



Minutes to P & F Meeting

Held in the Staff Room at 7pm on Wednesday 1 March 2017

Welcome / Prayer / Reflection

Present: Paula MacKenzie, Taryn York, Helen Barry, Tania Napoli, Danielle Forrest, Sheree Angel, Jo Saunders, Anne Scasserra, Natalie Griffin, Alysia Hickling, Kim Basile, Kym Pennefather, Suann Monaghan, Chloe Fucile, Jodi Elstan, Lisa Abbey, Fiona Bailey, Kirsten Birnie, Emily Fyshe, Meg Bennett

Apologies:

Libby Murray, Katrina Catalano, Claire Treasure, Sally Hutchinson

Minutes of previous Meeting

1st Kim Pennefather 2nd Tanya Napoli

Actions from Previous Minutes:

1. Mother's Day Stall - Libby Murray and Emily Fyshe
Wed 10 May – Confirmed date. 6 Helpers will be required.
2. "No Parking" signs by the nature play/bus stop area - Brigid Bryce
Bollards are to be installed in this area to prevent people parking

Correspondence

Correspondence Out: Nil

Correspondence In: Marketing Material, Letter from PFF WA for update of Office Bearers, info on offered programs this year and invoice.

Reports

Principal Report

- During week 3 and 4 we saw testing taking place in Pre Primary; this is the new online entry testing which looks at our students in Pre-Primary and how they are learning in numeracy and literacy. Reports will be generated over the next few weeks and parents will receive information on their child in line with this testing. At the end of the year we will be retesting our pre-primary to see the growth they have made as well as our year one and two students. It will provide good data on the progress they are making throughout the early years.
- Our Year Six students went to camp this week, and I know it was a very exciting time for them. Camp provides a great opportunity for children to bond with their teachers and each other. It is a wonderful way for our leaders to work in teams and challenge themselves. Camp is a highlight for our students and I am thankful for the sensational staff we have who accompanies our students on their journey. It is full on four days with very little sleep for our conscience staff. Brigid and I travelled up on Tuesday to see our leaders and they were having a wonderful time.
- This week our kindergarten classes have been assessed in the area of speech, again once completed parents will be informed on the results so that they can decide what action to take if needed.
- The church would love some volunteers in the flower roster, if you would like to be involved please contact Pia as she is looking for some lovely ladies to assist on this roster. They will even help you with flower arranging. You can contact Pia on 0427084103 or 97972478
- At school we have the required number of parking bays for a school of our size; in fact we have a number of extra bays because we are able to use the Church grounds.
- We have set up two kiss and drop zones so that traffic moves more easily, however some parents have decided to park in this area which then holds up the traffic. We have spare parking up on Challenger Rise but we have very little parking on Mardo Ave. Perhaps parents may need to reconsider where they pick up children from.
- When people are trying to leave the church parking area we find at times people who are exiting on Mardo Avenue are reluctant to let them merge. This is a shame when we are a Catholic School, a little more tolerance may help.
- We still have the issue of people parking in the church bays on Tuesday to Friday morning from 7.30 – 10.00am. This needs to stop as some of our elderly parishioners are on walkers and crutches and need to be close to the Church. They attend daily Mass and should be able to access this parking. Our parents need to be aware that this parking is labelled clearly and though you only think you will be there for a short time and it won't matter, it does matter.

- The Church has allowed us to park in this area, all the parking from the basketball court outside the kindy is land that belongs to the Church not the school, they only ask for ten bays, I don't think this is a lot to ask. So parents please talk to each other and ensure that the ten bays are vacant for parishioners. I do not wish name and shame parents please just do the right thing. And show kindness and respect for our parishioners and the Church.
- We have presented the Buckets for Jesus Mission work to the Parish and the school. I would just like to thank everyone for joining in with this mission. Its hard to explain in words just how valued your gifts and donations were to the people and children in the Philippines. The joy and happiness on their faces was reward enough. I was blessed to be accompanied by Kristy Keeler and ruby and Mike. We travelled to Cebu and Davos and visited so many different aspects of the mission. Each and every one was so special and we really wanted to thank everyone for participating so well. We hope to continue our work with the mission and once again collect items for the education bags. We may refine it a little and ensure we only put in the bag what is needed as the heat plays havoc with texts and crayons ect. As two school and church we collect 800 bags that then were placed into 1500 bags, so well done.
- We have now entered Lent a time of preparation before Easter. During the next 40 days we have the opportunity to prepare ourselves for Easter and remember what Jesus sacrificed for us. We often think about giving up things, at school we talk about taking up things as it is not always right for children to give up things unless they are giving up fighting with siblings. So we ask children to take up something that will help their families, for example making their bed every morning without being asked, or doing their homework without complaint or laying the table perhaps even not fighting with their siblings. As adults you may even like to look at taking up something for Lent or not. We don't want it to be hard on families but it is a great time to think of others and how we can make a difference in others' lives.
- A reminder that Monday is a Public Holiday and we come back to the swimming carnival on Tuesday. Please remember one piece bathers for students or a tankini or a rashie over bathers. It should be a wonderful day so we look forward to everyone joining us on the day.
- Also the 11th and 12th of March is Reconciliation Enrolment Mass and a reminder that we have a busy Bee on the Sunday 12th of March after Mass. All we ask is one hour of your time to prepare the Church and the Church grounds. We ask that you bring gardening gear or cleaning equipment and help us of one hour only.
- Week 8 will see Harmony week take place in our school. I know that the children love this week we have the market stalls and food tasting and so many other wonderful events. We would love parent help so if you are available please contact Michelle Plajzer at school, Monday to Wednesday. I know she would be most grateful for assistance. Also we will be celebrating our feast Day on 24th March.

Actions

- Church requiring flower arranging volunteers – Class reps to post on year Facebook pages
- Reconciliation Enrolment Mass Busy Bee 12/3 0930 – Year 3 Class Reps to put on Facebook page

Board Report

- There will be an upgrade to the cameras around the school which will include 39 new cameras
- The church is also installing cameras
- The board has purchased 2 new pianos for the school
- Potential areas for development and upgrades were discussed, however will need to the finances to do these
- The Parish is to trial 5.30pm Sunday mass every fortnight
- May 21st will be allocated a family day at the church
- The board thanked Kristy Keller and Paula McKenzie for representing our parish and school with the Buckets for Jesus project

Treasurer Report

Unpresented cheques \$46.50.

Bank balance of \$8238.00 plus Term Deposit of \$5844.77 Total \$14028.77

General Business

Church Car Parking

Still being used by parents. PA announcement required this morning to get vehicles moved.

Action - Class Reps please put on Facebook pages as another reminder to all parents.

Fun Run Update

Remainder of powder needs to be paid for.

Tickets Sales are down – 600 tickets need to be sold to cover costs.

Tickets are on Eventbrite and at the front office for cash sales.

Other schools are not interested to come on board with stalls to assist with interest.

Reminders to given at line up and in the newsletter. Advertising to start soon, but if people can assist with sharing on their personal Facebook pages. Tickets will allow students to gain kms for the centurion run.

Fundraising Idea – Raffle (trip to Bali)

Action - Helen, Tanya, Kim P and Kim B volunteered to coordinate – review April

School App

Any issues with notifications please take your phone/device to Luke – to assist with sorting out.

Luke is available Mon – Fri the morning.

Non Official School Facebook

Page updating - Jodie will take over from Brooke.

Exec Positions

Taryn will be stepping down at the end of the year – calling for interested parties please discuss with Taryn

Nature Play – Moving equipment from Mercy

Action - Tuesday 14/3 7.00pm Meeting to organise – Sheree, Claire and Paula to coordinate
Note to be sent home

Easter Raffle Fundraising

Action - Plan to buy eggs and sell tickets. Danielle Forrest and Tayna Napoli to coordinate
Fundraising for Stage 2 of Nature Play

Class Sizes & T/A's

Discussed for different year levels

Swimming Carnival

When will volunteers be advised – Thursday 2/3

Class Rep for Year 6

Action - Still to be confirmed – Taryn to arrange

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Next Meeting will be held at 7pm Wednesday 29 March 2017

Christianity Friendship Respect