



Lake Cathie

Public School

Parents and Citizens

MEETING DETAILS	
Purpose	P & C Meeting
Date and Time	Tuesday 6 th May 2025 Opened 6.31pm Closed 7.56pm
Location	LCPS Library
Attendance	<p>Jodie Candia, Scott McNamara, Louise Saville, Jacqui Adcock, Sascha Farley, Adam Vumbaca, Mark Adcock, Rebecca Bouldin, Katy Haste, Tracy Long, Karin Haleblan, Brooke Demarkis, Rochelle Hembling, Melissa Ferguson</p> <p>Apologies: Jock Garvin, Susie Storm, Julia James, Sheree O'Brien, Kelly Cowan</p> <p><i>Minutes: Jodie Candia</i></p>
ITEMS	ACTION
Minutes of previous meetings reviewed	<p>Minutes accepted – Scott McNamara</p> <p>Seconded – Adam Vumbaca</p> <p>Meeting opened & acknowledgment of country by Adam Vumbaca</p>
Business arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Uniform – Winter Jumpers Parents have raised concerns that the current school jumper is not warm enough and have requested an alternative for winter. The school is open to exploring other options and has approved the P&C to gather suggestions to present at the next meeting. Uniforms are currently sourced from Mid Coast Uniform Solutions. Mark has volunteered to coordinate this process. Volunteer Recruitment A parent recently contacted the P&C President expressing that they, and others, are interested in volunteering but don't know enough about the P&C or how to get involved. In response, the P&C is aiming to be more transparent and accessible. Sasha will lead communications across all school media to increase awareness. Adam has requested a definition or statement from the principal explaining what the P&C does.

	<p>We also plan to increase our presence at Kindy parent information mornings, and P&C volunteers will host a stand to promote membership and involvement opportunities. Additional ideas include creating new flyers and speaking with other schools to learn best practices, P&C organised playdates for kindy families, flyers and P&C members available to chat at the meet the teacher event. More info on school bites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jodie has volunteered to organise Certificates for businesses in thanks for Donations <p>Names of Businesses:</p> <p>Kenny Littles Lake Cathie Bakery Woolworths Moo & Bean Poly & Pip Rainbow Beach Estate Rebel Sport OOSH Got Ya Back Productions</p>
President's Report	<p>Acknowledgement of Country I'd like to begin by acknowledging the Birpai people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today. I pay my respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.</p> <p>Welcome and Overview Welcome everyone to our first P&C meeting of Term 2. It's been a busy and productive start to the year, and I'd like to thank all our committee members, volunteers, and school staff for the continued support and commitment and a Welcome to Tracy Long who is the relieving principal for Jock, thank you for taking the time to come along tonight.</p> <p>Disco Unfortunately, the Term 1 school disco was cancelled due to Cyclone Alfred. While it was disappointing, we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding. A big thank you to all who had offered to help out. We're pleased to confirm the new date is set for next Wednesday 14th May, and we look forward to seeing everyone there.</p> <p>Mother's Day Stall The first of the two Mother's Day stalls were held today. A big thank you to Lou for organising all the gifts—everyone agreed they were fantastic. A massive thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time today to run the stall and also a pre-thank you to those volunteering for Friday's stall. Your help is what makes these events special and smooth.</p> <p>Ironman Event I want to give a really special mention to Mark. Mark has been liaising with Ironman officials from almost the start of Term 1, and it's in the final week where all the fine-tuning takes place. The amount of behind-the-scenes planning that goes into this event—even for the small but incredibly important part we play—is huge. Thank you also to all the road closure volunteers for giving up your Sunday to help out. We could not have done it without you.</p> <p>Mark and I attended the volunteers thank you dinner at the Panthers last night, which next year would be really great if we can get more volunteers from the school to come along with their kids as they have activities and prizes for the kids and also the adults as well as food and drinks, we have a number of takeaways from the event to help improve the process next year, so we look forward to running our part again. The funds from the event will be handed over at another event once they have done all their calculations, so watch this space.</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Fridays Fresh Fruit Fridays has just kicked off and already it's proving to be a hit with the kids. This is only the second week it's been running, but the feedback so far has been really positive. A huge thank you to Brooke for taking on the responsibility of collecting the weekly fruit box from Kenny Littles and prepping it for the students. Also, a big shout-out to Kenny Littles for their generous support in supplying fresh produce for our students—it's a fantastic initiative and we're excited to see it grow.</p> <p>President Report 06.05.2025</p> <p>Cross Country Cake Stall the Cross Country Cake Stall was a huge success! We had an overwhelming amount of donations—thank you to everyone who baked up a storm to support the event. Your generosity was incredible. A big thank you as well to all our amazing volunteers who were able to assist on the day. These events only run smoothly because of your time and effort, and it's always appreciated.</p>

	<p>Certificates of Appreciation I've raised this a few times now, and I'd really like to see it actioned. I'm looking for someone to take this on and complete the certificates, with the goal of awarding them by our next meeting. These certificates are an important way to recognise the businesses who support our school community. Also, just so it shows in the minutes, can we quickly go around the room now to gather the names of the businesses we'd like to thank? Please ensure they are recorded so we can finalise the list for the certificates.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>A big thank you once again to every volunteer, parent, carer, teacher, and student who has supported the P&C so far this year. Your time and contributions—big or small—make a genuine difference to our school community.</p> <p>Again, I thank each and every one of you. Helping out in the P&C—whether it's attending a meeting, prepping gift bags, running a stall, or volunteering for an hour at an event—every little bit makes a huge difference. It's this kind of support that keeps things running and creates such a positive experience for our kids.</p> <p>We've had a strong start to 2025 and I'm confident that with the same spirit of teamwork and support, we'll continue to build momentum throughout Term 2. Looking ahead, we've got some exciting events coming up, and I look forward to seeing what we can all achieve together.</p>																		
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50 float held on hand for events. • Cross Country Cake stall made \$669.85 • Easter Raffle made \$1,663.43 • Net position since the last meeting is \$2,405.28 • Unspent expense allocations Disco (\$264) and Easter Raffle (\$152.48). <p>Expense Approvals</p> <p>Request for the P&C to approve a total of \$7,900 in expenditure, which broke down in the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father's Day gifts allocation of \$3,000 • Colour Run Powder allocation of \$1000 • P&C Insurance renewals allocation of \$1,600 • Grandparents Day \$2000 • Halloween Disco \$300 <p>Accepted: Adam Vumbaca, Seconded: Louise Saville</p> <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>INCOME & EXPENDITURE 18 March to 5 May 2025</p> <hr/> <table> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>Account No #3857</u></td></tr> <tr> <td>Opening Balance:</td><td>\$8,747.47</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">INCOME;</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cross Country Cake Stall – Cash</td><td>\$535.10</td></tr> <tr> <td>Easter Raffle - Cash</td><td>\$1,810.95</td></tr> <tr> <td>Final Walkathon - Cash</td><td>\$72</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">EXPENSES:</td></tr> <tr> <td>Grace Accounting (Audit)</td><td>-\$363</td></tr> <tr> <td>Closing Balance</td><td>\$10,802.52</td></tr> </table>	<u>Account No #3857</u>		Opening Balance:	\$8,747.47	INCOME;		Cross Country Cake Stall – Cash	\$535.10	Easter Raffle - Cash	\$1,810.95	Final Walkathon - Cash	\$72	EXPENSES:		Grace Accounting (Audit)	-\$363	Closing Balance	\$10,802.52
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Principal's Report	<div> <div>Introduction</div> <div> <p>Hello! My name is Tracy Long, and I have 22 years of my career working in schools in the Taree area. Over the last three years, I have had the pleasure of being part of the community at Kendall and Telegraph Point, and now I have the privilege of working at Lake Cathie until Jock returns.</p> <p>Over the past week I have enjoyed getting to know the students and staff.... I am taking it all in and learning how things work at Lake Cathie.</p> </div> <div>Camp</div> <div> <p>Stage 3 camp to Point Wolstoncroft was a huge success. Throughout the camp, I kept in touch with Mrs. Cowan, and aside from a few sailing mishaps and a couple of late nights they all made it back in one piece. What really made me laugh was seeing the kids return looking completely wiped out, hair disheveled, mix matched clothes while the teachers were buzzing with energy! They couldn't stop talking about how much fun they had and claimed it was one of the best camps ever!</p> </div> <div>Mother's Day Stall</div> <div> <p>I chatted with Adam this morning, and he mentioned that you don't even make a profit from the staff. You do it just to make sure the students have something special to take home to their mums, nans, or other important people in their lives. Thank you for your dedication to making that happen!</p> </div> <div>Free Fruit Fridays</div> <div> <p>Thank you to Brooke for supporting the students of LCPS, by giving up her own time to come in a cut fruit and hand out to the students. It was a big hit on Friday!</p> </div> <div>Reports</div> <div> <p>We're excited to introduce updated school reports to better support our parents and educators! Here are some key points about the new format:</p> <p>The new reports have been designed based on feedback from parents and teachers, ensuring they are easier to read and understand.</p> </div> </div>

	<p>Your child's report will still showcase their progress across all subject areas, however.</p> <p>Teacher comments will be provided in English, mathematics, and a general comment section, following department guidelines.</p> <p>For Kindergarten, they will comment on all KLAs as well as a general comment</p> <p>The achievement scale with clear descriptions to help you understand your child's progress, while still using the familiar A-E grading system.</p>
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ironman, thank you to Mark Adcock for organising the Ironman and his contributions to the day's success. Mark has suggested that next year we will look at breaking down the shifts so they can be shorter or encourage people to go in groups. This may increase volunteer numbers • Picture Plates – Katy Haste has organised this and it is already online for families to place orders. Parents can order easily for multiple students. Orders to be in by 26th July • P&C Mufti Day 4th July, gold coin donation, we will advertise for this closer to the date and money will be collected at the end of the day (last day of term), so it is banked over the holidays • Book Parade & Cake Stall will be held in Term 3, week 3, Wednesday 6th August. Sasha has offered to coordinate cake stall which will be set up for 9.30am that morning. • Disco – Wednesday 14th May – Got Ya Back Productions have kindly donated equipment & time producing a disco program for the kids. Thank you, Brooke Demarkis, for coordinating with Oosh and purchasing & planning for this event. • Trivia Night is still being looked into and will be discussed at future meetings
General Business / Discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Gift Installation – on hold until Jock returns • Wider Chairs for adults at school assemblies – school executive will discuss this at their next meeting. • Decodable Readers Complaint, The P&C has asked why an online version has been purchased rather than physical books. A written complaint has been submitted to the president of the P&C <p>Letter Provided to Adam Vumbaca on 7.5.25 and read at the P&C meeting.</p> <p><i>To Lake Cathie P&C,</i></p> <p><i>I am writing to formally complain about the newly purchased and distributed digital home reader program. I am a parent who attended meetings and was a part of conversations and voting regarding Lake Cathie Public School's proposal to the P&C, to renew the Kindergarten to Year 2 at home (physical book) reader program, with readers that are new and comply with the current curriculum requirements.</i></p> <p><i>What we received home this week, was a laminated card accompanied by a letter from the school advising of the Little Learners digital reading program, to be completed online. I can only speak for our family, but I have liaised with other parents, who are all as disappointed and confused as we are. The school has so far advised that the change was made, without consultation, to move from replacing the physical readers for K-2 books to a digital program available to K to year 6.</i></p> <p><i>As per the department of education, the K to year 2 reading program is in place for children of this age group as they are active learning to read years, of which the readers assist with reading - effective reading. Year 3 to year 10 focuses on how to improve reading comprehension, meaning there is an expected level of reading ability with other stage resources and support available to children in years 3 to 6.</i></p> <p><i>My children are both in K-2 (active learn to read years) and do not have access to a device, nor is it in line with our family values to learn to read from a digital device. It is far from accessible for our children within a public school, and far from acceptable that funds, voted and donated from the Parents and Citizens is not used, as proposed by the school and without consultation of this change.</i></p>

	<p><i>The digital reading program also imposes further device/screen time on our 5 to 8 year old children at home and as a family with a child who requires glasses to read it is not in line with eye health advice from both the NSW Department of Education and the NSW Department of Health.</i></p> <p><i>In summary, I propose that the school review this as a matter of priority and fulfill their responsibility to utilise the funds appropriately to deliver a Kindergarten to year 2 at home (physical book) reader program to replace the existing. By not using P&C funds as proposed and agreed upon and without any change consultation, distrust could rise and have potential to negatively affect future P&C volunteer efforts.</i></p> <p>The school went to an online subscription rather than physical books as they felt it was a great resource for children. This has been working well in yrs 1 & 2, the teachers have also received a suite of online learning material and physical books to use in class. High interest text readers (books) have been also purchased for higher grades of students that still need assistance with reading. Supported learning stage two and stage three also have physical readers.</p> <p>It was also discussed that online is something the children can do at home. The school has used this to in conjunction with readers.</p> <p>The current program came at a cost of \$1100. The complaint will be followed up and the P&C initially has requested that physical books are purchased with the remaining money.</p> <p>The principals report on the 29th of July will outline what has and has not been purchased with money donated in 2024.</p>
Upcoming Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 29th July General Meeting• 21st October General Meeting