



**Wellesley Parents' Association  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday 19 October 2021  
Zoom meeting at 7.30pm**

Committee Members	Nicola Maud Sarah-Jane Hays Chloe Bridgeman Ding Wang Rebecca Clancy Nicole Noldus Mel Curry Samantha Batchelar Rebecca Fitzpatrick Robert Pritchard
School Representative	Mike Bain
Foundation Representative	Rosie Torbit
Apologies	Melanie Main

### **Opening/Apologies**

Rebecca opened the meeting and gave apologies.

### **Previous Minutes**

Previous minutes reviewed and approved by Nicole, seconded by Nicola and Rosie.

### **(NON) Events**

Residency & Student Art Exhibition- cancelled

Junior disco- cancelled. Tickets will be refunded directly. Ding will drop lollies off to the school to keep for a future event. All decorations etc can be saved for next year.

Athletics day dates confirmed and have come out in comms. These will go ahead with a bbq. Sausages have been sponsored and organised for the senior school athletics. Volunteers will be needed for middle and junior school. Robert will take lead on that, and Chloe and Rebecca F happy to help with BBQ's.

Seniors Thurs 28 October  
Yrs 4-6 tues 2 November  
Juniors Fri 19 November

Dates for next year in schedule but not confirmed by school yet.

Quiz night cancelled and will not be rescheduled for next year.

A ball was suggested for 2022 but has since been removed.

## **Principals Report**

The school roll is up to 270, with new boys enrolling in all year groups. Classes look like they are getting close to 24 students which is the cap. Years 7, 4 and possibly 1 will need an extra class next year. This, combined with some teacher aid staff retiring leaving will mean new staff will be hired for 2022.

Jeremy Field finishes at the end of the year and Head up Sport at HIBS from 2022. Pūmanawa teacher Ruth Olds finished her role at the end of Term 3 to look after family and focus on her doctorate.

Andrew Tait has stepped down as senior syndicate leader, to solely focus on his teaching. Daniel Edmonds has taken over the role

Hopefully next week comms re: Covid Level 2. There will be no changes for the children, no need for kids masks, and parents can still come in to pick up children. Problems arise around groups being limited to 100 people. Eg, the art exhibition has been cancelled but the art will be displayed for the boys to view class by class, before their art comes home.

New mandates from Ministry of Health state that gatherings can only be for critical educational events. Prize givings are classed as non-essential. Obviously this has an impact for the end of the year prizegivings etc. Information for parents will come out soon about how the school will manage these events. They will likely be livestreamed.

Most sports events will continue as they are small and numbers are limited.

Some differences in the way the rules are being adhered to by different associations such as sporting groups are causing confusion. The school is developing comms to cover the schools stance to keep the boys, staff and community safe. Mike acknowledges the disappointment that the boys and parents will feel over not being able to hold many of these events. The school is hoping to adapt events to make them viable, if at all possible.

The speaker/sound system has been ordered but has not yet arrived. Possibly held up in Auckland.

Mike is aiming to increase house spirit next year, more events and points for houses.

There will be additional leadership programmes implemented into the senior school next year to ensure all boys have the support that they need.

## **Treasurer's Report**

No new expenses, aside accounting fee's.

There will be a surplus of approximately \$20,000 after the payment of the sound system. Rosie and Mike will look again at the needs of the school to see where the school feels the money would be best spent, and present to the Parents Association.

A copy of the treasurers report is attached.

## **Other business**

Nicola has recommended an overview of what the school and parents association have managed to achieve this year, rather than focusing on the negatives covid has removed from the year.

We are unsure if playground plaque still to be ordered, it might take a while to be delivered. Mike will check with Karen. Plan to have playground seat installed over school holidays. Sam will liaise with Mike re placements and dates.

Flyers were sent home with the boys for the art calendars this week and orders have started to come in. Sarah-Jane has requested that Karen put out an extra email reminder, and a reminder on facebook to get orders in before they close. Rosie said the samples have arrived and they look to be very good quality. Sarah-Jane said the company is great to work with. The Parents Association thanks Sarah-Jane for all her hard work, it is greatly appreciated!

Chloe mentioned the new Wellesley radio ads. Mike says they have been well received and he's going in to make more soon to advertise the discovery days.

No class rep news. Nicola is happy to help with reps again next year and will ask existing reps if they would like to continue on.

Nicola requests that PA updates go into the school comms semi-regularly, for easy reference for all parents and staff. Nicola also requests the dates for the new parents drinks and the class information evening could be decided and put into comms this year. Rebecca also requests the date for Sunday Funday as these events are early in the term.

Nicola has completed research around the water tank solutions, finding best lifespan, price, cleaning and recyclability. Mike is following up with plumbers for pricing and install etc.

2022 will start with an AGM, and requests if anyone would like to stay on, leave or change roles or if any new parents would like to join.

Rebecca F says a thank you to the Parents Association for all your effort this year, and for effort put into events that were cancelled.

Next meeting pencilled for Week 3 Term 1, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**Meeting closed: 8.30pm.**