

P&F Meeting - Term 2

Date: Tuesday 9th May 2017

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer, Leanne Nettleton,
2. Apologies: Amanda Egan, Michael Napoli, Robert Taggart, Jeannette Barone

Attendees: Nick Gooley, Leanne Nettleton, Steve Lavis, Mark Lean-Fore, Jeffrey Younis, Therese Younis, Amanda Baker, Laurence Pratt, Peter Visser, Melissa Younan, Paula Yacoub, Belisa Papandrea, Karen Lee, Naffa Arraf, Michelle Towner, Ann Hishion, Bec Joukhadar, Karen D'Souza, Dale Coghlan, Nancey Abouhamad, Dianna Zaiter, Sonia Kassis, Denny Allan, Antonina Scotti,

3. Passing of Previous minutes – Moved by Therese Younis. 2nd by Naffa Arraf.
4. **Correspondence in/out** – General Fun Fair correspondence, otherwise nil

5. Reports

President Report – Nick Gooley

Fun Fair focused, very appreciative of everyone contributing their time and for making contact with sponsors and potential donors. On track for a successful 2017 Fun Fair

P&F with Mrs. Nettleton's support will arrange a welcoming for Father Fernando – date TBC

Principals Report – Mrs. Nettleton

- Dance Fever - lessons and event has been run, a key event for St Bernadette's despite several schools no longer participating.
- School photos - parent feedback was generally positive, some class photos were a little untidy (uniform and eyes), the school alternates yearly between summer and winter uniform for photos. Nancey & Paula to meet with Dawn and Leanne to discuss further concerns about photos.
- Open Day for Catholic School's Week - focus was on learning as part of the day and many parents shared their own childhood school experiences.
- Harmony Day – Good student participation and many in cultural attire, lots of students willing to share their family stories
- Captivate at St Madeleine's - This involved choir children from Years 2-6
- Sporting Schools Program – Financial grant received meaning programs can be deployed at no cost to families. Participation is usually first in best dressed unless children have participated in previous programs.
- Vegetable Garden – Glenhaven Rotary attending the school x 3 weekly to assist with maintenance
- Staff Development – Currently working through 6 modules on numeracy learning
- Announcement of Parish Priest, Father Fernando, his start date is TBA
- A recent passing of a student's father has demonstrated the school's community support for its own and says a lot about the school's support network

Mr. Visser

- There was a disappointing turn-out for a parent workshop on Year 1 reports the previous evening (Mon 8th May). Mr. Visser and Mrs. Nettleton are open to changing the way future parent workshops are run within the school.
- One idea is that the P&F meeting be used as a forum for future parent workshops. In advance of the P&F meeting a topic would be pre-published and parents could have the opportunity to raise a question/query which could then be discussed at the meeting. There would be a Q&A opportunity but a preference would be for as many questions to be raised prior, to ensure adequate time is allocated.
- Another idea is to run parent demo nights such as on a specific KLA, Robotics, Science or even coding
- Mrs. Nettleton and Mr. Visser reiterated that they are both approachable and happy to arrange to meet with parents to address concerns rather than have possible issues remain unaddressed. Alternatively, parents can approach a P&F member to have a matter brought to the committee's attention.

Treasurer's report - The P&F funds are currently in a strong position. We currently have \$48,000 in the bank.

Uniform Shop – Winter uniform dispatched, summer uniform to be ordered in June in preparation for orientation. A question was raised to reduce congestion at the shop at the start of a new season. Can hours be extended or an additional operating day at the start of seasons – Jeff and Nick to review

P&F to advise further info on the Uniform Shop, such as opening hours and how to order without turning up.

Another question, can an alternative winter top (*rugby jumper style*) be provided? P&F Executive to discuss with Leanne & Peter.

Hospitality – Preparation for Mother's Day, plenty of dads have volunteered, hoping the changes made this year has increased accessibility for working parents, mass time could not be moved, additional costs incurred to include kids this year.

Maintenance – Date for Working Bee TBA, but will be before Fun Fair, joint work with the Parish.

Parent Representative Council – No update.

Grade Parent Coordinator – Grade lists available at Uniform Shop for new parents.

Book Club – Term 1 collection has been spent. Issued again before end of term 2, start of term 3 and end of term 4.

School Banking – 30 new children, tokens have been removed, contact school banking coordinator for count of existing tokens if needed. Currently seeking donations of money boxes for Fun Fair.

Social Media – Current focus on Fun Fair, contact Lawrence via P&F Facebook for alternative promotions or for parent group reminders, add P&F email address to newsletter footer.

A question was asked about the development of a St Bernadette's app or new communications tool. A separate discussion needed on this.

Mothers & Father's Day Stalls – A bit more than usual left over, income down this year, remaining goods can be used for Fun Fair, Father's Day, etc...

6. Items for discussion

New business

Student awards – can parents be notified before the fortnightly ceremony? Mrs. Nettleton advised that the teachers can do this and have been doing so but some may be missed.

Next meeting

Date/Time TBC

Meeting closed @ 8:42pm