



Saint Maria Goretti's Catholic School

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting dated 9 September 2022

1. Welcome and Prayer

Andrew Gaudoin

Meeting Opened 9.04am

2. Attendance and Apologies

2.1 Attendance:

Andrew Gaudoin, Merle Yee-Moscufo, Nicole Yee, Hayley Cline, Natalia Vollrath-Hale, Evita Footman, Shaun Chandran, Sandra Murgia, Ryoko Jennings, Darren McDonald

2.2 Apologies:

Tarryn Jones, Rae Jas, Kelly Pumphrey, Ria Rinaldi, Bronwyn Mortimer, Jayne Aland

3. Minutes of Meeting

12 August 2022

3.1 Accepted:

Merle Yee-Moscufo

4. Correspondence

4.1 In:

- Email from Tommy Sugo Fundraising on 5 September 2022
- Letter from Telethon Community Cinemas regarding fundraising with tickets
- Invoice from Kelly Pumphrey for coasters made for Fathers Day Stall, totalling \$84
- Emails to and from Andrew Gaudoin regarding using Square for Book fair payments
- Emails to and from Catholic School Parents regarding overdue fees

4.2 Out:

- Emails between executive members regarding use of old school banking account to take payments for book fair

5. Reports

5.1 President:

Nicole Yee

It has been a very busy month. Since our last meeting, we have had the annual bake sale to raise funds for the Year 6 graduation. It was highly successful. There was help from some Year 6 parents, but Year 6s also took ownership of the event, which is wonderful.

End of the footy tipping competition was exciting, Top two only separated by small margin. Thanks to Tracey Viner for running footy tipping again.

There was a great response from kids who came to Fathers Day stall over 2 days. We sold the usual items such as mugs and toiletry bags plus many more choices this year.

The Inaugural pottery and sip evening was held last Friday, 16 places were snapped up quickly. Thanks to Merle and Nat for organising the food and helping on the night. A big thanks to Monique Ford for taking the time to run this workshop, which went really well.

There is still a chance to win an exclusive prize of the VIP Parking spot, with the raffle still ongoing.

Jump Rope for Heart has now finished with a jump off at assembly. Andrew reported that the kids had a good time and that Rob Vidovich ran the event really well.

Scholastic Book Club has started. There has been an amazing response to the book club. \$1600 worth of books have already been sold, \$400 value will come back to teachers who can use it to buy resources from Scholastic.

On the 8th September, the school held the annual book week parade. Using promotional vouchers given to us by Scholastic, a \$10 Book Fair voucher was randomly awarded to children from each year group for dressing up. There was great MCing from Sandra for the parade. There was also a very good turnout from older students in dressing up.

Our inaugural book fair opened yesterday, ended up closing at 10 to 4. Lots of interest. Big Thanks to Rae Jas for organising the book club and book fair. Thanks also to all the volunteers who have put their hand up to help man the book fair.

Merle, Nat, Kirsty Douglas from the board and myself went to morning tea at Parliament House. This was an appreciation event held by Cassie Rowe for P & F and board volunteers. It was a lovely morning for us.

5.2 Treasurer

Evita Footman

There is a current balance of \$21,358.16

The Fathers Day stall made \$2498, \$414 of which was profit

The bake sale made \$1567.60, we have also paid deposit for photo booth invoice of \$200.

\$8,360.31 was paid out for the school wish list.

\$800 came in for Pottery and Sip, we spent \$200 on food and resources for the evening, so \$600 profit was made.

A decision was made by the exec to use the old school banking account for book fair. The school banking account had \$2,320 left over in it from previous use, not sure what the money was

for. This amount has been transferred to our account for now. Andrew is going to look into what the school banking money is for.

\$700 for footy tipping was paid out to the winners.

5.3 Principal:

Darren McDonald

Principal's P&F Report September 2022

Since last time we met

Catholic Identity

August 14 – Our Confirmation Candidates did their Confirmation. There was huge support from the staff and they were wonderfully prepared by Miss Rizzi, Mr Diep and their parents.

August 15 – Year 5 lead a mass with Father to Celebrate the feast of the Assumption.

August 23 – Staff held a prayer service for Keith Mumme in the chapel after school.

Teaching and Learning .

August 16 – Our school choir took part in the catholic performing Arts Festival at St Benedict's Parish in Applecross. Their singing was of a very high standard and they were a joy to listen to. Thanks to Mrs Plint and Mr J for their work here.

August 17 - Year 2 went on an excursion to Nostalgia Box as part of their History unit.

August 18 - Year 1G put on a wonderful assembly showcasing their learning in particular their reading comprehension and Aboriginal education.

August 24 – Year 6 and Year 3 went on an excursion to the zoo for their biology units.

August 27 – Miss Webster, Miss Dickie and Mr Diep accompanied their challenge club to Murdoch university to give them the opportunity to compete in the Annual Tournament of the Minds. Preparations for this have been happening at school at Wednesdays after school from the beginning of term 2. All voluntary by the teachers. The students acquitted themselves well, enjoyed the opportunity and were wonderful representatives of our school.

September 1 – 3G provided us with a snapshot of what has been happening in their class around writing procedures

September 9 – Book week assembly was held. The children were excited. Miss Murgia did a fantastic job coordinating this with the book fair run by the P&F. Mr Loh as co host was entertaining as per usual.

Community

August 18 – P&F presented their winner of the new P&F logo competition at assembly. There were some terrific entries and the judging was difficult.

August 19 – the uniform committee came together for their first meeting.

August 20 – Long serving staff member Keith Mumme passed away after a two year battle with cancer.

August 29 – Our P&F ran a terrific Father's day stall.

September 6: A representation of staff and students attended funeral for Mr Keith Mumme. A sad occasion for all. Students held themselves exceptionally well and did themselves, Mr Mumme and the school proud as they lead the hearse out of the Mary MacKillop Church Grounds.

Stewardship

Staff Committees are diligently working on a maths teaching plan, differentiation policy, Community outreach plan, Staff Wellbeing plan, Aboriginal Education and sustainability just to name a few.

August 22 – A camp information session was held for year 6 students and their parents to prepare them for the camp in Green Head in Week 1 Term 4.

5.4 Board:

Natalia Vollrath-Hale

Update on car park - on time to start the Changes to the car park in the summer holidays. Can only send out tenders 60 days before, as a a rule, so am waiting to do this.

6. Matters for Decision

None

7. Matters for Discussion

7.1 Pieces of Me

Nat and Kelly will meet with Year 6s next Wednesday and present some ideas, and hopefully they will come up with a decision as to what they want to do next term. As previously discussed, budget will be up to \$500 for this project.

To do: Nat and Kelly to meet with Year 6s

7.2 SMG Parents Campout planning

Executive will meet after meeting to plan this event. Friday 21st October will be the date for it. Missy from coffee van will be here at 6am in the morning to start coffee, which is earlier than last year as it was too late last year for some fathers. Scouts will be able to lend some tents but they do have their own event on that weekend, so borrowing tents will be limited. Might be able to close the undercover area for people to sleep in. We will make it clear that no trailers allowed as no space for it.

Quite a long wait for food last year. When you RSVP, Nicole proposed that we do Dominos pre-orders and possibly an ice-cream truck. The food truck was nice last year. We could possibly have dads do a BBQ, but it is hard to get volunteers.

We will change it to SMG campout, so it is more inclusive but we only want one parent to come per family.

We should have the floodlights available by then so there will be lighting on the oval. Shaun suggested that we should consider the purpose of the event. It was decided that the main purpose is to build community. We would still like to encourage male role models to attend if possible.

It would be good to have the fathering project available at our school. If we had a fathers group at the school, we could perhaps give them ownership of the event in future.

To do: Executive will convene after this meeting to discuss the event further.

7.3 Telethon Community Cinemas fundraising

We have had a letter from Telethon Community Cinemas asking if we would like to sell tickets to their cinemas as a fundraiser. We could do this as it doesn't involve much work from us.

To do: Merle to send information out to exec for further consideration

7.4 Tommy Sugo fundraising

Email received from Tommy Sugo about potential fundraising by selling their pasta and sauce products. We have had a lot on this term, and don't want to overload parents with too many fundraisers. Distribution will be the issue here. Decision made to leave this for now, could possibly look at it next year.

7.5 Canteen Roster

We need to find a way to get more volunteers for canteen. It is possible to promote it more with parents by the teachers.

We could have a roster that needs to be filled by each class each week.

Andrew will put out a communication that says that there is not enough volunteers for canteen and try to get some more volunteers for Term 4.

We will look to getting a plan in place for next year.

We can articulate what a volunteer will do in canteen so they know.

To do: Sandra and Andrew to ask teachers to push canteen volunteering for next term and put out communication about it.

7.6 Dates for events to be held in Term 4

21st October - campout
28th October - P & F meeting
11th November - colour run, to be run by Year 3 parents
15th November - AGM
29th November - Christmas concert

7.7 Feedback from parent reps

Some parents are saying that the newsletter is getting very long and that the important dates are getting lost in it. Is it possible to get some of the advertising taken off and only sent out once a month etc. Am hoping to make it possible to put the important term dates at the start of the newsletter or put a calendar on the website.

Communication to new parents who start part way through the year needs to be clearer. For example, would be great to have an information package sent out about sports dates, arts days.

To do: Andrew to ask if newsletter can be edited.

7.8 Toiletry bags donation

We have about 140 toiletry bags left from Fathers Day stall, and we don't think that we will be able to sell them all over next few years. Should we ask for donations to fill them and then donate them to people in need such as a homeless shelter. We would then absorb the loss of them as a cost.

We decided this was a good initiative, and Nat will look in to it.

To do: Nat to co-ordinate this initiative

8. Matters for Noting

8.1 Book Club

First catalogue orders finish today. It is going well. Teachers will do a wish list for what they would like with the money raised from the fair. Parents can also look at the teachers wish list and make a donation to them if they like. It's a nice thing to do for newer teachers who don't have as many resources as the more experienced teachers.

There was a lot of students that came in with their pocket money and a lot of parents as well. A lot of the books are the newer ones in the series.

8.2 Catholic School Parents

Decision to not pay for rest of this year but will bring it up again next year.

8.3 VIP Parking Raffle

Closing date will be end of year and it will be promoted again in next couple of weeks.

8.4 Fete

First meeting to be held soon

9. Date of Next Meeting 28th October at 9am

10. Closing at 10.08am