



Parents and Friends

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General Meeting Minutes – 13 AUGUST 2018

Welcome: 9am

1. Attendance:

Todd Van Tempest, Chantal Bush, Sharon Katalinic, Sharon Carson,
Leah Rayner, Kirsten Puckeridge, Laura Dawson, Bek Roycroft, Katie
Winter

2. Apologies: Robert Peers, Kirstie Stretton, Silvana Cammareri, Lenise McIntosh, Sally Belford

3. Acting Principal's Report:

- As you are aware Rob is taking some Leave for the last week of Term 2 which will extend until the start of Week 9 of this term.
- The school is currently undergoing a Self-Review and parent & staff surveys have been completed. Thank you to the many parents who took the time to provide feedback in the recent School Improvement Survey. Altogether a very impressive **214** parents took the time and effort to feedback to us their impressions of the school, showing your interest and care. The data itself is enormously affirming and reflects widespread general satisfaction with our community and the school. Although we are not perfect, broadly speaking we have received a ***very high proportion of satisfaction***
- *The children predominately from Year 2 classes prepared for and received the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation in June with Bishop Peter. This is a hugely important time between parents and their children in their faith formation.*
- An evening to support parents in keeping up to speed with our work in digital technologies. It included showcasing some of the work in BYODD iPad classes, but also providing parents some insights and opportunities to learn firsthand from the children some of what is happening. Students in Years 4, 5 & 6 were invited along with parents. After showcasing some of the great learning and work in those classes, as well as the future directions we are embarking with robotics and coding, we will devote some of the

evening around clarifying expectations, safety and the imperative for “balance” in screen time.

- Our senior choir, (Years 5 and 6) have been invited to attend a Choral Day for the combined choirs of Central Coast Catholic Primary Schools on Wednesday 27 June, 2018, (Week 9). The combined choirs will be coming together to rehearse and perform as a mass choir which will be a fabulous opportunity for all the choir children. The day will culminate with a performance so that parents can see all of the wonderful work the children
- Reports were sent home at the end of last term and a few parents took the opportunity to discuss their child’s progress in parent/teacher interviews.
- School photos occurred at the end of Term 2 and should be ready for printing and distribution in the coming weeks.
- Students represented our school at the Interschool Chess Competition at St Edward's in Term 2. A wonderful day was had by all. Well done **Lachlan P** and **Brendan R**, they received individual medals as they both achieved a high point score on the day.
- As part of the partnership as an ‘Ambassador’ School with the company *Saeon Australia and Altino the Robot Car* the children from Years 3-6 are now coding for these robots. In Term 2, three pilot classes were trained with staff so that these students could assist classes this term. As a result we have provided a well-managed platform for a successful implementation. The children from these grades are being challenged to understand and use technology creatively to solve problems.
- In exciting staff news, we have three teachers Nikki Hinwood, Jackie Lollback and Kia-May Wall who are pregnant
- School Athletics Carnival was hugely successful day. Congratulations to Therry House as overall winners and to Chisholm House for winning the Spirit Trophy.
- *This term we will have our annual Anti-bullying focus which plays an important part in our ongoing work to educate, inform and respond to bullying and resilience needs of our children. Our weekly Kids Matter Behaviour Focus that provides a common focus for our school and highlights the positive behaviours we value as a community. Peer Support Lessons during Term 3 that give our Year 6 children the opportunity to lead their peers and builds personal connections between children across grades. While ‘The Magic Words’ show scheduled for Week 4 and Life Education lessons and resources held later this term will also support the anti-bullying initiative.*
- A number of students have been successful in representing at higher levels for sport including Dylan T (NSW Basketball) who we supported with a fundraiser.
- *Motiv8sports Program* commenced this term and will run for a total of 8 consecutive weeks. There are 60 children across the grades who are participating in fun and active skill building games.
- Kinder 2019 screeners being held this week along with Parent Information Sessions. Great support from current Kinder parents to assist with hospitality.
- Upcoming events include The Magic Words Show, Life Ed Van, Father’s Day Breakfast-Feed and Read.

- *Mini Vinnies have been very active in the school community with a successful Winter Appeal, visits to Coast Shelter and an upcoming Sleep-out and Pyjamas for Farmers fundraiser.*
- Extension of the new Kinder Turtles classroom to be carried out during the next holiday period.

4. Discussions of Interests:

War on waste:

Sharon Carson provided a comprehensive overview on the Envirobank bags as follows:

- Can be used to collect cans, plastic bottles, small milk containers and possibly poppers
- An account can be set up online for all recycled money proceeds to be deposited into
- All bags would be barcoded to OLSOS
- For \$30 you can get a container pick up for all recycling to be taken to the depot in West Gosford

A number of queries/concerns were raised:

- The bag is nylon mesh so any leftover liquid could easily fall through and create an unsafe and unhealthy mess
- Contamination – other food/containers that can not be recycled being inadvertently thrown in the bags
- Cost effectiveness – the canteen orders approximately 120 milk containers a week

Agreed that Sharon Carson, Mary-Louise Vince and possibly Eva Fox would form a parent committee to work with interested staff in forming some simple initiatives to get the children and school started and engaged in a recycling program.

Social events:

School disco - Will be on a Wednesday in mid November (date TBC).

Discussed the option of including the preschoolers however this was voted against as it would just create an extra workload unnecessarily.

Social night – Parent social night to be held on Friday 23 November at Sunken Monkey, Erina.

Security, band and food included in price. We will have our own use of the two rooms upstairs. Tickets will be \$35 – discussed option of offering an early bird special price of \$30 to get people to commit earlier. Promotion will start soon.

5. Dates to note:

Next P & F meeting will include the AGM. All executive positions will be declared vacant and nominations sought for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and DPC representative.

Next meeting date to be confirmed.

Close: 10.30 am