Mount Lawley Senior High School Languages Parent Support Group

Minutes of Meeting Thursday May 21st 2009

Meeting opened at 7.10pm

Attendance

Craig and Lorraine Heath Susan Smith John Pryor Joe Millimaci Anne Tumak Michael Camilleri Nic Beames Bianca Petale Andrea Ko Sondra Tate

Agenda

Students design a tshirt which incorporates all the languages into one tshirt.

Idea of a tshirt gives you a sense of belonging and identity – this will be stronger if we have one tshirt with all the languages.

Possible themes – community / education / words from all 5 languages.

Nic Beames explained the Red Bubble Tshirt approach, showed our group the website, samples, etc. Tshirts cost \$25.00 and take 3 weeks to arrive.

Sondra expressed a willingness / ability to screen print, with student and parent help if required.

After much discussion it was decided to test the water with a logo competition. Joe to distribute poster publicising the competition.

Anne Tumak – publicity for Parent Support Group – mentioned our Chaplain, Andrew's Coffee Club which occurs every fortnight might be a good way to have parents meet.

We need a mailing list so we can start sending parents information. John Pryor to create and maintain.

Michael Camilleri – we need to create a position of self interest. If this group offers something of value, parents will participate. If we can inform them of what we offer or plan to offer, they may choose to become involved.

John – let's follow the SVAPA model. SVAPA website also has a mailing list.

Minutes kept on website as well.

Joe to work on webpage.

John has 900 email addresses, we can send them an email to keep them informed. Joe to liaise with John to incorporate blog with the P & C website.

Michael – badges to be bought immediately for Languages. We viewed the sample and were suitably impressed.

Bianca discussed our Carrousel incursion.

Nic will Contact Luna Cinema, to promote film festivals and try to involve their enterprise with our school / parent group.

Fundraising screening at Cinema Paradiso a possibility or perhaps the Astor.

Cultural Study Tours – In country excursions discussed.

Important to organise a homestay as 2 weeks is too short, and would be too expensive.

3 star hotels a cheaper option.

We need to start publicising now.

April – shoulder season

Leave last week of Term 1, 2 weeks holidays, and first week of Term 2.

GATE – Bianca, Tuesday period 4 GATE Club.

Bianca as mentor and Joe as LAL and GATE Coordinator (curriculum) to work with Years 8. 9, 10 GATE students, during which we present our expectations of GATE students.

Not a great deal of pressure or prestige put on them at the moment.

Andrea says there is pressure (Year 8 GATE).

Mrs Chong – fantastic with Year 11 boys. Contacts parents regularly.

Next meeting to be held Tuesday 23rd June 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.45pm