

**Mount Lawley Senior High School**  
**Languages Parent Support Group 2012**

Minutes for General Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012

**Meeting:** Commenced at 7.40pm

**Apologies:** Andrea Ko

**Attendance:** Grace Costa, Jodie Bawden, Allison Foster, Cathy Sutherland, Sondra Tate, Karen De Lore, Aida Begicevic, Mirza Begicevic, Irma Lachmund, Jocelyn Edmonds, Lety Ognenis, Sue Faranda, Niall Kilcullen, Luana Kilcullen

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012 moved by Cathy, seconded by Grace and approved.

**Welcome:** With such a large number of new attendees a round table introduction was held. This included some discussion about the aims of the committee and the language programme at Mt Lawley. This time gave an opportunity for Grace and Jodie to introduce themselves to parents and provide some of their insights on languages at Mt Lawley, and an opportunity for parents to provide general feedback.

**Matters arising from the Minutes:**

- Careers Expo Day Stall – in summary the stall raised \$255.75. As future planning we discussed having a better idea of the timing and duration of the expo for 2013 so that we can better plan for the stall.
- Car Rally – Date set for Rally is 16<sup>th</sup> September 2012
- Chinese Cultural Trip – Grace advised that planning is going well for the trip. No issues to be raised.
- Language Week – Week 7 starting 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Grace reported that plans are underway to run Language focus days as follows:
  - Monday – Chinese
  - Tuesday – Italian
  - Wednesday – Indonesian
  - Thursday – French
  - Friday – German

Grace identified that through the classes in the lead up to the week there will be a poster competition on why languages are so important. During language week the school is aiming to have signs in areas such as the

Canteen using the language of the day, along with a general knowledge for that language being run in classes on that day.

Some discussion was held on the benefits of having a lecturer from UWA speak to parents at the end of the next languages meeting. To this end the next meeting has been moved to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, and Irma and Grace are working on the speaker plan.

The language support group will organize food stalls for each of the days as follows:

- Monday – Chinese – Dumplings - Sondra / Karen
  - Tuesday – Italian – Gelati – Andrea / Cathy / Luanna
  - Wednesday – Indonesian – Satay/Rendang?? – ??
  - Thursday – French - Chocolate Eclairs – Sondra / Jocelyn
  - Friday – German – Applecake – Lety / Irma
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- New Committee Members – A general discussion was held in relation to new members. It was identified that the group needs to better identify and communicate our aims. This has commenced through:
    - Sue Faranda will add Languages info to main school publications
    - John Pryor will continue to advertise our minutes/agenda and future events
    - The committee will aim to be more proactive at events such as Gate Testing interviews, and information nights to ensure new parents are aware they have a valuable contribution to make to languages at MLSHS

### **New Business:**

Grace identified that GATE interviews were being held at school on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of August and requested parent attendance to speak with potential new language parents. Sondra Tate agreed to attend.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.00pm

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm. Languages Meeting Room.

Karen De Lore – Secretary

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