



Saint Maria Goretti's Catholic School

Parents & Friends Association

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting dated 10th September 2021

1. Welcome and Prayer

Darren McDonald

Meeting Opened 0907am

2. Attendance and Apologies

2.1 Attendance:

Darren McDonald, Michelle Urquhart-Holdcroft, Evita Footman, Jayne Aland, Natalia Vollrath-Hale, Andrew Gaudoin, Tiffany Miranda, Caryn Pasini, Ryoko Jennings, Rana Traboulsi

2.2 Apologies:

Grace Hockey, Erica May, Peter Weeden

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

13th August 2021

3.1 Accepted:

Evita Footman

Seconded:

Michelle Urquhart-Holdcroft

4. Correspondence

4.1 In:

- a) Invoice and Receipt from Love Street Upholstery
- b) Email from Andrew requesting funds & assistance for St Maria Goretti's Feast Day Mass
- c) Email from Police Event Registration for Father's Day Camp Out

4.2 Out:

- a) Email to Liz confirming the P&F will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on the Sports Carnival
- b) Email to Andrew confirming the P&F will cover costs of the St Maria Goretti's Feast Day Mass

5. Reports

5.1 President:

Grace Hockey read by Michelle Urquhart-Holdcroft

• CSP WA – As promised at the last P&F meeting, we have now sent out an invitation to all parents at SMG seeking nominations to be appointed to the role of Catholic School Parents WA Representative. The due date for nominations is the last day of Term 3, which is 24th September 2021. I'm sure we are all looking forward to a well-deserved break.

• Parish Representative to the P&F – As per the P&F guiding constitution, we will also be on the look out to identify someone interested in being our Parish Rep. Please feel free to contact the

School Principal, Deputy Principal or myself for a discussion about this. We need to reinvigorate the P&F's links with Notre Dame School Parish.

- The P&F Vice President (Michelle) will be making a special mention of the Father's Day Camp Out event held on 3rd and 4th of September which was a huge success. I received a lot of positive feedback from families who attended. A similar event will be planned during the upcoming warmer months. Well done to everyone involved in making the event a success!
- Parent-Child Workshop Event - To complement the school curriculum, I would like to propose hosting a URSTRONG workshop event for our school community. Workshops can be delivered for specific age groups, parents-children, parents only or just students. For example, the URSTRONG workshop "Language of Friendship" is a 60 – 90 minute interactive parent-child workshop, which helps kids develop their vocabulary to confidently voice their feelings and gives them strategies to achieve positive friendships, so they feel more supported and connected to their peers. Visit www.urstrong.com/workshops/ to browse some of the workshops.
- P&F Constitution and Policy – We are in the process of reviewing the P&F Policy document and Terms of Reference which will take some time and several revisions. I anticipate this review will be completed by the commencement of Term 4 and we will be in a position to publish a new version of the document within the next 2 P&F meetings.

There is one specific update received to date as follows:

"Page 12 which commences the "Constitution for ..." please have the word 'Primary' deleted as the school's name is St Maria Goretti's Catholic School. And again on Page 13 (e) the word 'Primary' appears in the school title.

5.1.a

Michelle Urquhart-Holdcroft

The Dad's camp out we held on the 3rd September has proven to be an extremely successful event with 70 families registered in total, welcoming dad's, mums, uncles, step parents and grandparents. Although they were going to be in for a chilly night, all the guardians seemed in their element setting up their tents while the kids ran around and played with their friends.

We had so much good feedback with Dad's asking for it to be held again, a regular event, twice a year etc.

The only negative we had was the long wait on the food truck, which we knew was going to be a problem. Having thought we would only get around 20-30 families then it bumping up to 70 in the last few days left us with no time to arrange another in such short notice.

We would like to thank

- the Carlisle Scouts crew, Kirsty Douglas and Chris Weigle for giving families that didn't have tents the opportunity to borrow there's - and to them both for taking the long time to set and pack them all up.
- Missy from Le Cafe Rat for waking up the guardians with an early morning coffee run!
- Tarryn Jones for throwing on a hi-viz vest at the last minute and directing all the families where to go.
- Nat, Terry Smith Yr 3 mum, Chris Wiegele for the use of their firepits which saved us having to hire them
- All the Dad/guardians that stepped in and took on their event volunteer roles with a smile on their face!

I personally would like to thank Jayne, Nat and Evita for staying with me until 7:30pm that night - ensuring all was ok and again in the morning to pack up!

Without all the help, this would not have been as successful as it was - and I hope that it becomes a regular P&F event for years to come!

5.2 Treasurer:

Evita Footman

Main Account \$30,075.31

Jet Ski Cover cost - \$250

Camp Out cost - \$703.33

Fathers' Day Stall – Stall takings \$2,547.80 Gifts cost \$2,830.10 Loss of \$282.30

5.3 Principal: Darren McDonald

Catholic Identity

August 17 – Auxillary Bishop Don Sproston came and met with Yr6 Staff and Students to help them prepare for their Confirmation

August 19 - Confirmation Candidates had reconciliation and a Parent/child Workshop as they continued to prepare for Confirmation.

August 20 – Confirmation Candidates had their retreat and the whole school had a free dress day to raise money for the Bishop's Lifelink Charity

August 29 – Our Confirmation Candidates made their Confirmation at Notre Dame Parish with Auxillary Bishop Don Sproston residing and with the support of their families and SMG staff. It was a beautiful ceremony, well prepared by the year 6 teachers and the candidates were extremely authentic throughout the Sacrament.

August 31 – Year 5 had their class liturgy which once again was well organised by the class teachers, students participation was excellent.

September 7 – Year 2 lead the whole school in a beautiful NAIDOC themed Mass.

Teaching and Learning

August 26 – Our Senior Choir performed at the Catholic Performing Arts, they were astounding and very well lead by Mrs Pollock and Mr J.

Year 3M also lead us through our Annual Book week Assembly in fine style. Mr Loh was very engaging in his role as assembly leader.

August 28 – Our Challenge Club took three groups to the Tournaments of minds Competition at ECU Joondalup. All three groups represented the school well. One on STEM and two in the Asrts. The School won an encouragement award and this was our first time entering. Miss Webster and Miss Arthur donated their own time each Wednesday afternoon and on the competition day on the Saturday to give these students the opportunity.

September 2: Mrs Peake and Miss Nocciolino prepared year 1G for a very entertaining assembly devoted to dads.

September 9: A very entertaining and respectful NAIDOC assembly was organised by the Aboriginal Education Committee. It was a wonderful tribute to Aboriginal Culture and the theme of healing.

Community

September 3: The P&F held a very successful Father's Day Camp out over 70 families registered, had a terrific time. There was a very communal atmosphere and the school was left in excellent condition.

Stewardship

Staff have been revising our literacy policy and what makes good teaching of literacy.

We have also looked at the new Quality Catholic Education Document and what each element means.

5.4 Board: Natalia Vollrath – Hale

No report as no meeting until next week.

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

6.1 Father's Day Stall & Camp Out post event information

Thank you to the volunteer's that assisted on the Father's Day stall, we ended up with a good amount of helpers.

We had less choice this year, and it seemed to work better with the kids not taking a huge amount of time deciding on what to purchase. It seemed that most kids purchased 1 gift as opposed to previous years when majority purchased 2 gifts. This means we have a large number of gifts left that can be used for next years stall.

Camp Out covered in Michelle's report.

6.2 Faction Carnival – Sausage Sizzle Planning

Ryoko's quote for sausages and rolls

The Sausage Sizzle will be added onto Felixschools for purchasing at \$2.50

Darren will organise sending information to parents about the cost, ordering and asking for volunteers.

We will try to have it organised by Factions to collect. Jayne to obtain a class faction list from Marion.

No onions for ease and people can put on their own sauce, which we have left over from the Camp Out.

Parents can collect the orders beforehand. Ordering cut off will be Tuesday at midnight

Ryoko has obtained a quote from Belvidere's Butcher for Sausages at \$8/per kg

Buns from Oven Delights in Kooyong Road at 60c each

6.3 Colour Run Date – 12th November has been decided

We will hold a special organising meeting on the 15th October and as needed before the event.

7. New Business

7.1 Bake Sale

Thursday 21st October has been decided. The Year 6 parents will man the stall as the proceeds will be provided for them to use for their yearbooks.

Items will be \$2 each and take home plates \$5. Any whole cakes can be sold at \$10

7.2 P&F Administrative Policies Manual

The Policies manual will be able to be used so that when there is a change over of executives the roles are clearly outlined.

Parent Class Reps were brought in to help with spreading the load of events. This can be mentioned at Parent Information nights.

There are a couple of items that need amending in the policy and then it can be sent to parents and it can then be ratified at the next meeting.

7.3 Planning for Term 1 Next Year

Can we come together after the AGM to have a look at what we may need to plan for Term 1 next year so that we are in front of things.

8. Date of Next Meeting To be advised

9. Closing Meeting closed