



# JAMES COOK BOYS TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents and Citizens Meeting

**DATE:** Wednesday 3 May 2023  
**VENUE:** JCBTHS Admin Building  
**MEETING OPEN:** 6.01 pm  
**MEETING CLOSE:** 7.35 pm  
**CHAIR:** Irene Omeros  
**MINUTES:** Peter Omeros and Irene Omeros

**PRESENT:** Mark Marciniak (Principal), Ben Yelavich, Sophie Plibersek, Irene Omeros (President), Peter Omeros (Treasurer), Tracy Everson (Vice President), Iwona Udigwe, Belinda Hocking, Alex Marion

Telephone attendance: Helen Gray (Vice President), Teresa Ryan-Teager, Mary Jordan (Secretary)

**APOLOGIES:** Diane Mouhanna, Kylie Pamikat

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**PREVIOUS MINUTES** accepted by Irene Omeros, seconded by Peter Omeros

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Ben Yelavich and Sophie Plibersek

- Slideshow presentation and discussion on:
  - Draft homework policy
  - Revamp of homework club
  - Google classrooms presentation
  - Raising student academic expectations
- An instructional video for parents on how to use Google classrooms to review homework and assessment tasks will be created and made available on the school website.
- Further parent feedback will be sought following the launch of the new homework information.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- **ANZAC Day**  
This year ANZAC Day fell at the end of the school holidays (Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April). On Tuesday a group of staff, students and parents/carers represented JCBTHS to pay their respects at Ramsgate RSL Club's dawn service. JCBTHS has been attending the service for the last nine years. We had a great turnout from JCBTHS. Three of our students were part of the march brigade representing the local Cadet groups.
- **New STEM building**  
JCBTHS is very excited to announce that the successful tenderer has been awarded the contract to start work on the new STEM building refurbishment. It is expected the work will take approximately seventeen weeks to complete. This means the project should be finished for the beginning of Term 4 2023. Once completed the building will boast a fully equipped food technology kitchen to accommodate twenty-four students, a new theory teaching space,

breakout study rooms an open plan STEM project room with adjoining specialist spaces. The facility will be fitted with contemporary finishes and will be a truly amazing space for students to learn and extend their practical knowledge and skills in STEM and food technology.

Over the holidays a sustainable amount of work was completed which included demolishing the existing internal structures and preparing the area of the services to be installed. This will be followed by the leveling of the surface before the fit out can commence.

- **SRC Induction and Easter Morning Tea**

On Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of April our 2023 SRC were inducted. Part of the process involved the students reciting the SRC pledge and receiving their badges. This has become a customary process over the last nine years. These nominated students will continue to show their support toward the school and the community over the next twelve months and many of those that are elected will become our future school captains and senior leaders. To accompany the induction a morning tea was provided for the students, parents, and special guests.

During the SRC induction ceremony the rest of the school enjoyed the Easter Morning Tea that is annually supported by the school Chaplain and external providers.

- **Extra-Curricular Projects**

- Band Club
- STEM Club
- Chess Club and practice competition with MGHS in weeks 3, 6, 9 after school
- Gym Club twice a week
- Drama Club starting with MGHS

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Absent

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Since our last meeting:

- Funds received in:
  - 2023 Membership fees \$11.00
  - Return & Earn donations totalling \$86.50
  - Bite Size biscuit fundraising \$690.00
- Payments made:
  - Auditor's fees \$429.00
  - Bite Size biscuits \$924.00
- The current bank balance is \$10,489.48

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Nil

**VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORT:** Nil

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Thank you to all our volunteers who assisted with the serving of the BBQ at the Open Evening in February and at the Year 7 Meet the Teacher event in March and assisting with the cookie fundraising. Bite Size biscuit sales at the Year 7 Meet the Teacher event were \$405.
- Return & Earn donations are steadily continuing. We have recently received container refunds from the 2 school bins valued at \$47.60 and in the last 2 months approximately \$40 from the school community.
- The P&C's Return & Earn fundraising campaign ended on 24 April 2023. A new fundraising campaign has been set up and approved by Return & Earn and is up and running for 1 year. Your continued support with your donations of eligible empty drinking containers is valued.

- I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bunnings Rockdale for their kind donations of 2 buddy benches and potting mix for the STEM garden and Fardoulis Chocolates for their generous donation of chocolates which will assist with our Mother's Day stall fundraising.
- Thank you to each of you for your past and ongoing support with our fundraising events which could not happen without the team work.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- Auditor's Tax Invoice for preparation of the 2022 accounts has been paid.
- The P&C Federation records for 2023 have been updated for the changes in committee members and the 2022 Audited Accounts have been lodged with the P&C Federation.
- The ACNC records have been updated to add Helen Gray (second Vice President) as a Responsible Person of the P&C.
- The P&C's Annual Report has been filed with the ACNC.
- ACNC annual reporting requirements have been finalised by the lodgement of the 2022 Annual Information Statement and the filing of the P&C's 2022 Audited Accounts.
- The P&C's bank account has been updated to add Helen Gray (second Vice President) as a signatory.
- The Completion Report for the 2021 Community Building Partnership Grant for the lighting project was lodged on 23 February 2023. An email was received from the Department of Communities & Justice on 21 April 2023 confirming acquittal of the project.
- Bite Size fundraiser has not been very active to date and requires further promotion or options.

**CORRESPONDENCE: Nil****GENERAL / NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday 12 May at recess. Cookies, chocolates and plants will be available for sale. All gifts will be \$5. Volunteers are required.
- Bunnings fundraising BBQ is booked on Saturday 20 May at Rockdale. Further volunteers are required to fill the roster. If anyone can assist for a couple of hours it will be appreciated.
- The proposed joint grant application between JCBTHS and MGHS for the school hall upgrade will be deferred as there is insufficient time for discussions between the two schools.
- A grandstand is the proposed project for a 2023 Community Building Partnership (CBP) grant application by the P&C. Grant applications will open in the near future. The school will obtain quotes for a grandstand and a cement slab. The school and the P&C will need to discuss the proposed grant amount and co-contributions towards any gap.
- Discussed a proposed grant for indigenous artwork around the school and the proposed indigenous garden area to further enhance students' education around NAIDOC.

**NEXT MEETINGS SCHEDULED:**

Wednesday 9 August 2023  
Wednesday 18 October 2023  
Wednesday 22 November 2023