

HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL

Home and School Meeting

Wednesday 31 July 2019 7:30pm at HVS Staffroom
Minutes

Present: Ian Long, Megan Taylor, Luana Carroll, Karen Parr, Kevin Hales, Dougal Wylie, Kate Metcalf, Johanna Sanders, Michael Restieaux (Quorum 4+1)

Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved by Johanna and Dougal

Action register

Action	Person	Completed?
Talk to Jos about finding a class rep for Ngaio	Luana	A person has been found.
Contact parent reps about who could be the Silent Auction coordinator	Megan	A solution has been found.
Contact SWIS about availability for disco	Johanna	See disco discussion below.

1. Increasing attendance at Home and School meetings

Ian, Kevin and Megan went to the last Board meeting where we talked about communication between Home and School, the Board and the wider school community. It was a positive conversation, the first of more to come.

It was agreed that we would be more aligned in planning at the start of the year. Home and School would look to get speakers in on topics that are of interest and align with events put on by the school; for example offering supper / shared fish and chips after a school run information evening. It was noted that next term the school is looking to get someone in who is an expert in learning and behaviours, so we could link in together on how this is promoted.

Home and School wants to be more than simply a fundraising committee, also a key communicator between the school and community. It was agreed to bring back the principal's report as part of this. It was also noted that the school is interested in hearing back from parents.

It was noted that Bake Sales are a good way to get people involved. These have been successful in the range of baking provided and the kids enjoy running them. It is a way people can feel they are making a contribution, as everything and anything people do is appreciated.

Getting people involved can be difficult. Luana tried hosting coffee mornings with limited attendance. It was felt that we need to tap into class reps more. Luana is going to look to host a meeting with them once a term so they know what is coming up.

2. Board Report

Most of the conversation is reported above. It is possible that ERO could come next term. The teachers appreciated the support they received from the community on their industrial action.

3. HVS Planning

3.1: Quiz: The profit was \$1776.10 which was down almost \$1,000 from last year. Most of this from the smaller number of tables sold. It was a fun event with great MC'ing by Ian. It achieved the objective of bringing people together and having fun.

3.2 Fair: No silent auction coordinator has been found but Karen, Sarah and Jane are going to make a start at approaching businesses. Still need someone to run the auction on the day. If anyone knows of any big ticket items, let Karen know.

All the posters and flyers have been printed by CSG. It was noted that this is now the same day as a Very Welly Christmas but at this time of year there is always something. We won't be able to put boards up until after the Local Body Elections.

Luana has found someone to take over the pizza. Luana will look to connect with new families who could be involved in the food stalls.

3.3 Disco: We couldn't get the dates we wanted at SWIS. It was decided to have it on Friday 20th September at the school hall. We need to make sure we are monitoring where the kids are as previously there has been concerns about the behaviour outside of the hall. Maybe we could kick off with a performance from those doing Dance Splash.

3.4: Bake sales: The last one raised over \$700 again. There were leftovers this time (from having two classes involved) but these went to the working bee that weekend. Next time the leftovers will go to the sausage sizzle at Berhampore Nursery the following day. This is being organised by Mahoe and Kowhai for Friday 13th September.

3.5: Sausage sizzle: We have been offered the opportunity to run the sausage sizzle at the upcoming Berhampore Nursery Open Day. This is a nice partnership to have.

4. Finances

There is \$1700 in the Home & School Donation Budget this year.

5. Any Other Business

It was noted that Ian had received an e-mail about the cost of the school photos. There had been complaints about the quality of the last supplier which is why the supplier has changed.

6. Communications from Meeting:

The next newsletter will include material on the Quiz, Disco and Fair.

7. Next meeting: Tuesday 24th August 7.30pm (after the emergency hub meeting)

Action register

Action	Person
Susan and Ian to get together to move forward on the Board / Home and School conversation.	

Ian Long

Chairperson Houghton Valley Home and School Association