



**Wellesley Parents' Association (WPA)  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday 15 February 2021  
School Hall, Days Bay at 7.00pm**

Association members attending	Veronica Stevens, Cilla Bennett, Anna Sims, Robert Pritchard, Rosie Torbit, Chloe Bridgeman, Rebecca Clancy, Mel Curry, Greta Ardern, Sarah Jane-Hayes, Samantha Batchelor, Nicola Maud, Ding Wang, Paul Fryer, Emma Worthington, Rebecca Fitzpatrick, Nicole Noldus, William Chandler, Judd Adamson
Apologies	Anna Vrede, Mel Taylor, Phillipa Bossley, Mel Main, Francis Crombie

### **Opening – Welcome/Apologies**

Cilla opened the meeting, thanked everyone for attending and welcomed those new to the WPA. Apologies were conveyed.

### **Previous Minutes review**

The minutes from 9 November 2020 were confirmed as a true and accurate account. Moved by Rebecca Fitzpatrick and seconded by Chloe Bridgeman.

### **Principal's Report**

Acting Principal Veronica Stevens gave a summary of how the year has begun:

- The year has been a challenging start.
- Staff, parents and classmates are supporting Louise Hayes and her two boys who have tragically lost their husband and father in a recent surfing accident. The school is hosting the funeral and the community support is great appreciated.
- Planning preparation for meeting Covid Level 2 requirements and potential learning from home if we go to Level 3 is currently taking place.
- The focus for the staff this year is Pedagogy in Numeracy & Literacy best practice. This sees our teachers as learners and there will be opportunities for parents to learn about the new programme.
- Wellesley is currently advertising for a new Principal. There have been five new appointments made to support Veronica in her role and allow her to focus on her Acting Principal position. These roles have been announced in the latest EDM to families.
- Veronica was asked about a formal farewell for Steve Girvan that was unable to take place at the end of last year. Steve has expressed his

wish not to have a farewell and feels he has already been farewelled on several occasions and felt honoured by the Year 7/8 Production that was written and performed for him.

- The existing playgroup has had recent remedial work to ensure it is safe, however a new playground is required ASAP to provide a solution while the wider property plan and outdoor area is being designed. It is proposed the new playground equipment is purchased with consideration to how it can be used in the bigger long term playground solution. Playground Concepts are quoting a modular system with the view to installing in the April school holidays. Paul Fryer has confirmed he is available to help the property committee with this project. Cilla suggested that Steve could officially open the new playground, Veronica thought this would be very fitting.
- Veronica said thank you to the PA and in particular Cilla for getting the new year underway, and new parents who have joined.

### Treasurer's Report

A summary of the Treasurer's 2020 Report was presented by Robert. Key points include:

- Income for period 1 Nov – 31 Dec 2020 of \$1,691.09
- Term 4 levies and disco ticket money from the on-line ticketing that went through the office still to be paid.
- Expenses for period 1 Nov – 31 Dec 2020 of \$1,638.72 – ARTbourne, Junior Disco, Catering for 'Dillingers' Parent Drinks, Athletics Day, PR and Meeting Expenses, Bank charges and Xero Accounting system.
- Discussion was had about the current total funds in the WPA bank account and whether we would look at gifting some more money to the school this year. Making sure we leave enough money in our funds for running small events. This will be officially discussed at the AGM and communicated to the Board and School.
- For the benefit of new parents on the WPA, Robert asked that any WPA fundraising related income and expenses must go through Robert and not the school. The process for this will be discussed and approved at AGM.

### School/Foundation Upcoming Events

#### Sunday Funday

- The WPA and SLT have set the date for **Sunday 14 March 3-6pm**. Once again, the WPA will organise the set up and running of this event.
- We will follow on from the success of last year and will look at including a waterslide (maybe 2 due to its popularity and queues!), sausage sizzle, cold drinks, outdoor games (possibly Jenga, Chess and Connect 4 like last year), lolly scramble etc.
- A team lead by Mel Main has volunteered to start planning and organising the logistics for this fun event. Robert has prepared a budget. This has been circulated to the committee and is attached.

#### Wellington College (WC) WORLD VISION Run-a-thon

- Will Chandler (Head boy) and Judd Adamson (Deputy Head Boy) both old boys of Wellesley presented to us last night a proposal to run a WC World Vision run-a-thon at Wellesley. This idea was discussed with Brendan at the end of 2020. SLT have already agreed on a date **Tuesday 23 March** and it will include the whole school running laps on the field. Will added that the purpose for this year is to raise awareness and further build the community link between Wellington College and Wellesley, rather than a focus on raising money for World Vision.
- The WPA have been asked to be involved by selling sausages and ice blocks. Money raised from this could be kept as a fundraiser for the WPA or given to WC for World Vision. The latter was discussed and thought was the best option by all. It was also discussed that inviting old boys currently at WC in year 9, 10 and 11 would be a great idea as the current boys would know many of the boys and for them to take part in the run-a-thon would be an awesome way to link the boys together and bring back old boy parents to watch as well.
- Veronica will be in charge of the logistics for the school and Rosie has agreed to help with marketing and promotion. Robert Pritchard has offered to run the sausage sizzle for this day.

#### WPA / Board drinks with Parents at Dillinger's

- The WPA have tentatively set the date for **Thursday 1 April** and Becs will contact Dillingers to organise Parent/Board/PA/Staff drinks for term 1.

#### Cross Country

- The WPA will once again set up the WPA tent and be hosts on site to welcome parents to both the Year 1-6 (16 April) and Year 7-8 (9 April) cross country events. This worked really well last year and was a nice opportunity for the WPA to be present and to show new parents around on the day.

#### Junior Disco

- A date is to be set for term 2.
- Ding Wang did an excellent job planning and executing the Junior disco last year and made a decent profit. She has offered to be in charge again for this event this year. The office will also assist again with marketing and advertising. Thanks Ding!

#### Athletics Day – Sausage Sizzles and Ice Blocks

- The last 2 years the WPA have brought in the initiative of the WPA being present at all 3 Athletics Days and giving each student a free sausage and ice block. We have also promoted house spirit by encouraging students, staff and parents to dress up in their house colours. These events have been very popular and well supported.
- Robert Pritchard has offered to be the lead for the WPA and organise the sausage sizzles/ice blocks for these events. It's a great way to also

get parents that aren't on the WPA to help and be involved. Much appreciated Robert!

### Grandparents Day

- The WPA will again be involved in Grandparents Day providing catering support and logistics on the day working with Rachel, Karen, Debe and the SLT. Emma Worthington has suggested that we could ask Grandparents to all share their favourite recipe and Emma could collate this into a special 'Wellesley Grandparents' recipe book to be sold as a fundraiser. We love this idea!

### Artist in Residence and Art week

- The WPA will continue to be involved as required for this event in 2021. Art Calendar/Gift Card fundraiser to be discussed and looked into as a possibility by Sarah-Jane and Nicole (see note under fundraising).

### **Fundraising**

- Sarah-Jane Hays and Nicole Noldus have offered to run the Art Calendar Fundraiser this year which is fantastic. Phillipa will complete a handover with them and Rosie has offered her support and will provide 'on the ground' knowledge and assistance with Glen.
- It was discussed last year, that this artwork could be incorporated into Art Week and also turned into Wellesley thank you cards with parent permission. We will discuss this again at the next committee meeting.

### **Class Representatives**

- Nicola Maurd is the new Class Rep coordinator for 2021. She has done an excellent job filling the 2021 Class Reps. As of last night, she only had 2 classes still needing Reps. 40 and 5H and one of these posts was filled during the evening thanks to committee member input. Nicola has been very mindful of the new privacy act that came out at the end of 2020 and has been working with Karen to make sure we stick to all guidelines. It is fantastic to have so many skilled people on our committee.

### **Additional Business**

- The 'Back to School for Old Boys' date has been set for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June. It has been suggested that Steve and Murray are on the guestlist.

**Meeting closed: 9.00pm**

**Next meeting – WPA AGM Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, 7pm followed by committee meeting to be run by the new Chair.**