



KAPOW MEETING

29th November 2009

Venue; Armadale Primary School.

Time; 1:00pm

Present; Forrestdale P.S., Gooseberry Hill P.S., Armadale P.S. Peter Kenyon (RuMAD) Rick Payne (Weld Square P.S.)

Apologies; Dawson Park P.S., Richard Joyce.

Meeting opened at 1:00pm by convener, Alan Blackburn, who welcomed everyone and outlined the agenda.

Mr Peter Kenyon representing RuMAD talked about RuMAD projects and ran a power point presentation showing some fantastic results. He encouraged all students and staff to get involved in projects that could attract funding. The emphasis should be on things that will make a difference to the environment or peoples' attitudes towards environmental issues. **Visit www.rumad.org.au**

Following that Mrs Colquhoun and the Armadale students talked about Jarrah dieback and we then moved out to the front garden and watched a demonstration of dieback injecting. Students were then able to do their own injecting. We all learnt heaps from the 'hands on' experience.

Returning to the science room we broke into groups for a debrief on the Royal Show exhibition. After 15 minutes the groups presented their thoughts to the meeting. These are some of the issues and suggestions for the future.

- We join up with IGA to be part of the Yellow Brick Road.
- Advertise our presence at the show through other schools and School Matters.
- Have advertising signage out the front of the venue.
- If the Education Dept still has a building we could possibly go it that.
- Have a young kids activity area.
- Have more 'hands on' activities.
- Have a treasure hunt.
- Borrow the stuffed animals from the Kenwick Eco centre.
- Make KAPOW t-shirts to wear at meetings and the show.
- Have a quiz or competition.
- Don't start rosters until 10am as there's no one there before then.
- Have a pond for the solar boats and have demonstrations.
- Make things during the year to sell or have a show bag of give-aways.
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I suggest that each cell discuss these points early in 2010 so that we aren't rushed for time, come September.

We then tucked into a yummy afternoon tea of environmentally themed food and punch.

The meeting closed at 2:30pm.

This was the final meeting of this inaugural KAPOW group. The schools will now break up into smaller, more local, cells. Armadale, Forrestdale and Challis will form the southern cell, Gooseberry Hill, Dawson Park, Edney Road and Maida Vale will form the eastern cell and hopefully Weld Square will be able to form a northern cell.

The FOTE board will need to maintain over-all management of KAPOW and continue to provide funding.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and students who have been involved in KAPOW this year and wish all the retiring year 7's the very best for their start to high school. Don't forget to select your new year 5 rep from your current year 4's so they're ready to start in 2010.

Next Meeting; To be determined by each new cell in the new year.

Yours,

Alan Blackburn
(KAPOW Co-ordinator 2009)