



Saint Maria Goretti's Catholic School
Parents & Friends Association

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Tuesday 30 May 2017
7pm - School Meeting Room

Attendance: Simone R, Simone N, Sarah Nicholls, Chelsea Isaacs-Mathewson, Andrew Gaudoin, Shannon Starnes, Kirsty Douglas, Karen Wellman, Joanne Fabling, Alison Ryan.

Apologies: Martin Barrett

Minutes of previous meeting (4 May 2017)

Accepted: Alison

Seconded: SimoneR

Opening Prayer: Andrew Gaudoin

Correspondence:

IN - From Hon Senator Simon Birmingham - Gonski funding estimates increased funding \$85k for 2017-2018.

Bank statements.

OUT - ATO - contact list has been updated over the phone. Name still not updated. Meeting agreed after three written attempts to leave it be.

- BCC contract - signed and returned.

Reports:

• **President**

Nearly finished on the building schedule, so the school will be approaching us for funding for several different items - cover in board report.

Mother's day stall alright. Bags went well. Kids seemed to enjoy it. Need to analyse the loss though.

• **Treasurer**

Loss of \$359.05 on Mother's Day stall

P&F Levy of \$3503.95 received from school.

Deposit of \$200 to Jon Lennon for Music Bingo MC paid.

Balance of \$44,220.20 in account.



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- **Principal**

Presented by Andrew in Martin's absence -

Expect that by September 9 everything done - everything is running really well.

Canteen is also on target to get back by end of term.

Walked through chapel area - going to be beautiful.

Technology forum - teaching club - Connor (VP of robotics club at Curtin) brought

robots. Trying to code with an iPad. Staff picked it up very quickly. Next project is

upgrading our networks. Getting more laptops. Andrew was trying to take his class

through Microbits coding language. Wifi was inadequate to support it. Had to

connect by cord. To support coding and robotics as well as wordprocessing. Microsoft

365 platform coming through. CEO has spent millions rolling out a new platform.

High school students have their own pages. Contains the content they're being taught, calendar etc.

Need a new wifi backbone - the wifi would go through pods spread evenly through the school.

- **Board**

Met last Tuesday night. Suggested wish list tabled.

- Evaporative coolers - \$22k - already spent
- Coding \$11k - equipment & training
- Wireless network upgrade \$20k - urgent
- 66 iPads and 26 Windows devices over next 2 years \$62k

Karen asking for our discussion to report back to next board meeting. Extended discussion led to the following -

Resulting from the board meeting on (last Tuesday 23) where the need for a wireless network upgrade was highlighted as urgent costing \$20,324, the P&F resolved to donate \$20,000 towards the upgrade.

Moved - Karen, Seconded - Kirsty.

Vote: 8 in favour, 1 against. Carried.

We are part of an ACARA pilot project - curriculum to be implemented for next year. Innovative curriculum being implemented for the kids. Challenging for staff, very exciting.

School's enrolment numbers. Low classroom numbers. Board is examining marketing of the school. How can we help - Cyber safety night - can invite the wider community. Bingo night - ditto.

(SN to contact council about promoting the night more widely.)

Karen suggested a fete.



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- **PFFWA**

What is Parent Engagement and Do We Want It? SN reported on Parent Engagement seminar she attended with Martin last week. Has written a report from the seminar, would like to make it available to parents.

PFFWA having measured involvement with CSPA regarding national school education funding.

- **Canteen Committee**

Martin & Liz drafted a canteen menu in the absence of Erica and Chelsea - Erica thought the meeting had been cancelled and Chelsea received only 2 days' notice of the meeting and couldn't attend. Minimal change to menu. Being made available to the teaching staff but not yet to the parents - which is a concern.

Discussion of healthy food and the traffic light system.

Menu expected to be released to the parents.

Council have approved licencing beyond just heat & serve.

Next meeting early June.

Feedback from parents - should be surveying the parents on what they'd like.

Business Arising:

- Mother's Day wrap-up - covered already.
- Movie night end of term 2 - Kirsty - visited Reading with SimoneN. Pencilled in Thursday 29 June being last day of term. Same as last year - \$10 ticket. Would need to pay for 200 tickets 3 days beforehand, up to 240.

Not really offering any deals on combos. Movies available are: Despicable Me 3, Cars 3, Transformers, Wimpy kid.

Meeting selected Despicable Me 3.

Decided to just sell the tickets, let people purchase their own combos. 6:30ish. Need to be clear on opening times - not waiting around for cinema to be cleaned or whatever.



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- **Cyber Safety**
Booked for 16 November. Requires us to confirm times. He has suggested 6:30pm - we will ask for 7pm and check duration not more than 90 minutes. Waiting on school to provide day time - any time after 11am. SN to email Martin & confirm.
SN to email BCC about the public coming along.
- **Obstacle-A-Thon**
School gave us 3 dates - 27 October, 3 November, 20 October. None are really suitable due to clash with Bingo night. Karen to ask Martin about pushing it back to 2018.
- **Rock n Roll Music Bingo**
Logo done. Committee established. 1 July - sponsorship. Start approaching businesses for donations. Coding tech and computers. Next committee meeting 4:30pm Friday 23 June at Belvideres.
Ask school to do a quick demo of the robots?
- **Day for Daniel - child safety**
SN to email Jade about the cyber safety talk.
- **Music Program Funding - have we been invoiced / paid the invoice?**

New Business:

No.

Next meeting:

7pm Tuesday 20 June

Meeting closed 8:42pm.