Thank you for your attendance and welcome to new members. I recognise the work and thank Moyra (uniform shop), and Mandy and Jodie (canteen) as front line workers for the P&C during the first three weeks of the school year.

1. **Student and staff news**
   - Student enrolment is 652.
   - We have 108 students in Kindergarten in 2013.
   - Year 1-93, Year 2-109, Year 3-82, Year 4-84, Year 5-86, Year 6-90
   - Class average enrolment Kindergarten – 18, Stage 1 – 26, Stage 2-27, Stage 3 – 30

2. New teachers starting at Byron - Jen McKeon (Stage 3), Barry Spry (Stage 1) and Audrey Zambelli (Reading Recovery)

3. **Building programs**
   a. **Landscapeg school grounds**
      - Employed a garden development officer – Jeff Fleming. His role is to develop gardens throughout the school.
      - This weekend we intend to trim the fig trees and tree damaged in storm in playground for safety reasons.
      - Current developments
        - E block area development with paving, drinking bubblers, an aquafil for drink bottles, seating for Kindergarten.
        - Increase seating for students during lunch and recess
        - Development of Carlyle Street entrance garden and sign
        - Library entrance garden
   b. **B block redevelopment**
      - Project completed.

4. **Communications with parents**
   - Parent meetings during Weeks 2 and 3. Well supported by parents. Follow-up with a survey will be sent to parents who attended meetings.
   - I thank the 285 parents who attended meetings representing 248 families.
   - I thank the teachers who worked additional hours to attend the parent meetings.

5. **Technology innovations**
   - Wireless internet access has been installed throughout the school. We have 15 access points throughout the school.

6. **Recent events in the last month**
   - School development day – Staff were trained in first aid for anaphylaxis by St Johns Ambulance.
   - Kindergarten students participated in BESTSTART Program, 30 January to 4 February. Kindergarten teachers interviewed individual students in their classes and spoke to every new parent.
   - School swimming carnival was held at Mullumbimby Pool

7. **Coming events**
   - Art Show meeting at Suffolk Park Hotel 20 February @6pm
   - Annual school photographs will be taken on 18/19/22 February
   - Presentation of badges to student leaders 22 February
   - District, zone and Region swimming carnivals are planned for 22,26 February and 6 March
   - Work Health and Safety evacuation drill planned for 25 February
   - Clean Up our School 1 March
   - EOI high school placement for Year 7 students opens on 4 March
   - P&C AGM Thursday 14 March

8. **Arts Committee Report**
   - Band and Arts meeting held on 5 February to plan events and programs for 2013. Next meeting Tuesday 5 March with band meeting at 2.30pm and arts meeting at 3.30pm
   - The choir performed at the Carols by the Sea in December.
   - Organisation of band and string programs is nearing completion. We are still looking for a band coordinator.
   - This year we plan to hold the Art Show (Term 3) and Showcase (Term 2). The Arts Extravaganza will be held in 2014. Showcase will be an opportunity for students in choirs, bands and dance groups to perform at school.
   - Band Committee will hold a school disco on 3 April.

9. **Financial Notes**
   - Building Fund balance - $8624.23
   - Library Fund balance - $7427.09
   - The 2013 school fee is set at $60 per student which included admission to the Life Education Program ($8), our annual anti bullying show ($5) and the visiting Alpha Show ($8). This leaves an annual voluntary contribution of $29.
   - Book pack fee is $50 per student. This covers all stationery and text books required in class.

10. **Other business**
    - Future swimming carnivals – Swimming carnivals have several planned outcomes including:
      - Selection of students to participate in the school swimming team to participate in the District carnival
      - Promoting participation and enjoyment in physical activities
      - Providing parents with an opportunity to participate in a school event.
• Australian Curriculum
  o Over the next three years the School will implement the Australian Curriculum.
  o See Parents’ Guide to the new NSW K-10 Syllabuses
• Student welfare programs and initiatives
  o The School will be embracing the Positive Behaviour for Learning Program
  o Jane Anderson will be revisiting the Six Sense Program. This program introduces the concept of understanding and accepting differences in others.
  o Monthly citizenship awards. Ray White Real Estate has extended their 2010 initiative to include monthly recognition of a student in each stage. A representative will present a book voucher at a school assembly plus providing a book for the school library.
• Thank the parents who were advocates for the P&C at the parent meetings. Steve Huntsman, Belinda Fleming, Kathy Heathcote and Birgetta Ravensholl.

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