

St Patrick's Parents & Friends Association



P & F General Meeting

Date: 6th March 2018

Attendees and apologies

Sean C, Wendy B, Sonia M, Erica M, Marcela F, Debbi M, Janine T, Mell T, Karen P, Mark B, Kellie T, Pia S, Rima M, Mark S, Meera K-I, Sarah S, Sascha T, Karen P, Kylie H, Bernard C

Apologies: Evan S, Sarah M

New Pastoral Care System Presentation – Bernard Cumming, Kylie Huggins, Karen Pezzuto

B. Cumming explained the new pastoral care system and distributed the new learning behaviours (which also appeared in the recent newsletter). He also explained the stamp system and minor changes made to the reward system for Year 5 and 6 students.

Each term, there is a different focus. To date this term, the focus has been:

- Right place at the right time
- Take pride in appearance
- Learn and let others learn
- Wear a hat outside

K. Pezzuto then explained the consequences for behaviour that does not meet these expectations (safe learners, responsible learners, respectful learners). This included consequences such as time out in their own classroom or in their buddy classroom and use of reflection sheets.

Suggestions from parents that the school clarifies with the children what the consequences are and why they exist (some of the consequences may be seen as soft options in the eyes of the students). Additionally, a question around students who have been wronged – knowing that there has been a consequence.

How parents can support: In some year groups there is a home link within homework (eg. Stage 2). There will also be a link supplied in the newsletter.

P&F MEETING

1. Welcome and prayer

2. Principal's and President's Report:

- The year has started well. We have three new staff members and two staff members who have returned.
- B. Cumming thanks parents for bringing children to the MIA. The data will now be used to inform teaching.
- The year has started off with lots of events – parent sharing interviews (Yrs 1 – 6), Ash Wednesday, swimming carnival, cluster carnival (today) and welcome BBQ.
- Bernard thanks the parents who volunteered for the swimming carnival.
- School improvement plan: three domains – making scripture more meaningful for students, improving writing, new pastoral care system. K. Huggins will work with teachers to model what good writing looks like.

- Catholic Schools Week is this week.
- Staff Development Days coming up (tagged onto long weekends) – 3rd April and 12th June.
- Fete coming up. Bernard called for volunteers to help run the committee. Without a committee, the fete cannot run.
- Grandparents Day is 5th July.
- 60th Anniversary coming up (17th March). Outdoor mass. Paul Fletcher, Matt Kean, a local councillor will also be coming to join. There will be a Mass at 5pm, a BBQ after the Mass, open classrooms, display of memorabilia in the hall. Mercy sisters have been invited and a few who taught here will be coming. Priests, principals and other significant people to the school community have also been invited. The Bishop will be leading the Mass. There will be 500 chairs set up. If it rains, the Mass will be in the church. Question about if we can share an invite more widely (eg. social media).
- Question regarding travel to the cluster swimming carnival (students were asked to make their own way this year) and suggestion to go by train in future. Bernard will look into this in future.

3. Welcoming Committee Report:

- See report attached.
- Suggestion to let Kindergarten parents know beforehand about tea and tissues. Bernard took on this suggestion and will implement for next year.

5. Class Parent's Report: see report attached

6. Social Committee Report: see report attached

7. Canteen Report:

- see report attached

- The canteen needs more volunteers for Wednesdays as there have been issues on two separate occasions. Very important that parents who cannot make their shift let Meg know asap so that she can arrange a replacement.

8. Uniform Shop:

- see report attached

- The new blazer was presented to parents. This will be for formal events that school leaders attend (eg. Anzac Day Service).

- Students at the swimming carnival today all wore the same swimming cap. Report from a parent that they looked great. Bernard allowed the students to hold onto them as a momentum. New bibs have also been ordered for students representing the school at athletic events such as cross country.

9. Paddy's Care Group:

- Amy Gill provided a rundown about the role of Paddy's care group (eg. prepare a meal, provide childcare for a family in need). End of last year, there was a family need and a number of volunteers offered to make meals.

- There will be a link to sign up as a volunteer coming in the next newsletter.

- The parish has also started up a Vinnies Van. David Massa is helping to run this. Call out for volunteers to help with Vinnies Van (separate to The Dish).

9. Volunteers:

- Sign up is working well. Some of the events need more. Some year groups are yet to receive the email so it is expected that most events will get the number of volunteers needed once the link is sent to all parents.
- Suggestion to put the link onto the school website and also in a letter from Bernard.
- For Opening BBQ, we need volunteers to help set up the chairs from 10am.

10. Fete:

- We need a fete committee to help coordinate the fete. Committee meeting will be on 21st March. Concern raised that this a clash with first reconciliation and suggested changing the date of this first committee meeting. Bernard and the executive committee to discuss an alternative date and advertise this to the parent community.
- Sean asked parents to consider people in the school community they knew that would have the skill set needed to coordinate the event.
- Always a great community building event which also helps to raise funds for the needs within the school

11. CSP Representative Report (on behalf of E. Soady)

- Sean spoke about recent developments regarding school funding

General Business:

Hygiene in toilets: Request to have soap and handtowels in the bathrooms. Possible solution to install hand dryers to avoid issues associated with paper handtowels. Alternative suggestion to provide dispensable hand sanitisers. The school will be looking into options.

Harmony Day: Will be a mufti day (preferably something orange but not compulsory). Ice blocks also being organised

Easter Hat Parade: Consideration to have it this on the Wednesday after Easter as having it the week before clashes with the church's principles of Holy Week. When the school comes back from Easter, there will be more celebration to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Meeting Closed 8.24pm

Next meeting 31st May

ATTACHMENTS:

WELCOMING COMMITTEE REPORT - Term 1

We have had a great start to the year and provide an update on the following events that the Welcome Committee has facilitated:

Tea and Tissues

Held: Thursday 1st February 2018

Well attended. A few mums to assisted with serving on the morning.

COST:

Fruit - Fruit, Banana Bread - \$43

Champagne 2 Bottles - \$14

Coles – Tissues & Champagne Glasses - \$16.80

Approximate Total Expenses Incurred = \$73.80

For Consideration: *To ensure all new kindy parents are aware we have a Tears & Tissue morning send a special invite out either via email or perhaps with the letter the Kindy's receive indicating their buddy.*

Welcome BBQ

Held: Friday 16th February 2018

Overall it was a great evening that ran smoothly. Great weather and good fun had by all who attended.

Volunteer numbers were a bit lighter than previous years it worked out well on the night with a few parents pitching in on the night.

Below is a summary of what we ordered and approximate costing;

	Ordered Through	Cost
Jumping Castle	Bubbling with Energy	\$505
Sausages	Butcher - Sutcliffe Meats	\$383.52
Ice		
Ice Blocks	Coles – 8 pkts (200) @ \$2.80	\$22.40
Drinks	Coke,Spirite,Sunkist, Poppers	\$156.20
Onions	Hornsby Fruit World – 2 kg x 2	\$20
Bread	Coles 30 loaves	\$30
Misc Exp	Sauce,Napkins,Trays & Containers	\$20.35
Total Expenses Incurred		\$1,137.47

Total RSVP's = Approx ?? Families (156 kids)

Requested Amount of Sausages = 300

Amount ordered (&cooked) = 450

Income from drinks sold = \$252

There are a few cans of drinks left over in the fridge.

Left over amount of food = approximately 100 sausages, 4 loaves of bread.

Looking forward to a good year ahead.

Many Thanks Tatiana & Kellie

Class Parent's Report

We've had 2 induction days for Year Parents Wed 28/2 in the AM with Karen Pezzuto & Fri 2/3 in the PM with Bernard Cummings. Both attended by Pia as I and both well attended. A brief "job description" was given out and year lists were also handed out to Year Parents (just names no emails so we aren't crossing any privacy lines). Also did a walk through with Year masses at church. Pia and I would like to thank the Year Parents again for volunteering and taking the time to come to the induction days. Also sent out was the email re: sign up zone for volunteering

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT TERM 1

P&F COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2018

Members

- Wendy Brown
- Marita Melissari

Aim of the social committee

The Social committee is responsible for organising and promoting social events for the whole school community. We

aim to hold fun events that both parents and children can participate in and which strengthens the St Patrick's school community spirit.

Our main goals are to have fun and increase the number of families/parents that come along to and are involved (volunteer) in our social events.

Events Planned so far:

- St Patricks 60th Anniversary
 - Saturday 17th March
 - Celebrations to begin around 7pm in the school grounds following the 5pm Mass. Food and drinks will be available, final details need to be agreed.

- St Patricks Green & Gold Social Evening.
 - To be held on Saturday 5th May.
 - Hornsby RSL
 - More information will be available soon

- Trivia Night Fundraiser
 - To be held 3rd August
 - Need to decide venue - number dependant

- Melbourne Cup
 - To be held on 6th November 2018
 - School Hall

Canteen P & F meeting report - 6 March 2018

We lost a few volunteers this year but have also gained some new ones so we have roughly the same amount of volunteers as last year.

The Canteen had an impromptu inspection last week from Council. The following was noted:

- The Door Seals in both the fridges and freezers needed to be cleaned regularly;
- The surfaces of the doors of the fridges and cupboards appeared to have food on them and needed to be wiped down after each lunch service;
- There was dust on top of the fridges and freezers and on the shutter doors;
- The inside of the drawers and cupboard need to be wiped down regularly; and
- The juicy cups cannot be left open in the freezer and need to be covered.

An email to all volunteers was sent on Sunday night advising them of the above and that after lunch service not just the counter tops need to be wiped down

but also the seals around the fridge and the doors of the fridges and cupboards.

I will also be calling for volunteers at the end of term to assist with giving the Canteen a thorough scrub down.

I have ordered lids for the juicy cups so going forward juicy cups will be covered in the freezer.

Royston Kids have been advised that they also need to wipe down their cupboards and surfaces after food service.

We have had a couple of no shows in the last few weeks (both on Wednesdays) which is when we have least amount of volunteers. The first time the remaining volunteer soldiered on alone and the other instance we closed the canteen as the remaining volunteer was new and had never done canteen before.

I now send reminder emails to the volunteers the day before reminding them they are on the roster for the next day and also remind them that if they can't make it to email all volunteers to see if anyone can swap.

I have had a couple of volunteers approach me and advise that they only want to do once a term on the roster but can step in in an emergency to volunteer if need be.

The Canteen has been quite busy with the warm weather and stock is currently replenished every fortnight.

We have Harmony Day coming up in a few weeks and I've arranged for 300 orange iceblocks to be ordered for the kids, these will be stored in our freezer.

On occasion we still have items that are left in the Canteen, a lot of it still appears to be P&F equipment but much less than what we have dealt with in the past.

It has been brought to my attention that some children are trying to hand in colour photocopied notes – it's quite obvious to the Volunteers that they're not legal tender but we do need to be aware this is happening.

There are also some children coming to the canteen with photocopied canteen vouchers so I have contacted the Volunteers to ensure that they are only accepting vouchers that have been signed and dated on the back.

Thanks, Meg

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P & F – Uniform Shop

Committee: Deb Miller, Claire Dalton, Helen Swain, Mell Telford

Report for the General Meeting – 06 March 2018

The term has started well. We ran a second hand uniform sale at the Welcome BBQ and donated the proceeds of \$460 to Project Compassion.

The blazers for the Year 6 Leadership team have arrived. These will be held by the school and used for events such as the Anzac Day service.

The swimming caps have also arrived and were issued to the representative team at today's Cluster Carnival.

