



## ST JOHN'S PARENT & FRIENDS COMMITTEE

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### St John's P & F Association General Meeting

25/08/2021

The White Bull Tavern

**MEETING OPENED:** 5.40pm

**PRESENT:** Anita Crawford, Judy Hafemeister, Kylie Sabine, Jim Brennan, Kiara Williams, Trina Burns, Rachel Stanford, Caron Brindley, Ally Watson, Leesa Murray, Kristie Pym.

**APOLOGISES:** Kate Henderson, Michael Cunningham, Katrina Barden, Olivia Murphy.

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING

Minutes Previous General Meeting Minutes for June were tabled to be true and correct.

**Moved:** Rachel Stanford

**Seconded:** Kiara Williams

#### REPORT ON ACTION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

#### SECRETARY ADVISE OF ANY CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Anita Crawford

Nothing to Report, discussion further in General Discussion

#### TREASURERS REPORT

P & F Account Balances as at 30/07/2021

St Johns P&F	Balances at 30/07/21
Tuckshop/Working Acc	\$94,380.57
Fundraising Acc	\$41,031.11
Fundraising Saving Acc	\$26,933.29
Total	\$162,344.97

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Moved that account balances are true & correct,

**Moved:** Ally Watson **Seconded:** Caron Brindley

Tuckshop Outstanding Accounts 17/8/2021		
PFD	July Account	\$475.55
Roma IGA	July Account	\$34.58
Qld Country Meats	July Account	\$333.90
Western Bakeries	July Account	\$1590.92
Western Food Wholesalers	July Account	\$3471.05
GR & AV Webb – Lion Franchisee/Dist	July Account	\$1886.25
	Total	<b>\$7792.25</b>

Reimburse Kylie Sabine for Race day Purchases:

Total \$415.88

Moved that outstanding accounts be paid

**Moved:** Judy Hafemeister **Seconded:** Kiara Williams

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

18<sup>th</sup> August 2021

#### Religious Life of the School

Last Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July, St Johns staff from our K-12 campus came together for our annual Bishop's Inservice Day. Whilst it was a day off for students, all staff worked individually and collectively on their faith and formation. The theme this year aligned with "Living the Spirit. The day was led by Toowoomba Catholic Education staff member Angela Travers and our Assistant Principal Faith and Mission, Trish Parker. We were also joined by special guest presenter, Dr Mark Copland, Mission Executive St Vincent's Private Hospital Toowoomba. Mark assisted Angela in delivering learning to staff on "pedagogy of encounter". The essence of this work was to teach staff how deliver learning experiences in Religious Education that engage students in dialogue concerning relevant present- day issues. Such days allow staff to reflect on our shared faith which in turns drives and reaffirms the school's values, ethos, and charism. This is core to maintaining the "Spirit" of St Johns School which is valued so highly within our community. I extend my sincere thanks to Angela, Mark, and Trish for leading such an engaging and enriching day.

#### COVID-19

The COVID-19 situation in Queensland continues to be a rapidly developing situation. Currently St John's School continues to operate as usual as the Maranoa Region is outside of the 11 Local Government Areas in lockdown. Students and families who have visited any of the 11 LGAs since last Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July also need to comply with the lockdown rules in their home community. This means they cannot attend school unless they are a child of an essential worker. Students in such circumstances will be supported to learn remotely during the lockdown period. Students whose parents are essential workers can come to school. They need to comply with any applicable face mask or other relevant requirements as per

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Queensland Health advice. St John's School will continue to monitor the developing situation and Government advice. This may have implications for upcoming school events such as school camps and excursions. One such event is the Year 6 camp to Brisbane. Toowoomba Catholic Education Office has advised that for the remainder of term 3 any excursion or camp outside of the Toowoomba Diocese should be either postponed or cancelled. Unfortunately, the Year 6 camp to Brisbane set down for week 10 of this term has been cancelled. Families should continue to monitor the St John's Facebook page and school app for changes to school events and routines.

### Excursions

Year 9 students travel to the Bunya Mountains next Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August on a two- day camp as part of their Outdoors Education Program. They will be implementing camping and hiking skills developed over the course of the year. Thank you to Sam and Ashleigh Valentine who will be leading this excursion.

Next week we farewell our Year 5 students who will travel to Charleville on Thursday for a two- day camp. They will engage in several learning experiences including the Cosmos and Royal Flying Doctor's Centre. Thank you to the Year 5 teachers, Karen Ey and Matt Wilke who have planned and will lead the camp. They will also be accompanied by Deputy Principal Ryan Doig and Miss Meg Lyons.

### Extra- Curricular Events

Last week students from across the campus engaged in a range of extra- curricular events. Many students experienced dance workshops with the Queensland Ballet whilst over 130 students represented St John's School at the Roma and District Athletics Carnival. Thank you to Miss Emily Stoops and Meg Lyons who facilitated the respective events. On Tuesday Mr Penrose and Mrs Lunney ventured to Roma State College with Mathematicians from Year 5,6,7 and 8 to participate in the QAMT Mathematics Challenge. St John's students participated exceptionally well and enjoyed the challenging experiences. Last Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July 16 girls in Years 4, 5, and 6 participated in the Catholic Schools Netball competition in Toowoomba. The students played 6 games of netball against other Toowoomba schools. The girls' behaviour on and off the court was exemplary. The two competing teams had wins on the day and most of all they enjoyed the experience. It was wonderful to have St John's represented as part of the Toowoomba diocese. A special thanks to Angela Pollock for her preparation and coaching of the students involved.

### Staffing

Hayley Ownsworth has commenced in Year 4 and replaces Michaela Wehl. She has made a seamless transition with students and staff and has been well supported by staff.

The school is advertising for the Assistant Principal Curriculum position (which Denise will retire from at the end of 2021). Applications close 29 August, followed by shortlisting and interviewing week 10.

Majella Galway is taking LSL commencing this week for personal reasons. The leave will be for the remainder of the term. Her classes will be taken over by Jen Free and Nicole Southee.

The school has been able to transition 14 staff from fixed term contracts to ongoing/permanent positions. This recognises service, proficiency and seeks to increase staff stability.

Emilly Stopps (Drama, Legal Studies, Dance) has advised she will not be returning in 2021. The school is currently engaged in a recruitment process with interviews next week.

Andrei Dobrota (Mathematics, Xaverian Pastoral Leader) has been successful to securing a leadership position in Cairns. He is replaced by Chloe Tiley.

Dana Jacquin (Prep) will return to Brisbane in 2021. We have secured Ellen Kehl as a replacement teacher for P-6 in 2022.

Allison Baker will take maternity leave in term 4 2021 and term 1 2022.- replacement pending

Sabrina Ward will take maternity leave in 2021- replacement pending.

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### Upcoming events

St John's is also seeking parental assistance with our school tuckshop. This service runs every Tuesday and Thursday and is coordinated by our Parents and Friends President Mrs Anita Crawford. The tuckshop is also a fund raiser for the P&F with funds raised directed back into the school. Any time you may be able to commit would be most welcome by the P&F and myself. If you are able to assist, please contact Anita Crawford on 0418985276 or school administration.

St John's invites all grandparents of current students to attend "Grandparents Day" on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August. The day commences at 8.45am with a prayer celebration, before classroom visits and morning tea on the oval. Our students are very keen to share their schooling experience with their grandparents and I hope many can attend and connect with the St John's Community.

Finally, I encourage all families to consider supporting the upcoming St John's Race Day on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Whilst the event is a fund-raising opportunity for the Parents and Friends Association, it is also a wonderful social occasion for the entire school community. Tickets can be purchased via the St John's Facebook page through Try Booking.

Toowoomba Catholic Schools (TCS) are working on a new initiative focussed on our profile, symbols, story, narrative, mission, messages, and reputation - to see if we are presenting ourselves as we'd like to 'see ourselves'. Brisbane-based advertising agency, [Nick Did This](#) are helping us with this work and are undertaking consultation with representatives from across the Diocese. Whether it's improving community connections, expanding on our values or remembering the importance of our mission, we want you to have a say in our development!

We are inviting you to attend a two hour session, organised by the Nick Did This team as a member of the St John's School community. We believe that your unique perspectives will make all the difference in developing TCS into the best version it can be.

**Date:** Monday, 30 August 2021

**Venue:** Room 101, Year 3/4 block, St John's School, Roma

**Time:** 5.00pm-7.00pm

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August is a School lead mass to farewell Fr Gerado. Fr Tom Duncan will take over as Parish Administrator on September 1.

I acknowledge the contribution Fr Gerado Tubis has made towards the St John's Community and All Saint Parish. In a short 12- month period he has immersed himself in the school, where every student knows him by name. He has enriched our spiritual formation and provided spiritual guidance to the School Board.

### Strategic Plan

St John's is due to develop a three- year strategic plan 2022-2024 in the remainder of this year. The plan incorporates the TCE strategic agendas along with local contextual priorities. Many of these have been identified through the recent School Renewal Improvement Plan.

### Non- State School Accreditation Board Review – 2022

This is a five- year cyclical review undertaken by all non- state schools. It is largely compliance driven and quality assures school governance, teaching and learning, finance, HR procedures.

God bless – Jim Brennan

### ITEMS OPEN FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION

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- Race Day wrap up – Costings are still not known but approx. \$19K was raised for the day.
- Fathers day breakfast – September 2<sup>nd</sup>. A flyer is needed to be done. Anita to contact Megan Hooper to organise an RSVP event. Food to be served from 7am. Anita to organise food. Leesa to organise a table with info for Moonlight Fair. Bacon, Eggs, Pancakes & Fruit.
- Tuckshop Extension – An idea was brought to life with extending the front of the tuckshop. Belinda to look in to costings etc.
- Tuckshop equipment has arrived.
- Senior Area – We have \$100K given to school for senior area. Quote have come back Hutchison Builders with quote \$87,054 excl. GST. Fix drainage, Astro turf, redo pathways. Hutchison have started work on this area. Jim proposed that the money remaining goes towards enhancing the seating in that area.
- Instrumental Program – Michael Kale, music teacher – Audit of instruments was done. \$30-\$40K approx. for replacement instruments. P&F to talk about it over the next few minutes. Seeking support for the instrumental music program from the P&F by committing \$12K per year for the next 4 years for phased replacement of all instruments.
- Naming of Senior building – Options - John the Baptist Learning Centre, Sr Attracta McGillicuddy building, St Therese Lisieux Centre. The P&F gave Jim their choice of McGillicuddy Centre. The bishop to decide.
- Uniforms – Uniform Locker contacted the school around the shorts and pants for girls - August – November arrival.

**MEETING CLOSED @ 6.38pm**

Next Meeting September @ 5.30 pm from the White Bull Tavern

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