Minutes to P & F Meeting

Held in the staff room at 7pm on Wednesday 29\textsuperscript{th} June, 2016.

Welcome / Prayer / Reflection

Present: Paula MacKenzie, Taryn York, Lisette Tilbrook, Michelle Williams, Katrina Catalano, Susie McAtee, Sarah Tyrell, Sheree Angel, Julie Blythe, Danielle Forrest, Monette Coulson, Katrina Catalano, Libby Murray.

Apologies: Belinda Old, Chloe Fucille, Amara Warner, Kirsten Birnie, Anne Scassera, Tania Napoli, Helen Barry, Laura Mazza Clipperton

Minutes of previous Meeting

1\textsuperscript{st} Paula MacKenzie 2\textsuperscript{nd} Susie McAtee

Actions from Previous Minutes:

Movie Night: Jodi Elston and Mel Mosele were not present so we will carry forward to next meeting. Movies will be advised closer the time.

Cleaning Raffle: Raffle will be drawn in Term 3 during assembly. Date to be advised.

Taryn York phoned the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor to obtain a licence for the raffle. The cost will be $48. Taryn is to receive clarification of which suburbs the cleaners will go to. Cleaning company will get back to her in next few days. Taryn also needs to double check 3\textsuperscript{rd} Prize. P&F all agreed that tickets for the raffle will be $5 each and families will be given 4 tickets to sell.

Correspondence

Correspondence Out: None
Correspondence In: Fathers Day brochure. Libby Murray will speak to Emily Fyshe regarding organising the Fathers Day stall.
Reports
Principal Report
We had our Sacramental Busy Bee on Sunday thank you to our families that joined us, while only a small group they worked brilliantly together, we always ask for our families to join us to prepare for the Sacrament by preparing the Church we will continue to ask our families to join us.

We had our school photos earlier in the term and our children were wonderful and so we look forward to the photo’s returning next term.

This week we see the final two grades compete their swimming lessons, a big thank you to Bree Dudek who organises these lessons and the buses while working around time tables and the many things that happen in a school on a daily basis.

We sent home a letter about the bush play to families last week, and will wait to see if there are any objections. Parents were asked only to respond if they had an issue with their child being involved. We have found a good area and will wait until the bus embayment is completed over the holidays before we begin looking closely at this area. We are hoping that we may be able to use the area throughout the year and just want to ensure that parents realise all care will be taken but that accidents can happen. Also that every child is insured when they are at school, if a child is hurt or injured at any time parents can claim through CCI insurance. If in doubt just contact the school and we will help you.

Not only do we want to see bush play but also nature play. After the holidays I will meet with wonderful parents to look at possible places we could start this new adventure. We have so many wonderful dads’ that may also be able to help us. Perhaps we could form a subcommittee to work on the plan and come up with a costing; we may need to stage the areas.

Our lease for our IT equipment has finished so we look forward to our new computers arriving during the holidays it is important that to keep up with technology. Every three years we lease new equipment and it is important that we keep up to date. Presently the Board is looking at introducing one to one devices next year. We would begin with year four, parents would be able to pay a fee on their booklists, we want to ensure it is affordable for parents and at the end of three years the children would own the device. We are looking at Chromebooks but we will inform you of our journey.

Our year two children enjoyed Mud Day today and went for an excursion down to the river, thank you to our fantastic parents who joined our happy band of children and gave them a day to remember. I know when they returned to school they were muddy but very happy I believe that even the teachers got in on the fun.

Requests
Father Jess will be taking off on the 19th July to attend World Youth Day with Bree and 21 students from the diocese. It is a very exciting time for our Church and students. I would like to request that perhaps we could donate $500 to Father Jess for his travels. Father is a wonderful
asset in our school and I was hoping we as a community to could give him some spending money while he is away.

Presently our year PP to Year 2 have been using reading eggs which is a computer program that allows them to read and complete comprehension activities this term they have introduced reading express for the older children from 3 – 6 we have been trailing the program. We would like to continue with the program as it gives children a choice of levelled reading books online as well as activities to work on that give immediate feedback. The cost to continue the programme is $8,244. Next year we could build this into our budget therefore I would like to request this money so that we can promote both programs for all students in the school.

Board Report – 16 June 2016

Items discussed:

Bus embayment – this will be going ahead in the July school holidays. A new kiss and drop zone will be allocated to the front of the school where the buses are currently parking. (Kiss and drop zones now in Mardo and Challenger streets)

- Parents continue to park on the grassed area at the front of the school and out in the pre-primary area – bollards may need to be put in place to stop this
- Paula discussed the plan to upgrade school computers
- A kidsafe playground audit has been attended
- Upgrading the security cameras
- Maintenance items
  - Plan for annual maintenance of Gutters
  - Plan for annual maintenance of cleaning sumps
  - Plan for annual maintenance of Roofs
  - Dom raised the issue of obtaining a lighting survey for the school grounds

P&F all agreed to help fund security cameras in the Preprimary and Kindy areas. Paula will obtain quotes.

Treasurer Report

Bank balance of $36,645.25. Plus the Term Deposit of $5,711.11. Total $42,356.36.

1st Michelle Williams  2nd Libby Murray

General Business

Basketball Kits - Kelly Catalano obtained quotes for new basketball kits which ranged between $1500 - $2700. Kelly has gone with a kit costing $1900. Kelly has used this company before and advised the kits are great quality. The P&F all agreed on quote. Kelly very kindly advised she will purchase 20 pairs of basketball socks and donate to the school.

Native Play area - Paula would like to set up a committee to help create the native play area. Paula and Taryn have spoken with Monica Jessop about getting student feedback regarding what they would like to see in a native play area. Monica advised that her students have written up ideas to put to the P&F for possible funding. Paula also advised that she is waiting
until the bus embayment is finalised so she can determine where to establish the native play area.

**Rainbow Fun Run** – Chloe Fucille, Anne Scassera and Katrina Catalano are happy to proceed with the fun run next year. Looking at Sunday 26\(^{th}\) March 2017. The theme will be ‘Rainbow Run and Food Truck Fun’ and tickets will be sold through BREC. Chloe has sourced an Australian supplier for powder and this will reduce ticket prices.

**Parent’s Social Night** - Katrina Catalano asked whether P&F thought we would like a parents social night this year. All agreed absolutely. Katrina advised perhaps not a quiz night and that she is looking at other options. Katrina is eager to commence organising and is looking at the following dates - August 27th, September 10\(^{th}\).

**School Uniforms** - Sheree Angel asked if the uniforms are changing, in particular the girls uniform. Paula advised that the uniforms are not changing.

**School Disco** - Julie Blythe asked how much she can spend on disco. All up looking around $2000. Glow sticks $1000. Food and Drink $450. DJ fee and Band Donation $550.

**Requests** - Libby Murray requested cheque to pay for bouquet of flowers for Mrs Conrad who has been making around 250 scented bags every year for our Mothers Day stall. Flowers will be presented this Friday.

Paula MacKenzie advised that Father Jess and Bree Dudek will be going to the World Youth event in Poland on 19\(^{th}\) July. Paula asked if the P&F would like to donate money to Father Jess. All Agreed - $500

**Reading Eggs and Reading Express** – Our Junior students have been participating in the Reading Eggs program. This program has also brought in Reading Express which our senior students have been participating in under a free trial. Paula asked if P&F would fund $8244 to pay for a full Reading Express program. ALL AGREED.

Meeting closed at 8.40 PM

Next Meeting will be held at 7pm Wednesday 20\(^{th}\) July 2016