Welcome and introduction: Darren Mitchell welcomed all parents, the principal, deputy principal and Mr Bryne.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT: Stephen Gray
Betty and Stephen attended the book launch celebrating the achievements of indigenous students, including NHSPA's Year 12 student Baden Hitchcock, who wrote about his passion for the performing arts. A copy will be kept in the library. Stephen thanked the P & C for its financial support in the Tournament of the Minds national championships in Perth. Although the team was not placed, it did extremely well just qualifying for the finals, particularly given the team was comprised of years 7 and 8 students competing against many others who were two years their senior. HSC 2012 achievements so far: One student's textile piece has been accepted into exhibition and another's for the annual Art Express. A number of students were nominated and 10 were accepted for the On Stage showcase early next year. Staff changes for 2013: Betty will be on maternity leave next year. The head of student welfare, Nilaufar Rajwar, will be acting deputy principal and Adrian Shipp will fill the role in student welfare.

SCHOOL SPORTS REPORT: Sam Byrne.
The Year 8-10 recreational sport program has been revised. The aim of the revised program is to maximise the positive health benefits of physical activity by using the allocated time for sport more efficiently and reducing truancy and the cost to parents. Parents have expressed concerns over the expense of the current program, which can cost up to $200 a term, depending on the activity the student selects. Some activities required bus transportation so a minimum number of students were needed to make the activity viable. Time was wasted travelling on buses instead of the chosen activity. Although bowling and ice skating were popular, they were costly and some students appeared to be spending more time in the cafe than in the rink or bowling alley. The Dept of Education's recommended target of 80 to 120 minutes physical activity per week was in some cases not being met.
The current program has also experienced some supervision issues, with teachers experiencing difficulty tracking the whereabouts of some students who were frequently swapping activities.
The revised program will use coaches supplied by the University of Sydney from its teachers training faculty at a cost of no more than $35 per hour.
Schedule: Year 10 Tuesday afternoon, Year 9, Wednesday afternoon and Year 8 Friday afternoon.
Classes will be gender-based to encourage girls' participation and provide a more tailored program to meet students’ needs.
Students will remain in the same class over the three years to ensure no doubling up of a particular sport and class numbers will be limited to 30 students. A teacher will be assigned to each class for the duration of the school year.
The 12 sports on offer will be cricket, AFL, netball, softball, fitness, Fitness First (Newtown) boxercise/bootcamp, touch football, aerobics, European handball, soccer and basketball.
All sports are within walking distance of the school to maximise activity time and reduce costs. The fee will be $80 annually for all students.
Response to issues raised by parents:
The contingency plan for wet weather includes using the gym as much as possible with other students moving into classrooms for theory.
Students competing at a high level in a sport not offered by the school must go through the principal for an exemption to use their year's allocated sport time for their own training.
If a group of students wants to form a team to compete in a sport outside of school hours, they should speak to Sam and he could organise training sessions. The current co-curricular sports with school-supervised training sessions are basketball, futsal, netball and AFL.
Stephen is keen to look at the feasibility of introducing circus skills as a school sport with the aim of establishing an ensemble company. The teacher with the relevant expertise in this area is currently on maternity leave. Aerialise has moved from Marrickville to Canterbury so is no longer viable.
Duke of Edinburgh Award: Any student over 13 years and 9 months can enrol if the school is registered. The award teaches students goal-setting and it is highly valued with employers.
Sam is willing to advise and supervise students from Year 9 onwards.
Notices will be placed in the parent newsletter and the student news with an information night planned for early next year.

Minutes of October’s meeting: Accepted, Mark Rolfe and Donna Huggart

CORRESPONDENCE
CGU certificate of currency and receipt for Federation affiliation, $1063.00.
Letter of thanks from Miranda Rogers (Year 7A).
Notice of 2 public forums by the NSW Teachers Federation.
Martial arts brochures from Marrickville Council.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Darren Mitchell
Studio Theatre Foyer:
In the past two years, annual voluntary contributions have topped $60,000. Some $40,000 of this in both years has been spent on the Studio Theatre foyer refurbishment.
It is proposed to assign more funds to complete the foyer project in 2013, in time for the Term 2 showcase season.
World Earth Festival 2013:
This is a P & C initiative and parents are required to help out on the day, selling
tickets and tokens, door keeping, manning the juice stall and the barbecue.
A new co-ordinator is urgently needed as Donna has requested she stand aside in
2013.
Many thanks to Donna for co-ordinating what has become a very successful event.
Kelly will put a note out on googlegroups requesting volunteers.
Orientation front of house: The dates are for Year 11, Dec 3 and Year 7, Dec 5. Mark
has organised a roster.
P & C renewal:
At the February 2013 meeting, the March AGM will be flagged, where new office
bearers will be elected.

TREASURER’S REPORT
Darren presented the report in Ross's absence. There is $112,282.03 in the St George's
Hall fund which must spent on the performing arts. A further $22,173.05 is in the
CBA account, which can be spent on any school related project.

ENVIRONMENT REPORT
Darren presented the report in John's absence. Many thanks to John for organising a
successful mini working bee in October. The P & C is most grateful to those families
who contributed on the day.

PAVA REPORT
Michael: The sub-committee is waiting on advice from Tim Ailwood on how the P &
C can assist the funding of a staff member to travel overseas to look for suitable
institutions for the drama faculty to forge a relationship similar to those the dance
faculty has fostered in the US. There is a need to locate additional professional
directors for showcase.
Michael is arranging a meeting with the drama director of NIDA to meet with Stephen
and Tim.
David Ferguson will advise the P & C regarding what materials in the Studio Theatre
need upgrading and the cost.
Lisa's idea of a series of Evenings With... to foster links in the performing arts
industry is progressing. She has a talent agent who has agreed to participate, date to
be finalised.

BUILDING REPORT
Darren referred briefly to the improvements made to date in the Studio Theatre foyer.

GENERAL BUSINESS
There was no general business

Meeting closed: 7.10pm.