

P&F Meeting - Term 3

Date: Tuesday 12th September 2017

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer, Leanne Nettleton,
2. Apologies: Amanda Egan, Paula Yacoub, Michelle Towner, Antonina Scotti

Attendees: Nick Gooley, Leanne Nettleton, Steve Lavis, Mark Lean-Fore, Amanda Baker, Michael Napoli, Nancey Abouhamad, Belisa Papandrea, Rob Taggart, Julie Hawkes, Therese Younis, Jeanette Barone, Davina Pratt, Karen Lee, Ann Hishion, Karen D'Souza, Naffa Arraf, Andrew Sakkal, Lisa Oliver, Denny Allan, Diana Zaiter, Jade Cooper

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

5. Reports

President Report – Nick Gooley.

Fun fair focused, with only 1 month to go. The event is on track financially.

I very much appreciated the opportunity to be involved in the interview process for the new Assistant Principal. It was noted that all panel members agreed on the final selection.

Principals Report – Mrs. Nettleton

- Busy Term 3 – Risky Business and Travel Expo, Geography & History activities in Grades 4/5/6.
- NAPLAN Online Testing – Minimal IT issues noticed so far. A huge shift in performance expected > shift from writing to typing and the need for screen navigation. At this point an implementation in 2019 is expected, expect any 'failures' or system issues to have been corrected before a 2019 implementation at the school.
- Year 5 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) currently, school is ordering at least another 60 Chrome Books. Some will go into years 2 & 3 to get early exposure.
- School support Fun Fair
- Education piece on Project Based Learning (PBL)
 - 2017 Term 3 in stage 2, Year 3 Geography focus
 - Year 3 classes ran their own 'Travel Expo', based on the syllabus
 - Mrs. Nettleton explained the difference between a Project & PBL. Project is aimed at learning and presenting whereas PBL focuses on learning and doing along the way. Children were split into small groups with each child in the group expected to contribute equally.
 - Year 5 & 6 students have been using Google classroom to communicate with each other, their Teachers and Mrs. Nettleton

Treasurer's report – Report pending. Nick asked any of the P&F members with pending reimbursements to speak to him so this can be arranged straight away.

Uniform shop –

- Summer uniform is now available. Appointments for 2018 Kindergarten will be available soon

- School hat, the neck chord is being removed from the supplier. The new hats will have elastic band within the hat to help fitting. New hats will slowly become available as existing stocks run down
- There have been offers of extra help in busy time

Hospitality

- Grandparents Day, 28th July 2017 - After liturgy a morning tea was organised for the Grandparents. We thank our school community for their generous contributions of food for the occasion. Thanks also to all the parents who helped on the day. We cannot have a successful event like this without your help.
- Working Bee, 26th August 2017 - A late morning tea was provided and we planned on ordering pizza for lunch. The morning tea was well received and we did not need to provide lunch as the team of very efficient workers got all the jobs completed in record time. Thank you to all who helped with tidying up on the day.
- Fathers Day, 1st September 2017 – We hope all our Dads had a wonderful day. Thank you to the two dads, Nick & Jeff, and all the other helpers who helped us setup on top court and helped on the day. This year in addition to the sausage sizzle and juice, we added fruit and flavored milk to the menu. It was well received by the dads and children.

Unfortunately, on this occasion we ran out of sausages. As a consequence, a few comments were passed against our team with regards to the undersupply of sausages. We would like to take this opportunity to present the facts.

Our team communicates through 'Bernie's Food Truck' on WhatsApp and makes collective decisions. We decided to order 500 sausages on the basis on 361 RSVP's.

We would like to thank all the families that took the trouble to RSVP and ask those who did not to please do so in the future. It is very difficult to cater if we do not get accurate numbers. Please RSVP by the requested date and not on the day of the event.

Shortly after the event, I was at choir practice and having a spare moment while the instrumentalists were busy at work, I took the opportunity to look at the crucifix and ask, 'why do we do this lord?', strangely, the piece we were working on at the time was, 'We are many parts, we are all one body and the gifts we have we are given to share'. As parents, we all come from various backgrounds with different talents to share and unite as on St Bernadette's' community because of a common goal, our children. We, as your hospitality committee are here to coordinate events that enhance that unity within our community. If anyone in the community would like to make a valuable contribution, please feel free to approach us.

In conclusion, as the proverb goes, 'It takes a village to raise a child'. Our children learn how to interact by observing us parents their role models. Let us continue to strive to uphold the vision of St Bernadette's school which prides itself on being an inclusive community which promotes justice, equality, respect and compassion, a community where Christ's gospel message is witnessed.

- RSVP suggestion of a token in return after RSVP in order to get food on the day

- Basket wrapping day to be Wednesday 11th October.

Maintenance – Working Bee 26th September. Great turnout (35-40). Trees on top court, general clean-up, kids involved so mission accomplished. The tree grinder worked well, and was better than the skip bins used previously. The event was mentioned at mass but it was primarily a school turnout.

Parent Representative Council – No update.

Grade Parent Coordinator – Letters and correspondence to new families

Book Club – Nil for Term 3 as lots of other events. Next release in late Term 4.

School banking – Money boxes were well received by Kindergarten. Around 40-50 students are banking each week

Social media – No update

Mothers & Father's Day stalls – Father's Day profit of \$3,200, minimal left over, will have available at Fun Fair

6. Items for discussion

New business

1-2-3 Magic, positive feedback was shared by a parent. It was asked if another could be done in early 2018. Di is happy to provide a testimonial.

Next meeting

Date/Time TBC

Meeting closed @ 8pm