Meeting opened 7:40 pm, Suzy Velcou (president) in the chair.

**Federal Government Chaplains Funding**

(Continued discussion from last meeting.)
Andrea reports that other public schools in the area are submitting applications for more general “councillor” positions.
A suggestion regarding Meditation was made (prior to the meeting) by Manuela. Another suggestion was made for the “Rock and Water” programme.
Daphne noted that the issue really needs to be driven by the School Council, and the meeting decided to forward for various comments to the Council.

**Lockers**

(Continued discussion from last meeting.)
Eileen reports that the new lockers have arrived, that they have been installed, that numbers are currently being attached, that the School is currently getting quotes for locks, and that the Office staff are now clear on the proposed process.
It is now reasonable to advertise the new lockers.
It is expected that, if there is sufficient demand for the current lockers, that the money generated by them will be used to purchase another set of lockers.

**Bubblers**

(Continued discussion from last meeting.)
A couple of the current faulty bubblers have been fixed. Several more bubblers need more extensive work (resurfacing) and quotes are currently being sought for these.
We were reminded that last month it was reported that the SRC had raised $500 for upgrading the School’s bubblers; and that the P&C had offered to match this with $500 of P&C funds.
Homework

(Continued discussion from last meeting.)

Andrea reported on some research that indicated that homework was less critical up to year 8 (with some negative effects on learning reports), but that strong study habits (including homework) were required by year 10.

Andrea also reported that the diversity on disciplines, of families, of cultures and student abilities made it particularly difficult to set a single school homework policy.

The meeting proposed that the next P&C meeting (on Monday 18 June) have, as its primary agenda item, a discussion about homework. Members are requested to forward appropriate reading to the Secretary, who will broadcast it to the email list to better inform the discussion.

Derbyshire Road

It has been reported that emergency vehicles have difficulty reaching the School due to traffic parked in Derbyshire Road. Leichhardt Council’s Traffic Committee has approved a proposal that declares the School side of Derbyshire Road to be a No Stopping Zone (with the residents largely in favour) and this is expected to be approved by Council at its next meeting.

Lostock

The Easter Working Bee at Lostock was considered a success with some seven families involved (and having fun) with new sofas, re-enforcing the existing bunks and general cleaning.

John reported that he has procured a useful amount of guttering inexpensively and is planning to have this installed. Other roofing work is required and John is getting quotes.

It was proposed that during the July holidays the water-tank be moved from Leichhardt to Lostock; and that the old carport be demolished.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s report was tabled, the points of particular interest were that some $9,000 of P&C funds which had been collected by the School over the past two years (Parent P&C contributions and credit card sales at last year’s trivia night) have now been paid over to the P&C; giving a total current balance of approximately $11,000.

The Treasurer also reported, from the School’s Finance Committee, that the School wishes to buy four new digital (still) cameras for a total of $1,200 and it was proposed that the P&C offer to fund this purchase.

Moved: Eileen, Seconded: Daphne
The current P&C commitments are therefore:

- $1,700 Lostock bunks and mattresses
- $500 Bubblers
- $1,200 Digital Cameras

leaving available funds (after other known expenses) of approximately $7,000 and with further funds likely to be raised by a trivia night during term three.

The meeting noted that we were likely to need to spend further money on Lostock (particularly roofing is currently urgent). Andrea was invited to consider School priorities for which P&C funding might be appropriate.

**Uniform Shop:** The Uniform Shop is about to makes its first repayment to the School to cover the initial acquisition of stock last year.

**Community Forum**

The Community Forum on “Challenges of 7–10 Schooling” is scheduled for Wednesday 30 May. Fliers and other information will distributed shortly.

**Fund-raising Work-group**

The Fund-raising Work-group reported that they had had their first meeting and were looking at a wine-tasting, possibly associated with the trivia night and other functions. A winery near Lostock is interested in supplying wine at a modest price and we are likely to sample possible wines at the next meeting. It was suggested that we label cleanskins: the label “Lostock and Barrel” was proposed and felt appropriate.

**Oval Opening**

The oval is reported to be close to ready to opening, though there are still a couple of outstanding issues:

- An area in the centre has subsided and will need to be built up before the opening.
- The old tramshed next to the oval has, over many years, become the home of a number of feral cats which have been dragging chicken bones onto the oval and defecating on the grass. The cats need to be removed before the oval can be made available to students.
- The new bus bays are still under construction. They are an impediment to the full use of the oval, though completion of the bays is not vital before the opening.

It was proposed that the Oval Opening be scheduled for 2pm on Friday 27 July (week two of term three) and that all parties ensure that necessary issues are resolved by that date.
Principal for the Day

Andrea reported that this week is Public Education Week, and that Angela Catterns will be Principal for the Day on Thursday 17 May.

Meeting closed 9:00pm. Next meeting on 18 June 2007.