

St John's Parents & Friends Association

TERM 4, 2018

Tuesday 27 November, 7.00pm

Committee Reports

Committee Name:	Advisory Council
Name of person completing report:	Rachael C
Financial Info (if applicable)	NA
Items of note since last report:	<p>Sonia Samartin (guest parent speaker) delivered a presentation on 'How to attract more families to Sunday masses and Parish activities'. As a follow up from the discussion raised at the last P&F meeting Sonia interviewed parishioners, including parents about how can we make Church more appealing to our children; why do those who attend Church regularly do so; and if they stopped, why? Sonia presented this feedback with the resulting conversation surrounding that we need to continue to develop our community and build closer relationships between School and the Parish. Mark has suggested that Sonia presents her findings to the Pastoral Council as a next step.</p> <p>Christine Dunk facilitated a Plenary Session with the Council. The question being asked of Australians is 'What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?'. This process is about listening and telling stories. Post-its are used to brainstorm concepts or specific ideas. The group then shares their ideas/stories and groups them together. One idea/concept is chosen to be discussed. We had two groups whose discussion focused on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspiration for this generation and the next and how do we make that happen?• What is the relevance of our Church today and how do we build stronger connections? <p>From this discussion submissions to the Plenary Council will be made.</p> <p>Mark reported back re the hall and playground situation. The plan is to recommission the hall. It is hoped that this will be done in early 2019. Details regarding how this will happen and how it will be paid for is still in discussion with the appropriate parties. Re the playground, hopefully this can begin before the end of the year. It will be great to have positive results for hall and the new playground. Mark is pleased with the result but also just as frustrated as everyone else on how long these processes take.</p> <p>The issue of communication continues to be an important issue. We still need to work on how can communication be the most effective and productive.</p> <p>Mark presented Class arrangements for 2019. Funding has been secured for a fourth teacher for next Year's Yr 3's and 4's. Reassessment of enrolment numbers at the end of Term 1 will determine whether this continues for the rest of 2019. The proposal is for x1 Yr 3 class, a composite Yr3/4 class and x2 Yr 4 classes. Information regarding class arrangements was communicated in last week's newsletter and further communication was emailed to 2019 Yr 3</p>

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Follow up from previously raised items:	NA
Upcoming Events:	First meeting date for 2019 to be confirmed.
Goals Set & / or Goals Achieved:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary Council discussion has been an important part of our meetings this year and it was great to be involved in a Plenary Council session. • Resolution of lack of Hall has been paramount and it is very hopeful that full details will be decided on very soon by the parties involved.
Issues/Challenges	*The issue of effective communication between the school and the parent community is ongoing and will continue to be on our agenda next year.

Committee Name:	Class Parent Coordinator Report
Name of person completing report:	Jo W
Financial Info (if applicable)	Refer to Treasurer Report
Items of note since last report:	<p>Year 2 hosted the Father's Day breakfast and held a superhero themed day. A great morning was had by all.</p> <p>Kindergarten held the Disco in early Term 4. The disco was held at St Kevin's since our hall is out of action. Kindergarten did a great job to ensure everybody knew where they were going.</p> <p>The school fete was on 3 November and it was an amazing community event with a lot of people from the wider community coming along to the event.</p>
Upcoming Events:	We will be holding an afternoon tea to acknowledge all the volunteers that have helped this year on Friday 30 November 2018.

Committee Name:	Uniform Shop / Clothing Pool
Name of person completing report:	Linda S
Financial Info (if applicable)	Refer to Treasurer Report
Items of note since last report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New hanging space in the shop has been agreed by Mark and needs to be installed – this has yet to be completed • Kindy bags/hats all delivered in time and handed out at last Kindy orientation session

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Committee Name:	School Banking Committee
Name of person completing report:	Belinda B
Financial Info (if applicable)	\$176 received from term 3. \$753.50 for the year to date.
Items of note since last report:	<p>Mark advised that the CSO was looking into the issue of credit cards being sent to students participating in the school banking program. I asked the bank to confirm the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That children who participate in the school banking program are not automatically sent a credit card or credit card application upon them reaching the legal age. • The minimum age required to obtain a credit card. • That children who participate in the school banking program are not marketed to by the bank. • That the minimum age for Commonwealth Bank account holders to manage their own account is 14 years, in line with the minimum age for employment. <p>I received the following response from the Head of School Banking, Veronica Howarth:</p> <p><i>With specific regard to credit cards, I can assure you that students who participate in School Banking are not automatically sent a credit card or application for credit once they turn 18. Commonwealth Bank operates in accordance with responsible lending guidelines, and does not market credit products to children who are part of the School Banking program. Once they turn 18, and if they are still a customer, they may receive promotional material however they can opt out of this. Parents and guardians who are signatories on their child's account can also opt them out of receiving marketing communications at any time before they turn 18.</i></p> <p><i>I can also confirm that the minimum age to manage and operate Youthsaver accounts is 14 years of age. This is a conservative approach to providing our younger customers with financial responsibility and is either in line or higher compared to other financial institution</i></p>
Follow up from previously raised items:	
Goals Set & / or Goals Achieved:	

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Committee Name:	CSP (Catholic School Parents)
Name of person completing report:	Rony R
Upcoming Events:	<p>AGM</p> <p>https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/2018-agm---celebrating-our-parent-community.html</p> <p>DATE: Tuesday 4 December</p> <p>TIME: 6.30 - 9 pm</p> <p>OUTLINE OF EVENING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">6.30 pm Onwards, with dinner & drinks on Level 8 Verandah7 pm Welcome and Reflection<ul style="list-style-type: none">Celebrating Broken Bay Parent Community 2018Special Guest - Dallas McInerneyShort AGM - acknowledging CSP Cluster Reps9 pm - Coffee ... for those who would like to stay to chat
Resources	<p>We encourage you to stay up to date via:</p> <p>Website</p> <p>https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com</p> <p>Twitter</p> <p>BBCathSchParents@BB_CSP</p> <p>FaceBook</p> <p>Broken Bay Catholic School Parents</p>