

Mount Lawley Senior High School Languages Parent Support Group Meeting

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CHAIR: Bianca Petale

1. Welcome
2. Present

Joe Millimaci, Bianca Petale, Andrea Ko, Sondra Tate, Darren Foster, Suzie Barnes, Irma Lachmund,

3. Apologies

John Pryor

4. Minutes of previous meeting

As read

5. Business arising from previous minutes

Tours – dates should be presented in a 5 year plan, so everyone knows when a tour takes place, so they can adequately prepare financially, etc. These tours require the support of administration, staff and parents. Should be part of the prospectus, a selling point for the school.

6. Correspondence In / out

A. LANGUAGES

1. President's report

- FEEDBACK on Languages Week
 - food stalls

As this happens only once a year it would be great to have the support of staff and encourage student participation.

It would be great to have admin promote Languages Week in the preceding weeks. We need to have the information in the newsletters, encourage parents to contribute cakes, etc.

Food stall made \$791.85 + Anita's food (TBA)

- Film festivals
 - ALC
 - Dante Examinations
 - Alliance Francaise
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- Exchange trips (5 mins)
 - Exchange students (5 mins)

We have an Italian exchange student here (Lorenzo Rossi) who has been here for a month. The LAL Languages needs to know about these students because otherwise, they can feel left out, no one has welcomed him because the LAL had no information about him. Admin needs to contact LAL when they students are admitted. We should even have a buddy system for this purpose. There should be an induction process (pack), given contact numbers, a tour of the school, introduced to Languages staff. Photos of the students could be put in staff room, so all staff get to know who they are.

- Radio session

Went extremely well !!!

- Chinese student (5 mins)

2. Sunday August 23 Luncheon

To be supplied by LPSG:

Fruit platter

Andrea will get these:

Paper plates, forks, spoons, plastic cups and cordial and water (in student services, Suzie will check on coolers, and eskies).

Set up at 11am

Joe will have keys to open up.

Use desks from classes.

Music and dancing.

Bocce

Joe to ask if we can use table tennis and table soccer.

[In future we may have recipes and cooking demonstrations to share cooking secrets and have exchange students cook too].

B. LANGUAGES – GATE

1. President's report

ii. Gate Club day – Exchange Students (10 mins)

Bianca wrote to Bev re this but we haven't heard back as yet. This may need to be organised for next year as part of Languages Week.

iii. LOGO competition – Assembly item this Thurs (10 mins)

2. Website (10 mins)

3. Meeting dates (5 mins)

4. General Business

Irma presented an item regarding the community survey about interest in a German school in Perth. Survey should be replied by 4th September. We will disseminate this information through our MLSHS LPSG (

National push to do something about the monolingual mindset in Australia and how we can change it. Professor Michael Clyne is from University of Melbourne and one of the drivers behind this. Can this group be involved in this movement?

Campaign needs to be developed for this (a` la bilingual families Perth). What can we do to make this work ?

Agenda item for next meeting.

Next meeting date: 13th October

Following meeting 24th November