Welcome:

Present: Marion Bowron, Ashleigh Jordan, Eleanor King, Geoff Berryman, Michelle Turner, Gay Higgins, Megan Vuillermin, Kim Kemper, Bard Gale, Kerri Smith, Stuart Tracy, Joanne Drury & Ray Stefani

Apologies: Pam Seuren, Stacey Bright, Richard Gange

1. Minutes of previous meeting: Moved: Stuart Tracy Seconded: Eleanor King

2. Business Arising – Stuart Tracy was present and September meeting

3. Reports
3.1. President: The last term of 2014 has begun quite smoothly. This is a very busy term as always with the school disco, swimming, concert, graduation dinner etc. It is also a time for planning for 2014. This planning will be guided by the schools strategic plan and the resources of the school. These resources include personnel, infrastructure and funds. I understand that a number of people would like to see a number of innovative projects implemented at Fish Creek & District Primary School and I applaud their enthusiasm and foresight. However, we must work within our budget and prioritise to ensure that we can provide the best education for our students now and into the future. I am sure that we can all work together to achieve our goals as outlined in the strategic plan.

3.2. Principal: See attached

3.3. Finance
3.3.1. Finance sub-committee will be meeting monthly beginning next month and will report to council at each meeting. $10,000 withdrawn from Bendigo Bank fixed term deposit will be transferred back into the official account as soon as this has been set up with Bendigo Bank. Motion: that the Statements of Receipts & Expenditure for Sept 2013 as circulated be accepted and the accounts ratified and approved for payment.
   Moved: Michelle Turner Seconded: Ray Stefani

3.3.2. Michelle and Pam to complete purchase card training on 23rd October.
   Paperwork underway for internet banking with Bendigo Bank

3.4. Parents’ Club - Balance as at 30/09/2013 $8971.40. School disco Friday 18th October. They are also paying for the iPad covers and purchasing a marquee for sports events.

3.5. Buildings and Grounds: Richard Gange organised a group of helpers to cut up some fallen trees in the holidays. Working bee date to be set, Michelle to meet with sub-committee next week to discuss. Rubbish collection has been reduced from 3 services to 2 (Cleanaway commercial service has been cancelled saving the school around $1000 per year), Country Cart (weekly collection at $10 per bin and shire collection has been increased to 2 recycling bins and 2 general waste bins at a cost of $309 extra per year (in addition to rates). Country Cart to be phased out next year as composting, recycling increases and reduction in general waste continues.
3.6. Risk Management & OHS – Any notifications: Michelle spent a day in the holidays with Cathy Gilliam and Irene Gale. Most policies and procedures are now up to date but these will be ongoing projects. New yellow signs out the front of school in 40kms zone from Vic Roads. Shire have requested feedback via a school safety survey, Michelle to work with buildings and grounds sub-committee to submit concerns and data collected from school on the number of vehicles and pedestrians. Local papers and MPs also be contacted regarding the poor condition of the roads (potholes) out the front of the school.

4. General Business
4.1. Follow up from training - Code of Conduct, Standing Orders, Handy Hints, Acronyms
4.2. Volunteers for Policy Sub Committee – Gay Higgins, Marion Bowron and Michelle Turner
4.3. Approval for Visitor Policy – accepted with amendments
4.4. Approval for Volunteer Policy – accepted with amendments
4.5. Pub Raffle – Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} November, any volunteers – Stacey Bright
4.6. Results of Attitudes to School Survey (5/6 student survey) – met targets
4.7. NAPLAN – above state mean and positive growth from Grade 3 – Grade 5 over the 2 years

5. Approvals:
5.1.1. Pre-approval for 3-5 Excursion to Penguin Parade – tentative date Fri Nov 29th
5.1.2. Kanga Cricket Mon 11\textsuperscript{th} Nov
5.1.3. School Concert Thurs 14\textsuperscript{th} Nov
5.1.4. Grade 6 Graduation Dinner Wed 27\textsuperscript{th} Nov
5.1.5. Swimming Program Dec 2 – 13\textsuperscript{th}
5.1.6. Christmas Lunch Tues 17\textsuperscript{th} Dec
5.1.7. Mini Fair Thurs 19\textsuperscript{th} Dec
5.1.8. End of term early dismissal Dec 20\textsuperscript{th} at 1.20pm

Consensus Approved

6. Correspondence
Dealt with. Moved: Meagan Vuillermin Seconded: Eleanor King

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next Meeting: 12\textsuperscript{th} November 2013