar panel project
- Mia suggested also looking for grants for new PCs for the Media /photo digital room

8. Actions arising from previous meeting

P&C funded parent webinars

Update from CR:

Cat met with Voulla and Liz from the Wellbeing team.

They are hoping to run a trial of the Sleep Connection program for the new Y7 cohort. We agreed that it would be a good idea to run a parent webinar by the same provider.

The Sleep program is slightly over budget for the wellbeing team, so Cat suggests that the P&C covers the difference - estimated to be \$5 per student.

Motion: P&C to support funding of sleep workshops for the new Y7 cohort to the value of \$5 per student (total of \$700)

Put forward by Kara

Seconded KT

Passed

Motion: P&C to fund a new cello to the value of around \$2,000.

Put forward by Kara

Seconded: Marnee

Passed

Gardening Bee / Working Bee

Action: Kara to follow up with Luke

Pushed to March

Tinting or blinds for windows to help keep school cool.

Action: Mia to contact Blind Perfection.

Pushed to March

9. AOB:

To vote on at the March meeting:

Motion P&C to fund a fan for the hall kitchen

Put forward by Kara

Motion for the P&C to purchase a fridge

Put forward by Kara

Query re air conditioning: Mia explained that there is not enough power to put AC in the whole school, but there is a plan to increase the number of classrooms. Not an easy or quick solution.

Music program suggestions - Kara

- There have been some Issues around the admin for the music program, for example, parents not given much time to complete form and pay for band camp.
- Kara suggests that parents have a bit more input into the music program, for example, could a parent manage the canteen during music concerts.
- Mia supportive of this suggestion.
- Kara will collect more information from parents and organise next steps.
- The calendar for the music program is on the school website.

Mia will be going overseas for 3 weeks - Kathy will be reliving Principal in her absence.

Query - Can we have a Zoom option at P&C meetings so that there is another way for parents to attend.

Kara - Tricky to do because we need an extra person to manage it, but we can try.

TBC: Guest speaker for the May meeting - Olivia Rothwell, new Head Teacher Learning & Engagement to talk to P&C about her role.

Meeting Closed: 8.40

Dates for 2024:

20 March - AGM

15 May

19 June

21 Aug

18 Sep

20 Nov