Welcome from President – Craig welcomed all to the meeting. Peter welcomed new faces; everybody introduced themselves and stated their children’s names and ages.

Present – Peter Holmes, Neil Bramsen, Brad Tate, Craig Hadfield, Leanne Fowler, Josh Silver, Tracey Dooley, Tracey Grant, Linda Milling, Kimberley Collins, Kelly Murray, Pete Murray, Andrea Garner, Jo Telenta, Alison Cross, Linda Zamuner, Lisa Fahey, Todd Fletcher

Apologies – Merissa Reid


Matters Arising from Previous Minutes –
OOSH- From the second round of surveys sent out there was a sufficient demand for BASC at MOPS. Peter has sent emails to the local asset manager and has heard nothing, so he went above the asset manger and emailed his superior. A reply was returned, but as yet nothing more has been heard.
Library-Blinds have been ordered, approximate cost is $2000-$3000. An order has also been placed for a lounge setting, agreed upon at a previous P&C meeting. Photos of lounge setting passed around for viewing.

Principal’s Report – Peter began his report by discussing the priorities the school is undertaking as a collective whole this year. The Dignity and Respect at Mount Ousley Public School statement shown. It was last updated November 2008.
Peter discussed those who degrade the school, and its staff. He mentioned how we can be of assistance, to interject when and if we hear any “rubbishing” occurring.
Notices have been put out in previous newsletters and preached in meetings, about the necessity to stop this destructive talk.
Children and parents have the right to walk into our school and feel happy and safe.
Peter discussed his latest blog post, which talked about research indicating that if parents are involved in their child’s school and held their child’s education in high esteem, their children’s education benefited.
We all have the right to talk about any issues we have, but there is a right way to go about it. Not in a large group where rubbishing occurs.

MOPS Strategic Direction for 2015 was presented to the meeting.
Strategic Direction 1: Equity and Excellence for all students
# Our purpose is to provide all students with access to high quality schooling that is free from all forms of discrimination and disadvantage.

Strategic Direction 2: 21st Century Teaching and Learning
# Our purpose is to encourage all students to be successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens.

Strategic Direction 3: Leadership and Management
# Our purpose is to provide the structures for effective teaching and learning to occur across the school. To develop as teachers, and to critically evaluate ways in which we do things as a whole.

These directions have come directly from NAPLAN results. Staff development days have been used to discuss results.

MOPS, this year, is continuing a strong focus on science. Design and make/ tinkering has been included, encouraging creative thinkers. Scientists from the university will visit 5/6 classes as mentors to staff and students.

Our Genius hour has evolved, its now Genius time. An enquiry based approach to learning. Students ask the questions and find the answers.

Students are also being encouraged to research and ask questions about their HSIE topics. Classroom discussions will be almost forum like, with group work encouraged to support student’s research.

Peter than opened up the meeting for question time.

Linda Z asked whether we have an arborist visit the school, to check the large amount of trees we have in our playground, after a dreadful incident in another school last year. A. We have been proactive about our trees, arborists have checked them regularly and we are continuing to prune on a routine basis.

Tracey G asked for a playground update. A. Rings had been taken of that day as they had become loose and were posing a safety concern. The order cannot be placed for the new Equipment until a 25% deposit was paid, and we are still awaiting the cheque to be deposited into the schools account. The new equipment accommodates up to 15 plus kids. Its cost includes the dismantling and taking away of the old equipment. As well as restoring the old playground area and laying of new turf.

Craig asked about the make up of ‘composite’ classes. A. Staff prefer to call classes multi age or multi stage. All teachers teach to varying levels of need. There was sufficient numbers this year to form a 9th class. Due to the need for smaller numbers in classes K-2, there was the option to go with 5 classes. It allows for more flexibility, if new kids enroll staff can determine which class is best suited to that individual child.
Kimberley asked if there would be inter-relate classes held this year. A. Yes there will be, classes are held every second year.

Linda Z asked if there was a possibility that Monday’s upcoming assembly be moved until the next week, as the district swimming carnival was being held on the same day. A. There wasn’t the opportunity to change the day of the assembly.

**Uniform Report** – The uniform shop has been very busy, currently we have very low stock levels. An order has been placed, Lisa had spoken to Peter about placing a large order. Peter had given authority as it was absolutely necessary. Opening hours are Friday afternoon, 2.30-3.00, and Monday mornings 9.05-9.20. Old sport shirts have now been reduced, at $10.

**Fundraising Report** – Discussion took place about our upcoming Mother’s Day stall. There are still items available from last years stall, however if we were to sell them this year many mums will find themselves doubling up. Discussion ensued as to how we could make best use of the available items. It was discussed that selling them at the fete would be a good idea, or the stock could be used for the kindy kids.

If we were to re order new stock for this year it would need to be done ASAP.

Suggestions were made that the children make their own gift, with a small price tag attached for purchase of materials.

Conversation also ensued that compositions of families vary greatly, and that there needs to be conscious and considerate effort made to provide gifts for carers etc.

**Canteen Report** – Canteen opening on Friday. A note was sent home regarding its delayed opening. The healthy choices menu is in place, and there was a call out for the need for volunteers.

Helen and Thor had spent the last 2 days cleaning out the canteen.

A big Thank You to Helen and Thor for putting in so much of their time and effort into the canteen. It cannot operate without their hard work and dedication.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Report not completed as yet, to be attached.

Next meeting the AGM, must be a financial member to be able to vote.

**Correspondence** - No correspondence to note.
General Business –

Fete Update – Lots of help still needed. Market stalls interested, still car boot positions available. Rides locked in, armband pre sale to be promoted in this week’s newsletter. Advertising taking place via social media, i98, people of the Illawarra, and community boards in shopping centres.

Each class given a stall, and volunteers required to help man these stalls. Proposition put forth to purchase banners to display at either end of the school. Craig suggested he may be able to obtain a favour and get them made for free. Lighting for the disco was also discussed, Peter had investigated options and quotes were over $800. There was overwhelming majority vote that we would investigate further and keep costs to $300 or less.

Still to hear from Rosman computers, but all was looking very promising.

Peter brought forth a letter detailing the availability of a member from the entertainment book to come forth and discuss at a meeting the benefits of their book as a fund raising opportunity. Discussion ensued that if people wanted to purchases this book they could so themselves without using them as a fund raising opportunity.

Ideas were suggested about how we should use the monies raised after the library was outfitted. Suggestions included continuing with the library, outdoor learning space, Ipads and the possibility of a learning space for the old computer lab room.

No other business.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Next Meeting – Tuesday 10th March