

**Albany Primary School
School Council
Minutes 02/11/2015**

	Albany Primary School Staff Room 7pm November 2 2015	Minute.
1.0	Welcome and apologies	
1.1	Opening and welcome	Teresa Daly, Christie Huggins, Darren Kay, Deidre Jones, Stephen Murray, Paul Nielsen, Andrea Noble, Deanne Rolland
1.2	Apologies/absentees	Pippa Hooper, Brian Lee, Georgia Kidman
1.3	Confirmation of agenda	Accepted.
2.0	Minutes of previous meeting	
2.1	Review of previous meeting minutes	Minutes accepted – put by Christie Huggins, seconded by Deanne Rolland.
2.2	Actions arising	Q and A on school website – ongoing. Walk to school – Andrea to check re: another walk. Bullying research – ongoing. Parent register – ongoing. Assisting children with school related issues – discussion around supporting materials to assist students to learn at home. No firm decision reached on what might be useful and who might implement.
3.0	Reports and operational matters	
3.1	Finance Report	3.1 Budget accepted.
3.2	Principal's Report	3.2 Principal's Report accepted.
3.3	Relationships at school	3.3 Deanne Rolland: overt girl/boyfriend interactions at school: students hurt, dumped, the butt of jokes. Better that students feel able to be independent and not need another at this age. Aim for well rounded mutually respectful children. Principal and classroom teacher have responded. Other possible strategies: school chaplain involvement; focus on relevant aspects of health curriculum; input from school nurse. More specifically that boys and girls be addressed separately on relevant issues and appropriate behaviours. Round table discussion could come to no firm conclusion on how to respond to the issue. Item withdrawn from further discussion by Deanne. Deidre to look into positive overt relationships between students.
3.4	Cyber safety	3.4 Deanne Rolland. This issue not as relevant due to truncation of previous item. Nonetheless it was noted that strategies for dealing with cyber bullying are covered by teachers, and addressed by administration. Deidre to suggest a focus on cyber-bullying.

3.5	P and C fundraising	3.5 Paul Nielsen: too much fund raising by P and C? Various points of view. Fundraising positive in that resources can be purchased. Several major items in recent times. Consideration given to negative impact of frequent projects to raise money – in particular financial pressure on families. No clear position from council evolved. Darren, in role as parent, to approach P and C for comment on this matter. Issue also carried over for further discussion at next meeting when Georgia (P&C Representative) and the Principal can be included in discussion.
3.6	Reading focus	3.6 Paul Nielsen: apparent inconsistencies in morning reading and use of library. Various points put. Consistency in these areas seen as desirable. Paul encouraged to raise his concerns with the classroom teacher.
5.0	Other business	
5.1	Website dated	5.1 Either school or relevant departmental website seems to be dated. Understood that Brian may be looking to this matter.
9.0	Next meeting	
		Monday 30/11/2015 @3:30pm
11.0	Meeting close	
		Meeting closed approximately 8:40pm