

St Patrick's Parents & Friends Association



P & F General Meeting

Date: 18.05.2017

1. Welcoming prayer

2. Welcomes and apologies

Karen P, Wendy B, Kellie T, Sonia M, Lionel T, Paul N, Xiaifufu Z, Meera K-I, Amy C, Eugeny K, Anne B, Sean C, Claire D, Bernard C, Mell T, Amy G, Marita M, Susan C, Joan C, Michelle H, Miriam F

Apologies: Marcela F, Debbi M, Sarah M, Vanessa S, Evan S

3. Principals Report:

Term 1 finished well. Lots of learning and many celebrations (eg. Opening Mass, Ash Wednesday). Other events included: Reconciliation, swimming carnival, cross country, welcome BBQ. Also, there was the trial of the open classrooms which seemed successful. No assemblies in Term 1, but awards on a Friday. Term 1 was difficult due to weather challenges.

Term 2 has started well including two staff development days in the first week. Bernard thanked the parents for their flexibility.

Staff spent part of the first day exploring the school's Mission statement. It is close to first draft and this will then be presented to older students for consideration. Second Staff Development Day on writing.

Other events this term:

Anzac Day – including Dave (Vietnam veteran),

Kindy Maths night

Year 6 camp.

Parents course during the day in Term 2. Feedback has been that it was worthwhile. Free of charge (\$10 for manual).

NAPLAN went well. Data is useful for future directions.

Mother's Day liturgy also went well. All families should have received the Walking the Way booklet.

Week 8 – First Holy Communion

Week 10 – learning conversations. Bernard encourages parents to bring their children. This will also be encouraged via the school newsletter. Parents raised the concern about the bell and the noise made it felt rushed. There was discussion about how this might be changed (and if it needs to be changed). Bernard will look into this.

Men in the morning this week – sunny and beautiful morning.

Enrolment currently happening. Currently at about 27, need close to 50.

QKR is currently being fine-tuned and Bernard is currently working with CSO.

The new sign has started working and hopefully the community is finding this beneficial.

Winter uniform will be compulsory after the June long weekend.

Money raised from the fete will be used to upgrade the basketball court. Also, looking to getting air conditioning in the hall (currently looking for quotes and also in discussion with CSO). Also, looking to improve the PA system.

4. Presidents' Report:

Since the last meeting term 1 finished up very well. There hasn't been a lot of time passed since our last meeting so our report will be nice and brief.

Men in the Morning - Thanks to Sean for co-ordinating Tuesday's Men in the Morning.

Mother's day celebrations: we would formally like to thank the wonderful teachers and Bernard for organising such a special event... from the breakfast, to mass and maths activities thank you so much.

Thanks to Debbi and Sacha for all their work with the mothers day stall. We appreciate their time and effort in ordering and wrapping all the gifts. Thank you to all the other parents who helped with the stall.

Fundraising for last term was the Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser and Year 4 lunch order day.

Hot Cross buns - Thanks to Matt Smallwood for organising order forms, to those parents who helped sort orders and to the parents for their support. This fundraiser raises about \$200 for the school.

Lunch order day went really well. Well organised and always well received by the kids. Thank you to all the year 4 class parents for their time and effort in organising this. We had approximately 80% of parents order using Qkr which is a fantastic. We would love to have 100% of orders online. This reduces the workload of those organising these days and less time counting and banking of money. We did notice there was a lot of parents who need to updated their children's class details on the Qkr app.

The only fundraising this term will be a lunch order day on the last day of term. We are asking the year 2 class parents to organise this.

We are looking forward to supporting the Social Committee with their many events planned for the rest of this year. We will let the social committee tell you about what they have planned.

Lunch Orders are going to be offered for parents to purchase their children on a Wednesday and Friday. The menu will include Hot and cold options and ordering will be available via Qkr. We have a few things to sort out prior to implementation but are looking to have it up and running really soon.

5. Treasurers Report:

Bank Account Balances as at 16th March:

- Main Account \$15,045.22
- 3mth Term Deposit \$45,000.00 (3 month term deposit expires 9th August reverting back to the main account)

Payments since last meeting

- Catering \$395
- Term 1 Lunch Order Day \$365
- Deposit for Movie Night Oct 2017 \$825
- Mother's Day Gifts \$1785

Receipts

- Welcome BBQ \$75

- No further receipts waiting on Lunch Orders Day (April), Mother's Day Gifts and Green & Gold Social night. How can the transfers from QKR be expedited? Can the P & F Account be included on QKR ?

6. CSP Rep:

Evan Soady is our new CSP (formerly DPC) sends his apologies – he had to attend a CSP meeting.

Two upcoming events:

* CCSP Master Class. This will be held on Thursday 15 June 2017 (6:30 PM at CSO Pennant Hills). On parent engagement; open to all parents. Further information will be in the newsletter

* 2017 NSW/ACT Parent Conference (September 9 & 10, Manly): more information will also go into the newsletter. If parents are interested in attending, let the P&F know. There may be subsidies available. There are also children's workshops available during the two days.

7. Class Parent Report:

- All going well. Lunch order day is now Year 2 for this term, not year 3.

8. Uniform Shop:

All is running smoothly in the uniform shop. In the process of sorting out the winter uniforms.

There was discussion regarding inconsistency with uniform (eg. A mix of the winter and summer uniform or no ties, tights with summer uniforms etc). Some parents raised concerns that this causes issues at home. Bernard to clarify the expectations in the newsletter.

The question regarding shirts and whether they need to be tucked in for both school and sports uniform. Bernard stated that he tends to be stricter with the school uniform. He will discuss the issues with leadership team and communicate in the newsletter.

9. Canteen:

- Canteen has been running smoothly in Term 2.
- As weather is getting colder in the morning, we are planning to trial “Free Warm Milo” on Friday (recess time) and would like to sell prewrapped banana bread.
- The school is going to offer lunch orders in near future.

10. Welcoming Committee Report:

Nothing to report

11. Social Committee:

44 tickets have been sold for the Green and Gold ball. Last year we were at 85 tickets and we hope that we sell more than this number this year. There has apparently been some interest from Kindergarten parents.

There is a Year 6 assembly tomorrow and there will be a chair drop at assembly.

Trivia night next term, however not much has been planned for this yet.

Movie night in Term 4. \$850 deposit for the screen has been paid, which is 50% of the invoice. Currently looking into partnering up with Events Cinemas manager (Andrew) to sell products and / or raffle tickets on the night.

Other dates coming up in Term 4 include: Melbourne Cup afternoon tea and family picnic.

12. Paddy’s Care Group:

Nothing to report.

13. Other Business:

Uniform for representative sport: It was noticed at the cross country that there were very few children in the gear as there were only 10 (approximately). Many other schools had them and this looked very professional. It was asked if we could purchase more for the representatives for future events. Bernard has agreed to buy some more and will liaise with Mel and Karen.

There was also discussion about swimming caps and purchasing some St Patricks caps for future swimming events.

Open Classroom Dates: request for open classrooms to be on a different day each term as those parents who work on a Monday will get a chance to be involved.

Lunch Orders: Marita circulated a draft menu (still to be approved) including snacks and hot and cold lunches. Most items will be home made and include vegetables.

Meeting Closed 8.50pm