



ST JOHN'S PARENT & FRIENDS COMMITTEE

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St John's P & F Association General Meeting

Date: 28th April, 2021

Viv Bruton Room

MEETING OPENED: 5.37 pm

PRESENT: Judy Hafemeister, Anita Crawford, Kristie Pym, Trevor Pym, Jim Brennan, Kylie Sabine, Leesa Murray, Katrina Barden, Ally Watson.

APOLOGISES: Kiara Williams

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING

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

Moved: Leesa Murray

Seconded: Judy Hafemeister

REPORT ON ACTION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Progress of tuckshop still on going

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

St John's P&F	Balances at 31/3/21
Tuckshop Acct	\$43,769.49
Savings Acct	\$37,636.19
General Acct	\$3,356.91

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Race Day acct	\$11,490.33
Moonlight Fair Savings Acct	\$17,698.16
Moonlight Fair General Acct	\$20,393.57
Total	\$134,344.65

Moved that account balances are true & correct,

Moved: Ally Watson

Seconded: Katrina Barden

Judy Reported on the outstanding Tuckshop accounts to be paid

Tuckshop Accounts to be paid as

Tuckshop Outstanding balances as at 27/4/21		
PFD	March Account	\$1523.30
Qld Country Meats	March Account	\$481.01
Roma IGA	March Account	\$10.79
Western Bakeries	March Account	\$2266.78
Western Food Wholesalers	March Account	\$5942.45
GR & AV Webb	March Account	\$2084.65
	TOTAL	\$12308.98

Moved that Outstanding Account balances are true & correct

Moved: Leesa Murray

Seconded: Trevor Pym

So the P&F can move forward to make the necessary changes and update account information the Treasurer, Judy Hafemeister, moves that two of the current authorised signatories - Heather McHugh and Grant Lorenz (they no longer hold executive positions/or no longer have children at St John's) be removed as authorised signatories for the St John's P&F accounts. The replacement authorised signatories are Leesa Murray and Allison Watson.(please note that the authorised signatories do not have to be an executive on the P&F committee.)

(The bank recommends 3 authorised people in case something happens to one person)

Authorised signatories will be – Judy Hafemeister, Leesa Murray and Allison Watson

Judy will get Heather McHugh to sign the "Notice of Authority -add signatories, remove signatories, or change operating rule" document for WBC and also have all the new authorised signatories sign the above document.

Moved: Judy Hafemeister

Seconded: Kylie Sabine

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Jim Brennan

Principals P&F Report

28 April 2021

The Parents and Friends Association decided at their last meeting to proceed with running the Moonlight Fair on Friday 22nd October 2021. This is wonderful news given the fair was unable to be held in 2020 and I thank all parents who have come forward to support the P&F Executive with organising this substantial fundraising event. The P&F plays a significant role in the St John's School Community and their work makes a tangible difference to creating a sense of belonging whilst supporting the provision of resources. This year the P&F will contribute \$100,000 towards landscaping the area adjacent to the new building project. This will provide a beautiful area for Year 7-12 students to eat during lunch and provide breakout areas for classes. The funds arising from events in 2021 are planned to assist with provision of extra play facilities in the P-6 precinct. The P&F provides a wonderful social opportunity to meet other parents. Meetings occur on the third Wednesday of every month commencing at 5.30pm at the White Bull Tavern.

Recently the school undertook the diocesan School Renewal Improvement Procedure. Four reviewers worked over the week to collect feedback from 80 stakeholders. A summary of the draft feedback was provided to staff in the areas of Teaching and Learning, Mission and Identity, Renewal and Stewardship and Resourcing. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and provided feedback on areas to enhance. I would like to thank staff, students and parents who took the time to provide valuable feedback. The feedback will form the basis of a report which will be published on the school website and be utilised to inform the next school Strategic Plan 2022-2025.

The previous weekend (March 19-21) saw the second Mercy Cup held in Roma, where visiting Catholic Schools from St Joseph's Toowoomba, Marist College Emerald, Assumption College Warwick, and Our Lady of the Southern Cross Dalby competed in netball and rugby league fixtures over three days. The weekend provided opportunity for our senior students to experience friendly competition and playing with their senior peers. The St John's QISSAN team played exceptionally well over the weekend before going down to St Joseph's in the final. The St John's Confraternity Rugby League side had two wins and one loss before going down to Assumption College in a hard-fought final. The weekend would not have been possible without the support of multiple sponsors, Maranoa Regional Council; Maranoa Netball Association and Cities Rugby League who hosted the events at their respective facilities. I would like to thank the many staff, parents and community members who made the weekend possible through coaching, officiating, marshalling, score keeping, announcing, and running canteens. A special mention to our carnival convenors, Ashley, and Sam Valentine for their tireless work in making the Mercy Cup a reality!

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Year 11 students have attended Columboola Environmental Centre this week to undertake a leadership camp. Whilst on site students participated in team building, communication, resilience, and organisational activities which build upon the school Pastoral Care Program. Whilst some students will have utilised the learning experiences to shape their applications for the upcoming Student Leadership Nomination process, all will have benefited from the individual development of leadership skills.

A key part of our Mercy charism is the value of justice and last week our Year 6 students were visited by Catholic Missions. During this interactive session students explored practical ways of helping people within their families, school and community. The actions which emanate from such experiences relate directly to our school theme this year "Living the Spirit". When young men and women live the spirit, they make a tangible contribution to others experiencing the loving presence of Jesus Christ.

During the first weekend of the Easter Holidays, St John's School participated in the Easter in the Country Parade. The school entered a float in the parade which showcased the upcoming Shakespearean play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Students paraded in character and enjoyed the enormous crowds that lined the streets of Roma. A big thank you to Ergon who supplied the truck and to Mr Lee Horman who drove. I also acknowledge the work of teachers Toni Densley and Toni Horman who organised and coordinated the school float.

Students and staff have completed their final rehearsals for a "A Midsummer Night's Dream" which will be performed on April 29 and 30. This year the production will be held on school grounds under the stars which will provide an extra dimension to the performances. Having witnessed the dress rehearsals I strongly encourage everyone to attend and enjoy what is sure to be a wonderful event. Entry to the event will be through the Primary School gate on McDowell Street. The performance on Thursday commences at 6pm whilst Friday's performance commences at 7pm. Tickets for the performances are now on sale for purchase from the school administration.

The Year 12 Formal was held last Friday evening (23rd April) at The Explorer's Inn Convention Centre. The occasion traditionally represents "a coming of age" for our senior students. Our young men and women presented themselves with great style, grace and dignity and enjoyed the night immensely. I am sure all parents were extremely proud of their children. In my address to our seniors, I highlighted the importance of friendship and how to maintain enduring relationships. It was a pleasure to share their experience and I commend Miss Alison Baker and the organising committee for their first-class organisation of the event.

Last weekend over one hundred students and thirty staff marched on ANZAC day. It was an outstanding representation by the school to acknowledge the contributions of past and current servicemen and women. On Friday the school held an ANZAC liturgy which allowed all students and staff to reflect on the ANZAC spirit which exemplifies mateship, courage, endurance and sacrifice. On both occasions students were front and centre of the ceremonies with a being involved in bands, honour guards and wreath bearers. These occasions reinforce for me that our communities

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are in good hands with our young people. Special mention goes to Year 11 student Hannah Coffey who delivered an address at the Roma Historical Society ANZAC Ceremony at the Roma Cemetery. Hannah highlighted how the youth of today continue to draw inspiration and embody the spirit of ANZAC. I would like to acknowledge the organisational efforts of Mrs Trish Parker and Miss Emily Stopps who coordinated the respective events.

Preparation for NAPLAN has been continuing this term for Year 3,5,7 and 9. The four NAPLAN tasks for each year level will be conducted between Tuesday 11th May to Wednesday 19th May. Each of the four tasks will be completed on separate days. The development of the skills for NAPLAN occurs through the implementation of curriculum, whilst preparation at St John's focuses on students being familiar with the format, digital platform and common-sense approaches such as time management. Staff have been reinforcing the importance of students "doing their best" as the purpose of NAPLAN is to provide a point in time snap shot of both individual and cohort performance. In short it is a health check for the school curriculum implementation.

The new Year 7-12 building continues to progress well. On Wednesday the second story suspended slab was laid, allowing for the commencement of carpentry and roofing phases over the next 2-3 weeks. Additionally, the school has recently received plans from architects for the landscaping of the senior student eating area. The intention is to astro-turf this area in a similar fashion to the P-6 entry off Duke Street.

In the last newsletter I advised that parent/carer volunteers can resume assisting in the classroom with activities such as reading. If you are interested in helping please contact the School Administration staff. Volunteers are required to complete Child Protection and Code of Conduct training. This takes about twenty minutes and can be completed online through the Toowoomba Catholic Education website.

St John's School welcomes new staff member Madonna Price. Madonna commenced recently as our new crossing supervisor. She has lived in the Roma Community for an extensive period and has grandchildren at St John's. I know our community will value the contributions Madonna will make to keeping our students safe every day.

A reminder that the school winter uniform will be mandatory from the commencement of week 3 this term. Families of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are reminded that the school blazer is a compulsory item of the winter uniform. Whilst the school jumper may be worn under the blazer, it is not worn in place of the blazer.

Samples of girl's shorts, and pants have arrived. Several students have tried the samples and female members of the Executive Leadership Team and School Board have seen these samples modelled. Feedback from all stakeholders favoured the patterned shorts whilst there was a range of opinions regarding the pants. Students will be surveyed regarding the pants to inform a final decision.

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It was pleasing to witness the large numbers of parents who took advantage of the opportunity to meet with teachers at parent-teacher interviews. These opportunities provide more in-depth feedback and the building of parent, teacher and student relationships. During these meetings proactive strategies and affirmations which are student orientated are frequently discussed. I would strongly encourage parents who were unable to attend requested meetings to contact respective teachers to organise an alternate time to discuss your child's progress.

During next week, I will be attending Toowoomba Catholic Education Principal's Forum in Stanthorpe. Deputy Principal, Ryan Doig will be Acting Principal during my absence and will remain in contact with me during this time.

God Bless

ITEMS OPEN FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION

Anita approached Rachel Nixon to be a possible Book Keeper to assist with the Treasurers position. Rachel has said that she would be interested in doing it on a paid basis at a reduced rate.

Jim presented the proposed girls shorts and pants uniforms. The concensus so far is the tartan print in the shorts and the navy in the pants. 3-4 month wait on the shorts – pants are possibly immediate as per his Principals report.

Anita advised they are still struggling to get helpers for the tuckshop. Judy asked if it is worth possibly making tuckshop available for 3 days a week and perhaps employing another parent/worker. Anita will see how Term 2 goes and rehash it for Term 3.

Race Day - August 21, 2021. The Committee of Kylie, Leonie, Jodie and Michelle will put a notice on the school app when they will have a meeting to find helpers. First process is Sponsorship letters.

Moonlight Fair – October 22, 2021. Leesa presented the proposed focus on this years fair.

MEETING CLOSED @ 6.39pm

Next Meeting May 19th @ 6.00 pm from the White Bull Tavern

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