## Richmond River High School P&C Committee 2014

**President:** Tania Harvey (0411 445 442)  
**Treasurer:**  
**Secretary:** Melanie Gates-Manar (0431 452 752)  
**Vice President:** Fiona Lotherington  
**Vice President:** Janet Linsley-Noakes

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<th>Agenda Item</th>
<th>Meeting Opened 6:10pm 13th Oct 2014</th>
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<td>Opening and welcome by the Chair</td>
<td>Tania Harvey, Melanie Gates-Manar, Dave Harvey, Kathy Clayton, Lee Duncan, Fiona Lotherington, Peter Howes, John Baker, Kathy Smith,</td>
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<td>Apologies</td>
<td>Michelle Casson, Janet Linsley-Noakes</td>
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<td>Minutes tabled as read to be true and correct. Moved Tania. Seconded Melanie.</td>
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| Business arising from the minutes of the previous general meeting | **From Sept minutes:** President advised that Meredith Humphries had sadly passed away. Meredith was the previous P&C President and worked extremely hard in her position and for our school.  
Motion to purchase flowers for up to $100  
Bev Riley moved: Seconded by Kate Hunter  
**President:** Decision to be made about who we give flowers too? Tania suggests that the P&C could sponsor student/s who were assisted by teacher’s aids – perhaps a gift certificate for someone on a student support plan. This is going to be put to Meredith’s family, to make sure they would be happy with the decision.  
Moved by: Tania; Seconded by Kathy Smith  
**President:** Monday night P&C meetings voted to continue. Survey Mon 5 –Thurs-4  
Moved Tania; Seconded by Kathy Clayton |
| Correspondence received since the previous general meeting - | Bank Statements – details under Treasurer’s Report...

Inward (as listed) |

Outward (as listed) |

| Business arising from the correspondence | Nil |

| Confirmation of executive committee’s decisions (if any) | To continue collaboration with John Baker and the Rivers College project |

| Treasurer’s report and financial statement, and any business arising from these. | **Bank statements:**
- Commonwealth Bank – Cheque Acct Bearing Interest: $14,604.37
- Commonwealth Bank – Cheque Acct Bearing Interest: $5,657.77
- Commonwealth Bank – Term Deposit Renewal Notice: $51,608.82
- Westpac – Community Solutions Cheque Acct: $32,370.14 |

| Subcommittees’ reports and financial statements and any business arising from these. | Nil |

| Principals Report | **Dave:** In tandem with John and Peter’s reports – no more to add. |

| Motions on notice | Nil |
Rivers College Principal - John Baker:

- Rivers College is made up of 3 High Schools – students can be transferred to other schools to do subjects not available at their own school
- Aim is to increase collaboration between high schools, including primary schools and preschools
- 3.6 Teachers to be appointed to Kadina and shared with Lismore High and RRHS
- Aim to removing competition between schools and instead promote collaboration between public schools to increase student outcomes
- All teachers have been very welcoming of this concept so far
- Students can choose whatever subjects they are interested in – the parent and student chooses, not the school
- Consultation process took 2 years – Building Our Capacity document has been created and will soon be available for the P&C’s feedback
- Agriculture at RRHS will be strongly promoted so not to lose students to Casino College
- Transitions between pre-schools, primary schools need to be worked on – as do out of zone students/families
- Proposed RRHS name renewal: Richmond River High Campus of the River’s College – P&C participants questioned whether the schools will lose their identities? More discussions needed on this.

President: P&C reps required for Merit Selection: Fiona Lotherington volunteered. Thank you Fiona!

Relieving Deputy Principal - Peter Howes:

RRHS 2015-17 School Plan Overview & Progress (See handout)

First draft –

- Designed to maximise student outcomes by
- highlighting importance of being a digital citizen
- re-evaluating high achievers structures
- re-evaluating study skills program
- promoting the importance in Aboriginal Education

Particular attention being placed on the holistic wellbeing of both students and staff – mental health issues being recognised as a problem in need of attention at the school

Everything being looked at is with the intention of aligning the budget, professional learning and staff meetings

Ideally, the final plan will be distributed at Dec 2014 P&C meeting – milestones will be marked in particular ways during this fluid process

Special needs: All teacher’s will be retrained on how to assist students with special needs in early 2015 - executive staff are being retrained starting next week

News Update: RRHS student, Josie Coles, was recently nominated to represent the Commonwealth Youth Parliament in South Africa!

President: Tania - Students who were representing the school recently in a music performance were wearing inappropriate outfits. Are RRHS blazers available?

Peter noted that RRHS doesn’t have a formal policy on what students should wear when representing the school at outside events.

As this matter was raised towards the end of the meeting, Dave suggested that the P&C confront this issue at a later date. To be carried forward to November meeting...
### Motions from the meeting:

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