

# **St Patrick's Parents & Friends Association**



## **P & F General Meeting**

**Date:** 20.03.2017

### **1. Welcoming prayer**

### **2. Welcomes and apologies**

Alison H, Gosia K, Evan S, Susan C, Miriam F, Wendy B, Marcela F, Claudette P, Eugeny K, Merra K, Amy G, Anne B, Debbi M, Mell T, Claire D, Helen S, Sonia M, Sunny S, Ruwanie D, Sarah S, Claudia R, Logesh M, Louise J, Bernard C, Mel T, Karen P.

Apologies: Sean C, Veronica L

### **3. Principals Report:**

- Introduction of Louise J. Louise has a great deal of experience. Other new staff include Loretta Rapa, Judith has joined us in the office replacing Cheryl on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Number of liturgies already this year. Students are learning to be more reverent. Father Shaju and Father Shiju have been a valuable addition to the Parish.
- Swimming carnival went well. Bernard thanked those who helped.
- Social events – Welcome BBQ even though it rained, it went well.
- Open classrooms were trailed last week and the new structure with awards on Friday mornings - seemed to go well.
- Enrolment 2018 has started. Bernard encouraged us to spread the word about St Pats.
- New website is up.
- Next term, first week has two pupil free days and also a public holiday (25<sup>th</sup> April).
- Weather has been interesting and challenging – hot weather has been difficult for learning but we have been blessed to have air conditioned learning spaces. Wet weather has also posed a number of challenges.
- QKR App seems to be going well. A few teething problems, but going well so far.
- Bernard has put in for a grant and it was approved for a digital sign. This will be arriving soon.
- Money raised for the fete, looking to improve basketball area and also for a new PA system. Also, air conditioning in the hall, however need to work with CSO regarding the possibility of this happening.

- Finally, Bernard told us about a parenting course (1-2-3 magic) – three Wednesday mornings at the moment. Bernard trying to get evening sessions in Term 3. A flyer was distributed.

#### **4. Presidents' Report:**

- Thank you to Louise and Bernard for the NAPLAN presentation. Very informative.
- Tea and Tissues: thank you to the welcoming committee. Very well attended.
- Welcome BBQ – storms kept a few away but those who were involved in the scavenger hunt really enjoyed it.
- Teacher meet and greet – thank you to the school for providing the coffee van. An opportunity for all families old and new to chat. Well attended.
- Less fundraising this year. Will be nice to have a quieter year in this area.
- Some social events coming up (eg family BBQ, green and gold ball).
- Men in the morning had to be postponed. New date has been set – 29<sup>th</sup> March
- Fete raised \$42,000: discussions are occurring regarding how to spend this money.

#### **5. Treasurers Report:**

- Bank Account Balances as at 14<sup>th</sup> March \$65,417.14
- 6<sup>th</sup> March the 3 month term deposit expired, \$55k reverting back to the main account
- Interest Earned from the Term Deposit \$271.23
- Can any of the excess funds be re-invested?

#### **2016 Financial Reports**

- 2016 Financial Reports were completed and handed over to the Auditor
- 2016 Profit for the Year \$51,371.61, of which the fete contributed \$42,250
- The Auditor Mark Hurden, has agreed to continue the relationship with St Patricks P & F
- 2015 Financial reports audited and returned.

#### **6. Class Parent Report:**

Class parent network appears to be functioning well and all years are covered by at least 2 class parents.

Had good supply of volunteers for Open Day morning tea.

Class Masses kick off this month with Year 2, and Year 4 will be doing lunch order & mufti day at the end of term.

Easter Egg hunt is planned for Thursday 6/4 after school at Mills Park (weather permitting!!!).

Feedback so far from Open Classrooms and afternoon tea with coffee van was very positive.

We need a method of collecting contact details for new parents in years above Kinder where class parents may not be as visible in playground.

## **7. Uniform Shop:**

All is running smoothly in the uniform shop.

We would like to formally add Sarah S to the team for the rest of this year. Thanks to Sarah for stepping up.

Online sales through Flexischools were 60% of all sales last year, though this term so far is closer to 40%. Parents are reminded that only cash and cheques are accepted in the shop.

Last year was an outstanding year for second hand sales - we raised \$1600, which we donated again to Hornsby Women's Shelter. Thanks to all the parents that support this, both by donating and buying second hand items.

Most of the winter stock has been ordered. Winter uniforms are now available. Starter packs will be available to order very soon. 2017 data Term 1 to 14 March 2017 Sales – Shop: \$3,448 Sales – Online: \$2,483 Bank (available): \$10,151 Expenditure: \$10,363 (stock payments on extended credit from last year).

## **8. Canteen:**

We have finally paid a visit to Asquith Public canteen at the beginning of this term. The canteen manager at Asquith is happy to prepare and supply our lunch order on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Last ordering by 9am on the day. There is no minimum order quantity. Next step is to look into how to operate an ordering system of which doesn't involve much money handling.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, Year 3 to 6 had swimming carnival at Hornsby pool. Whereas the kindy to year 2 were staying at school and had lots of water fun activities. We prepared and gave away frozen berries, mango and coconut fruit cups for each of the students at lunch time. It was a good try to introduce frozen fruits to our little ones.

In the near future, canteen may be adopting a new labelling system – the Health Rating star. The rating system rolled out in food industry 2 yrs ago and is going to replace the current canteen traffic light system eventually.

Meanwhile, we have updated our menu with labels of Gluten Free, Green and Amber products (see new menu attached). To educate the children amber items are ok occasionally and encourage them to consume green items. We have been researching preservatives and colourings and their reactions. Accordingly, we have taken some items off the menu. This term we have added corn chip and crisp bread to the menu. Slinky apples service remains popular.

We started with 58 volunteers this year and it is going very well. Roster is working well.

9. **Welcoming Committee Report:** read out by Mel T. see report attached.

10. **Social Committee:**

Most has been covered in Presidents Report.

2<sup>nd</sup> June Hornsby RSL.

Family BBQ still on, weather permitting.

Liaising with the parish for a movie night (Term 4).

Also looking into trivia night (Term 3).

11. **Paddy's Care Group:**

Nothing to report.

Amy gave an outline of the role of Paddy's Care Group: a group which helps families who need extra help (eg. illness, death, other reasons). We help in any way we can, including prayer. If you know of a family in need, speak to the organisers (Amy G or Sarah M) or Bernard. Also, if you would like to go on a roster, let them know.

12. **DPC Rep:**

There is still a need for this position to be filled within the P&F.

Amy G gave a rundown of what is involved: involves going to one meeting a term with other reps in the north shore cluster. Look at different P&F's and how they are running to get new ideas. You also look at the role of the diocese and some of the services they offer (eg. Parent seminars and speakers). Rep then reports back to the P&F. Gives a parent perspective to what is going on in the diocese.

13. **Fundraising:**

Less focus on fundraising this year and more on parent engagement and social events. Some coming up include:

- **Hot Cross Buns** – Matt Smallwood who works at Bakers Delight has provided us with Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser in time for Easter again. Order forms have been sent home.
- **Mufti days** – three to four planned for this year. May include a gold coin donation.
- **Lunch Order Days** – starting up soon.

14. **Other Business:**

**Wet weather plans:** Question asked regarding the possibility of having other activities (other than a movie) in classrooms during wet weather. Discussion was had regarding how the school and different teachers are dealing with the current wet weather.

**Mufti Days / Events in March:** Bernard recognises that there have been quite a few events in March (St Pats Day, Harmony Day, Crazy Hair Day coming up, Frankfurt Friday). He recognised that this may cause undue pressure for parents and students. He emphasised that there is never an expectation for students to wear mufti (sports uniform is fine) or bring a donation.

**Possibility for Parent Involvement:** Discussion regarding the possibility of having parents coming in and doing activities with the students during lunchtime (this did occur a few years back). Bernard mentioned that if parents were interested, they could approach him. He also went through the list of those activities that are offered during lunchtime including Lets Do Lunch, park play, chess to name a few.

**Meeting Closed 8.30pm**

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

### **WELCOMING COMMITTEE REPORT - 2017**

We have had a great start to the year! Please find an update on the following events that we have organised thus far.

#### **A. Tears and Tissues**

Held: Monday, 2nd February 2017 – after drop off in the morning of Kindy children. Vanessa and Tatiana arrived early at school to prepare the food and cut up the fruit. A few mums assisted with serving on the morning in the hall.

##### **Cost:-**

<b>Items</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Freshcorp Fruitmarket- Banana Bread	\$8.00
Champagne 3 Bottles	\$18.60
Woolworths – Various types of fruit (Grapes, watermelon and Blueberries), Sugar, Orange Juice, Choc Chip Banana Bread & plastic Champagne Glasses	\$43.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70.22</b>

#### **B. Welcome BBQ**

Held: Friday, 17th February 2017 from 5-8pm

The weather caused the Welcome BBQ to be held in the hall and the jumping castle was placed under the big awning on the playground.

Overall it was a great evening that ran smoothly, despite the rain. Feedback was good and the families that attended, mentioned that they enjoyed themselves and especially the kids as the jumping castle was very popular.

No of RSVP's:- 81 families

We had enough helpers to help set up and serve and a few Dads that BBQ'd.

We hired 2 drink coolers from McDonalds for a \$50 holding deposit. This came with free ice. One was used for water and the other for Cordial.

We also sold off cans of drinks at the canteen at \$2 for a can of soft drink and \$1 for water.

**Following is a summary of what we ordered and approximate costing:**

Item	Ordered Through	Cost
Jumping Castle	Bubbling Energy Entertainment	\$495
Sausages	400 Sausages were pre-ordered from Butcher outside Coles, Hornsby. (Sausages were ordered one week in advance)	\$309.96
Ice & Drink Coolers	McDonalds (booked 2 weeks in advance)	Free
Ice Blocks	Coles – 10 boxes @ \$2.80 per box	\$28
Onions (Already sliced)	Mt Colah Fruit World – 5 kg x 2	\$10
Bread	Bakers Delight – Matt Smallwood – 20 loaves were ordered	\$20
Cordial and Multipurpose cleaner, sponges, tongs, knives, tea towels <b>(these items to be used at future events and stored in P&amp;F Shed)</b>	Coles	\$43.95
Foam cups, plastic cups and napkins <b>(these items to be used at future events and stored in P&amp;F Shed)</b>	Northside Paper & Packaging	\$101.70

**Total RSVP's = 81 Families (180 kids including siblings)**

Requested Amount of Sausages 310

Amount ordered 400 sausages

Left over amount of food = approximately 6 sausages, 0 loaves of bread, 3 small bags of onions

Looking forward to a good year ahead.

Many Thanks

**Tatiana F and Vanessa S**



## Welcome to a new exciting year at the school Canteen!!!!

Thank you to all who have volunteered for this year 2017, without your support the canteen could not function.

If you are an active volunteer and you are not receiving emails from the canteen this year, please contact us. If you want to be part of the group, you can do it anytime during the year, please fill the volunteer form from the office.

For term 1 2017, The Canteen will still be open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at lunchtime selling all the products from the menu. Also, we will offer a free service of slinky apple every Friday during recess time and selling only fruits and fresh yoghurt. So, wash your apple at home and bring it to the canteen on Friday!!! This is possible with the support of parents!! Thanks again!

We have snacks and exciting items!

Please have a look at our new menu, as there are a number of new products; Items range from 10¢ to \$1.50. Our new menu has new information for you and your children:

1. Food categorized as GREEN (has a green dot in the menu) are actively encourage to be the first election.
2. Food categorized as AMBER (has an amber dot in the menu) must be choose in small portions.
3. Products labelled "Gluten Free" will have this sign



Please feel free to email us at [stpatrickscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickscanteen@gmail.com) if you have any questions, suggestions or if you want to be part of the parents who volunteer. Thank you! Claudia R and Amy C (2017 Canteen Coordinators)

# ST PATRICK'S ASQUITH CANTEEN MENU



10¢

Crispbread



1 Stick  
10 ¢

3 Sticks  
20 ¢

Bread Sticks



20¢

Frozen Juicy Cup



20¢

Frozen Wedges  
Orange



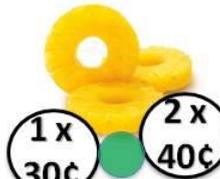
20¢

Fruity Cup  
Berries



30¢

Fruity Cup  
Mango



1 x  
30¢

2 x  
40¢

Frozen  
Pineapple



30¢

Jelly Cup  
With fruit



40¢

Quelch Sticks  
Tropical, Orange  
& Mango



50¢

Mini Choc  
Chip Cookies



60¢

Pretzels



60¢

GF

Corn Chips Round



80¢

Juice Popper



80¢

Yoghurt. Vanilla  
Blueberry, mango



80¢

Moosie Chocolate



80¢

Strawberry



\$1.20

Milk Chocolate



\$1.50

Straw & Vanilla  
Raspberry  
Mango & coconut  
Watermelon  
Chocolate & Vanilla



80¢

GF

Sweet & Salty



80¢

GF

Lightly Salted



\$1.00

Honey Soy Chips



\$1.00

Sea salt chips



\$1.00

GF

BBQ and Oregano  
Snaps

Term 1 2017