



**MINUTES ACCEPTED:** Moved: Steve Sitienei

**Seconded:** Amanda Keswick

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

• **National Youth Science Forum (NYSC) – Fundraising for Year 11 student**

A very talented and articulate year 11 student asked the P&C to consider assisting her with financial support to attend the NYSC. Request attached.

- There is no precedence for the P&C to fund individual students for any particular reason.
  - It would require establishing a policy for possible future applications by individuals.
  - It was discussed that the P&C uses funds to benefit of the whole school, not individuals.
  - The committee discussed the request; some members felt we could offer up to \$500, others were unsure and the majority felt it was not the right use of P&C funds and we will not give any money.
  - Amanda Keswick offered to fundraise by selling chocolates and this was agreed by other members.
- **Fence plan on display.** Will do letter drop to the community for consultations and notify Town of Vic Park.
- **ANZ Home Loan Introducer Program** – P&C agree to promote this program with the opportunity to receive the promotional financial reward.

**Meeting Closed:** 7.50 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Week: 4 Date: 3/11/2015 Time: 6pm

**Attachments:** Principal's Report; NYSC request

**Principal's Report - P&C Meeting held on Tuesday 8 September 2015**

1. **New Initiative** – Andrew Higginbottom from the DoE, recently presented to our leadership team and then the whole teaching staff on Positive Behaviour Support (PBS). This is an operational framework which will support both our 'Student Engagement' and our 'Student Achievement' school priorities at Kent Street. PBS is a decision making framework which guides the staff to choose and implement evidence-based best practices which will improve both student behavioural and academic outcomes. The program not only identifies preferred behaviours which will result in success, it equips staff to overtly teach and encourage those expected behaviours. Attention to essential classroom practice is also a focus of the program – again, evidence-based best practices will be shared. We are committed to this initiative and a sizeable percentage of staff nominated to become involved in a working party – the PBS leadership team. More information is available upon request.
2. **Promoting Kent Street** – I attended the Dowerin Field Days on 26-27 August and Paul Currie attended the Newdegate Field Days (2/3 Sept), both with Como Secondary College and the Rotary Residential College. We found this very worthwhile as an opportunity to promote the school and to advertise our partnership with the Rotary Residential College. Craig Lynch is yet to go to Mingenew (17/18 Sept). We envisage that we will continue to attend the field days in future years.
3. **School Uniform** – The School Board approved a request that the 2016 school leavers be allowed to incorporate a hood into their leavers' jackets on the condition that students act responsibly by not wearing the hood up during class times. This does not mean that we are generally approving a hood as part of the Kent Street uniform. As we move into the warmer weather there will be less need for students to wear undershirts but, if they do, they are to be plain white or navy and have no hood. This amendment will be presented to the board next week.

4. **Student initiative** – The Student Council have coordinated a series of events throughout the year to raise over \$1200 to purchase a defibrillator for Kent Street. Discussions are underway with the Year 12 leavers about whether they would like to contribute to this as their parting gift to the school and Student Services are hosting a ‘crazy hair day’ on the last day of term to support this initiative. Students can pay a gold coin donation to wear crazy hair/hat on the day and there will be an opportunity to have hair coloured with hair chalk for a reasonable fee. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of the defibrillator which just might save a life. It will be housed in Administration once purchased.
5. **Events** – since our last meeting we have held the following events:
  - a. **High Achievers’ dinner at the Bentley Pines Restaurant** – a great night out to acknowledge past and present students who are striving to do their very best and achieving great results. Our keynote speaker, Young WA of the Year, Rhys Williams, provided a most thought provoking speech and was a real inspiration to our young people to pay it forward and give back to the community.
  - b. **Fashion Camp** – week 5
  - c. **Year 9 Lightning Carnival** – 20 August 2015
  - d. **Athletics Carnival** – 28 August 2015 – despite some drizzly weather, the carnival was a great success. Congratulations to the winning house – Gryphon (red) and well done to all of the competitors and supporters who made the day such a success.
  - e. **Variety Show Week** – week 7 – Timelines of History was a terrific theme to best showcase the many talents of our young people. Static displays of art work and international field trips were displayed upon arrival and the quality of the singing, dancing, drama and media was excellent.
6. **Other future events – up to end of week three in term four:**
  - a. Year 6 to 7 parent information night – Wednesday 9 September.
  - b. R U OK Day – Thursday 10 September.
  - c. Netball carnival – Thursday 10 September
  - d. Cert II Outdoor Recreation expedition – week 9
  - e. Chevron Camp – week 9
  - f. Human Biology field trip – 14 September
  - g. Politics & Law field trip – 15 September
  - h. Japanese restaurant field trip – 16 September
  - i. Crazy Hair Day – 25 September.
  - j. Whole school assembly – 25 September – last day of term three.
  - k. **WACE practical exams** – week commencing 28 September (Term break)
  - l. **Year 12 exams** – week commencing 5 October (Term break)
  - m. Interschool athletics – 16 October
  - n. Year 12 last day – 23 October
  - o. Fashion Showcase – 28 October

Kath Ward  
Principal

**From:** Gladella Ulep [mailto:[gladella.ulep@hotmail.com](mailto:gladella.ulep@hotmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 August 2015 11:55 PM  
**To:** WARD Katherine [Kent Street Senior High School]  
**Subject:** NYSF Fundraising

Dear Mrs Ward/The P&C/The Kentian Society,

My name is Mika Gladella Ulep, preferably called Gladella, and I am a Year 11 student who very much likes the science behind the Earth and the Environment. Because of my blossoming passion for this area of science, I applied for a summer program called the National Youth Science Forum that is held annually over at Canberra. A few days

ago, I received a letter from the Australian National University stating that I have been selected to represent Rotary District 9465 at the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in January 2016 at Canberra. The NYSF is basically a big science camp where we will engage in activities such as laboratory visits and playing with their devices through workshops, meet some of Australia's leading science researchers and network with other science and technology focused people. These are all geared towards supporting, strengthening and stretching our basic passion in science for a possible career in the future.

To be selected for the NYSF, I firstly had to be chosen out of the five students that applied from Kent St. We were interviewed by the Rotary of Vic Park and from that, two of us were chosen. Second stage was District Interviews, which was divided in three parts: team building activities, creating a public speech about a given world issue in four minutes and then the last private panel interview with the 9465 Rotary Club. Through these stages, the assessors have not only seen my passion towards science, but also skills including leadership, communication, initiative, critical thinking and problem solving. These skills that they have observed are all useful for future career prospects in science as well as life in general.

Over 1200 students applied across the whole Australia and only 400 were chosen; me being one of them and being the first ever to represent Kent Street. As part of the character building process that the NYSF is for, we are required to fundraise a partial amount of the fee we have to pay. The amount is \$2 950 if I get the it paid in full by the 30th of September, which I'm aiming for, with the full rate is \$3 000 if paid any time after (with it all being due by the 30th of October at the absolute latest). Thus why I ask for any financial support that you may be able to give me.

I've devised a plan for action with the fundraising. So this is how I plan to fundraise my NYSF trip:

- The Vic Park Rotary Club will be helping me fundraise \$1000 through Bunnings Sausage Sizzles and maybe other things that they have not yet discussed with me
- My parents are quite proud and are of course supporting me with this so they will be contributing
- I am a full time student but I also work part time at a fast food restaurant. Normally, I work 8 - 12 hours per week. However, I have spoken to my manager about amping up my hours to possibly 16 per week so that I can put my own savings in towards this. (No worries though! I do not and will not neglect my studies at all because of my part time job!)
- I am a part of the Student Council and I have also asked for their support. They will be helping me sell chocolates (minimum of 16 boxes with 50 chocolates each), which will give me a profit of \$320
- My friends and I are hopefully holding a garage sale very soon. This will be their support for me. But I'm not entirely sure how to go about having one though; if I have to call up my community council or whatnot so that's holding me back

I applied for the NYSF because I'm always one for taking great opportunities that will help me learn more about what I will want to do after high school. Attending the NYSF will also help me learn new skills as well develop old ones. I believe that the NYSF is going to really help me achieve my present goals. Having the support from my school to achieve these goals will be very much appreciated.

Many Thanks,  
Mika Gladella Ulep