Apologies: Andrea Connell, Cathy Watts, Terry Clarke, Pina Leyland

The meeting was opened by Suzie Velkou, President at 7.10 pm

1. Katrina Roser, Head Teacher Student Welfare presented an overview of the teaching of Languages at Leichhardt.

   **Key Points:**
   - The Languages faculty is relatively small with teaching staff split over two sites
   - Languages competes with popular courses such as Commerce & IST, which may appear as more career related than Languages
   - Initial language “tasting” courses in Year 7, a mandatory 100 hour single language in year 8, lead into a more formal year 9 & 10 course.
   - Teaching approaches vary according to class dynamics, and enjoyment is an important element of the Stage 4 classes.
   - The Faculty needs a cash injection of $500 to purchase new text books
   - Parents expressed a desire for the language courses to have higher skilled based outcomes.
   - Some parents believed the low expectations of the language courses taught in primary school were carried on to secondary school.

2. **Overseas Excursion.** Katrina also reported on the overseas trip for students this year. The school is seeking approval for a 15 day excursion to Thailand in the October holidays. On these excursions teachers use their holidays to work with students on a self-funded basis. The excursion will include visits to the Railway, Heritage sites and rural hill “tribes”.

3. **Staff Development Day Term 2.** Stacey reported on the professional learning activities for staff associated with the College review of teaching English/Writing. The day was introduced by Andrea, and included workshops in narrative writing, using Ella data and teaching grammar. The staff was fully engaged for the day. The booklet style resource was commenced but not completed.

4. **Technology for teachers.** The issue of teacher use of the school laptops was raised. Stacey indicated she would review the usage figures.

5. **Finances.** Geoff gave a brief verbal account. Key Points:
   - In 2007, invoices were not sent to parents of students in years 8-10. A follow-up invoice is still needed for year 2008 8-10 parents. Approximately $3000 of P&C fees are in the school’s accounts.
   - Michael Ticher volunteered to join the school’s finance committee.
   - Expenditure has included vouchers for Gotcha, prize day, wines and insurance.
6. **Fundraising projects.** For the June meeting, the schools Finance Committee will present a list of items that need funding. Items mentioned briefly included netting for the oval, Lostock and bubblers.

7. **School Lockers.** Parents who ordered lockers have been debited the $100 fee without notification of their arrival. The P&C has no involvement with the ordering and installation of the lockers. Terry will be requested to follow-up and place a notice in Highlights.

8. **Art Show.** The show is scheduled for 15 & 16 August, with a Friday night opening from 6-9pm, accompanied by the Band, and all day Saturday. Parents will be requested to assist. Anyone can contribute work. There will be a gold coin entry for customers, an entry fee for artists and no charge for student entry. Revenue will mainly come from a commission in the range of 12-15%.

9. **Lostock.** John reported on the school holiday working bee. Ten were present and it was a tad wet. We are seeking someone to donate a lawn mower. Stacey indicated that Highlights will be produced three times per term (5 & 26 June) and notices can still be included.

10. **Water damage.** Janet raised a concern about a ceiling leak that could seriously damage the Band’s instruments. The meeting authorised Suzy & Janet to write to DET & the Minister about solving this problem.

11. **NAPLAN.** It was noted that the National Literacy & Numeracy testing for Years 7 & 9 were occurring in week 3.

**The meeting was closed at 9.10 pm**