



# Saint Maria Goretti's Catholic School Parents & Friends Association

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting Thursday 9 February 2017

1:30pm in school meeting room

### **Attendance:**

Yasemina Rajnovic, Chelsea Isaacs-Mathewson, Natalia Vollrath-Hale, Tiffany Johnson (new APRE), Kirsty Douglas, Simone Roney, Simone Northcott, Karen Wellman, Carina Craine, Erica May, Wonder woman, Martin Barrett, Alison Ryan.

Apologies: Peta Casale.

Minutes of previous meeting (17 November 2016) tabled -

Accepted: Simone Roney

Seconded: Alison Ryan

Opening Prayer: Tiffany Johnson

### **President's Report:**

Welcome and introductions. Karen is away for the next two weeks.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Opening balance \$41,110.60.

Getting organised for Audit paperwork. Still working towards online banking facilities - waiting for new signatures. \$10k paid to school for IT equipment.

### **Principal's Report:**

*(Question before Martin started - school dates: are they up on website? Some discussion from parents that they were and were emailed last year.)*

IT - yet to be convinced that 1:1 computers is the best outcome for our school. Ideally want just over half class access to computers. P&F have provided donation and school has purchased 10 laptops - wireless and trying to get online in new classrooms.

Martin reported extensively on the progress of construction. Some brief notes as follows:

Stage 12 is finished. Stage 13 is being planned. Installation timeline blowout on covered walkway due to need to re-design last year.

Text and email sent today - pickup is all happening via Stanton street entry today and tomorrow due to weather and lack of roof to walkway.



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Stage 13 - ceiling removed in chapel. Structural steel in covered area. Library extension demolition commenced.

By September 9 stage 13 will have been finished. Morrison Rd courtyard will be converted to basketball court.

Staff are parking in the perimeter bays.

*Question - Calling out of students before finish of school for pickup? - only for the rest of this week.*

*Stagger pickups?* Pickups will be easier when both drive-throughs are fully operational.

People have adjusted to it very well.

Dropoff zones are quite long and children can get in or out anywhere on that zone.

Swimming is going really well. Great to see the growth in their swimming over the past 3 years. Swimming carnival next Friday.

Then school camp week after - Martin and the two APs, Mr Diep and some TAs.

*Question - Blinds to facilitate seeing the big screens - when settled into classrooms will review. The new System agreement requires a child safety program and the school is implementing "Keeping Safe". Blinds in classrooms are contrary to this. Ages under 6 or 7 greatest area of risk.*

Code of Conduct - another system agreement requirement - will be applicable to everyone who enters the school.

Canteen committee & other committees? Canteen and Aboriginal Education were on hold following some significant stage 12 issues.

Aboriginal education committee maintained. Whether P&F wishes to appoint new canteen and Aboriginal education committee representatives.

*Question - off limit areas and access to toilets from new classrooms?*

There will be some off-limits areas at school until September 9.

Site meetings take place every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. Awaiting the builder's program of timetable of works.

Going to lose more areas when work starts on canteen.

Universal access toilet upstairs for staff.



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Elevator delays - suspect the installer may not still be in business.

*Question - new classrooms - mix of old and new desks?*

Allowance for furniture in building grant. In stage 11 we started replacing some furniture. Researching - whether the traditional furniture we are buying is the best furniture for their education? "Modern classroom collaborative learning furniture" set being borrowed to consider.

Consider - where are we going with ICT and how fast do we want to get there?

Conscious decision not to buy the 60 desks.

*Question: about two teachers in a classroom?*

What's the strategy, is it a benefit? Reality of EBAs, parental leave etc. Some teachers (the AP's) are working full weeks but 0.5 in classroom. Research - a good teacher with a good relationship with the child will benefit the educational outcome.

Teachers who go on parental leave have a right to return part-time.

*[Martin and Tiffany left.]*

Discussion continued on part-time teaching concerns. When parents seek interviews they are asked which teacher do you want to talk to?

***Exec to contact Martin about part-time teaching.*** Concept is good but delivery is lacking. How is it structured? Communication can be improved. Suggest teachers might like to address this in the parent-teacher meetings.

Potential of out of school communication via SEQUTA.

**Board Report:** No board meeting has happened so nothing to report.

#### **Business Arising:**

- Committees? Canteen, Aboriginal Education, Major social fundraiser? Retro Bingo again? Obstacle-a-thon.  
***Exec to seek expressions of interest to join a committee to organise retro bingo.***

Questions regarding canteen committee and canteen menu - healthy eating. Chelsea to email school and liaise with Erica.

- Extract from November 2016 minutes - "Discussion of goals for next year. Cyber-Safety seminar. Make contact with neighbouring schools (Notre Dame



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and Redcliffe?) Pull back from emphasis on two representatives per classroom, focus on providing better communication with and support for representatives who nominate. Greater delegation of responsibility for P&F events.”

Natalia - Spare Parts Puppet Theatre?

Cyber safety - SN to ask Paul Litherland availability and price.

Parent reps - good for kindy and pre-primary. Chelsea and Natalia - Kindy.

Promote facebook groups for years 1-6.

#### **New Business:**

- Sundowner? March? Sausage sizzle & BYO picnic. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day. 5-7pm. Subject to school access.
- Peta Casale happy to do entertainment books - thankyou Peta.
- Natalia - “Cut Out the Crap” books - healthy eating and school lunches.
- Samantha Rowe funding offer - hoping to obtain funding for our inter-school sports uniforms.

Karen to go to the board about sports shirts

- City of Belmont funding offer - \$500 - to enhance community cohesion and strengthen local capacity, self-reliance and connectedness between residents.  
Deadline: 31 March  
Action: Movie night?
- Day for Daniel (Morcombe) - promoting child safety and protection - having a police officer visit the school  
Deadline: 27 October  
Action: Jade?

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 7 March 7pm @ Belvideres.