Guest Speaker: Jenny Thulbourn spoke about PixiFoto as an option for school photos. Packages were shown, including an attractive Yr 6 pack. Some of the higher packages came with $ vouchers for photos at Pixi studios. The $ amount varied depending on package size. An information package was handed to Donna. Jenny will call back in mid November to see if we will book them in. It was raised by a parent that MSP who did our school photos this year, were unwilling to replace photos without first sending the photos back. There were other points of concern raised also. Jenny said they would replace photos, no requests to send photos back. She also said they use professional photographers. Special offer mentioned for first year if we go ahead with Pixi.

Previous Minutes:

Accepted and agreed.  

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Pavers – when are pavers coming? A few weeks, but well before end of term.  
Feedback on Aussie Farmers Direct – advertise in our next P&C newsletter.  
Krispy Kreme – what’s happening as they have had administrators come in? Donna & Tenille will ring about this.  
Shade Structure – is now up and it looks great! Yellow padding on pole nearest old toilet block still to come. Doc from Sun Shade Australia said they had trouble with getting yellow material. He is giving them a hurry up.  
Sex Education – note was in P&C tray yesterday, from Ms Stokes with contact details for Interrelate. Donna will look into this for next year as it is now too late for this year.  
Pre-school – Laura Sportelli - Pre School Growth program is looking to governments to help with funding. She has met the NSW Education Minister and cannot get support for govt. funding at this stage. $500,000 is possible through the Pre School Growth program. This would probably be – just not enough.

Correspondence:

As listed in correspondence register.  
Most important to note are:

- Western Sydney Region of P&C’s - holding a Regional Conference on 23 March 2011. Their next general meeting is on Thursday 25 November at Rooty Hill HS.  
- From Ms Stokes printout of Interrelate (sex education), with course and contact details.  
- The Portrait Gallery – school photos packages and costs. Donna to look at.

Treasurer’s Report:

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- A cheque to be written for balance of cost for Shade Structure to the school. The cheque received from Rooty Hill RSL was placed in the school trust account and the $30,000 was...
Treasurer's Report cont.

- paid out of this account to Sun Shade Australia. There was extra to pay due to GST and site costs not planned for. We owe the school $1,927.50.
- $8,000 has been transferred out of Everyday Acc. to Special Projects acc.

Please see attached Treasurer’s report for full details.

Moved: M. Pazdzierski    Seconded: S. Prowse

Principal's Report:

- Toilet block to be demolished as soon as new toilet block is ready.
- Shade Structure has been paid out of school trust account. P&C to pay balance of $1,927.50.
- My School Kids folder shown to everyone. An organiser with useful information and room for mementos. A lovely folder to be handed out to Kindergarten 2011.
- Director General’s Award for Sustainable Learning Community – Aquatic Warriors- Colyton Learning Community Showcase. Meeting being held at school 3.30pm Thursday 11 November 2011. Donna & Kerri will attend & help.
- A lovely letter was received from Tanya Davies, Liberal for Mulgoa, Councillor at Penrith Council. She praised the organisation of teachers at the Colyton Showcase nights and the lovely piano playing of Jessica Knox.
- School Evaluation is happening at present. Parent Satisfaction Survey was sent out with newsletter. Another one was handed out at meeting (Creative & Performing Arts). More to be sent home.
- Mr Yates attended the WA Conference for Primary Principal’s Association. Looked at schools out there that were privately run.
- Primary Principal’s Conference in Sydney – 3 days attended by Mr Yates last week.
- My School website – the site is currently being upgraded and will have a lot more information on it about individual schools.
- Demountable – DET wants to take it away. Discussions as to why this should not happen are ongoing. The P&C do not want to see this taken away.
- Mr Yates has extended an invitation to anyone that wants to be involved in the 150th anniversary committee. First meeting is on tomorrow (3 Nov) at 8am.
- Best Start Lighthouse Program – Colyton PS has been a BSLH school for 2 years now. It is going very well. On 22 October Mrs Stacy Hind, Ms Laura Hengl & Mr Yates went into the Best Start Lighthouse Forum at the Masonic Centre in Sydney to be presented with a recognition award.
- Centre for Excellence – Colyton PS has been nominated as a Centre of Excellence. We are one of 20 schools performing well that has a low socio economic status. This is a great compliment to our whole school community – teachers, staff, and parents working together. With this comes the establishment of the HAT program. (Higher Ability Teaching) There will also be links with the University and an extra $50,000 a year for the 2 years.
- Panel Selection Committee – Donna will be the parent representative on this committee. This is to fill the new teacher position for HAT.
- Concern was raised by a parent re late notice of mufti day organised by the school parliament. And asked what the funds were going to be used for.
- District Public Speaking finals were held on 27 October. The school came 2nd overall. Students representing us were –
  Areej Jaffery 3P won 2nd place
  Angeline Barion 4B won 2nd place
  Johan Fernando 5R obtained a participation certificate
  Nicholas Bradbury 6E won 1st place
  Many thanks go to Mrs Parker for her passion towards Public Speaking and for the time and effort she puts in.
Reports:

School Council

Western Sydney Regional P&C Council
Sue Prowse reported: The guest speaker at the last council meeting was Theresa Kovac from the Dept. of Education and Training who works tirelessly in Special Education. It was explained that Special Ed. Schools are brimming full.

Western Sydney Regional P&C Council report cont.

There are special ed. Schools located in Western Sydney that cater for students who have moderate to severe intellectual disabilities. Other disabilities include: autism, physical disabilities, emotional disturbance, hearing & vision impairments. These schools are: Halinda, Mt Druitt; Tallowwood, Kellyville; The Hills, Northmead; and William Rose, Werrington.

Some Multi-categorical students are placed in mainstream schools with a support system.

Theresa also spoke about:
Aspect Schools (Autism Spectrum Disorder) – there are 6 of these schools in NSW: Central Coast; Hunter; South Coast; South East Sydney; and Western Sydney. Ages 4 - 16. Aspect schools cover 70 locations. The following schools in Western Sydney – Richmond, Blacktown, Marayong, Fairfield West, Smithfield, Minto, Springwood, Holsworthy, & Wetherill Park.
There is a proposal for 2 new schools to be placed in between Quakers Hill/Seven Hills area and the Penrith area.

Other topics raised:
Webmail problems;
It was suggested that parents should participate in the Curriculum Forum - the Western Sydney Region P&C have put in a submission to ACARA re: Curriculum K-12;
Regional Awards for Excellence in Teaching - P&C can nominate a community person for excellence in their contribution to their school.

Fundraising:
Christmas Raffle to go ahead. Each grade will be asked to bring in a different item for the raffle.
Christmas Colouring In competition going ahead.
Ice Block day – not going ahead. All agreed.

General Business:
School Assembly – 3 November @ 2pm. The Commonwealth Bank rep Belinda Russell will come out with a Dollarmite friend to talk to the children about banking.
Orientation Day – Wed 17 & Thurs 18 November - 9.15am in the school hall. Then on Thursday 25 November at 2pm the P&C will be serving refreshments to parents while they wait for their children.
Gifts for support and admin staff – agreed to spend up to $10 on each person – Gloria, Marlene, Hayley, Anne, Ainslie, Biliana, Trev and Paul. 8 bottles of wine?

Future Meetings commence at 9.15am in the Residence:

- Tuesday 7 December 2010
- Tuesday 1 February 2011? (students start on Monday 31 January 2011)
- Tuesday 1 March 2011 (also Annual General Meeting)