



## P&F MEETING – TERM 2, 2019

Tuesday 28th May 2019

### Meeting Minutes

1	<b>Welcome</b>	Acting President Belinda H open meeting at 7.00pm
2	<b>Apologies</b>	Saartje Destoop-Timmony, Matt Milligan and Shirley Rellis
3	<b>Matters arising from previous minutes</b>	<i>Motion:</i> Accept Minutes from previous meeting 28 <sup>th</sup> May, 2019. Accepted by Jo Woolford and Caroline Miller
4	<b>Principal's Report</b>	<p><b><u>School Musical</u></b> Our School Musical is fast approaching – we have just two weeks left before show time. The children had their first whole school rehearsal today and the production is coming together nicely. We have had great help from our parents organised by Wendy Jones. The assistance with costume organisation, shopping and making of props and sewing of costumes has been fantastic. Our teachers and children have been working hard to prepare their items and our teacher Musical Team is doing a great job at ensuring the details are being covered so parents and guests can expect an enjoyable night. Help is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Our thanks to class parents for assisting class teachers to gather and label costumes. We ask class parents to check with teachers that all costumes are ready and if any further assistance is needed.</li> </ul> <p>The children are taking an active part in the production of this year's musical which is a creative learning experience for them. While tickets are selling well, it is a case of the more the better. The capacity of the venue is about 2000, so we have plenty of room. Relatives and friends can be accommodated comfortably. All seats have an excellent view to the stage, so there is no need to be concerned about seat location. The show will be filmed and a purchasable download of the production will be available to families.</p> <p><b><u>Grandparents Day:</u></b> Our Year 5 and 6 parents did a great job supporting the organisation and hospitality for our Grandparents Day recently. Di Harding, our guest speaker, did a fabulous job and we have copies of her speech available at school. The performance of Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge was also woven beautifully into the liturgy created by our teachers and provided us with a nice focus which linked into the scripture readings. Afternoons seem to be very successful for this event.</p> <p><b><u>The St John's Hall:</u></b> We received welcome news last week concerning the hall. Construction is due to begin September 4<sup>th</sup> and will include replacement of the floor, the exit doors, some roof repairs, painting and other minor repairs. The building will be able to return to its normal function and all compliance issues will be addressed. The CSO is covering the cost of the required repair work. The Parish will continue to own the land the hall is built upon with the school having responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the hall. The use of the hall will continue to be shared between Parish and school. We are planning to install a project, screen and new speakers as part of the project at school cost.</p> <p><b><u>Enrolments 2020</u></b> Our Kindergarten enrolments for 2020 have been finalised and we will have two smaller classes of approximately 22 students each signed up for next year. We held our Parent Information session last week and our transition sessions begin 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September. The new families will be invited to our Family Mass November 9<sup>th</sup> and I'd like to encourage your attendance to that occasion.</p> <p><b><u>First Eucharist:</u></b> Many of our children, mainly from Year 3 are being prepared for First Eucharist. This year, the celebration will be held separately from the Parish Masses at both Dee Why and Narraweena.</p>

**Teaching and Learning:**

There has been a considerable amount happening on the teaching and learning front. Recent Maths workshops for parents were successfully run by our Year 1 teacher and Maths Coordinator, Kirstin Blyton. The workshops targeted the idea of learning concepts through tasks. Parents were shown how to develop understanding of number, counting and place value. Kirstin has upgraded our Weebly Maths Page to include improvements to the tasks presented there including clearer information to parents about the why of the tasks and how to vary them.

NAPLAN will be a little different this year as the tests moved to an online platform. Because of the changes to the way the test has been given and because of the technical issues experienced state wide, we are unsure of what will be provided for our writing results and what added or changed features will appear with the reporting of results. **NAPLAN student results to parents will be due in September.** We are looking at 2019 as a learning year and as a point of change in this type of assessment.

I was pleased to see our Stage 3 children take part in the inaugural Northern Beaches Catholic Schools STEM Challenge at Mater Maria, Warriewood last week. This will become an annual event. Specifically designed as a non-competitive event, the children attending developed a project around a school based issue. Our teams chose an investigation about Solar Panels as a way of establishing sustainable, cheaper, effective power for our school. The second team explored the importance of bees in our local and broader environment. They helped raise awareness of the threat to them and to us and presented practical ways we could encourage our native bees to thrive. Our eco garden has a hive of native bees established and our plants and hive are looking very healthy as a result. The event integrated the sharing of research in a magnificent venue (Mater) with a university scientist as guest speaker. Mater high school students shared some of their STEM work which gave the primary student a peak into life at high school.

**Sustainability:**

Caroline Miller has a Committee Report which refers to the Northern Beaches sustainability network. Caroline has been representing St John's and for this year we have the following initiatives happening with the children:

- Return and Earn project whereby we collect plastic bottles with the 10c refund sticker attached. The collection is our way of removing this material from the environment and of saving some money to give to Bear Cottage and put towards play equipment.
- Lids for Kids – donations of plastic bottle tops to be used to make prosthetic limbs for children.
- We have tidied up our Eco Garden and will be using the produce for our cook ups with the Parish. The cook ups provide food for families in need in our Parish and our school community.
- We have our native Bee Hive placed in the garden to help with the fertilisation of our plants and encourage the activity and life of the hive free from Wi-Fi damage.
- We have renovated our frog pond and installed a solar panel fountain to ensure the water remains healthy. We have one frog in residence and under netted protection!
- Year 2 will be running a waster audit

There are many lots of great things happening at our school. We look forward to a productive term 3. My thanks to the P&F for its ongoing involvement with our school and support of our activities.

	<b>Discussions raised during the meeting:</b>	<p>Thank you to all volunteers helping out with the upcoming musical and also our canteen volunteers, their help is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Suggested improvements to the Eco Garden and Sustainability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Getting “how to use” signs for the compost bins.</li> <li>- Involve both parishioners and school parents to help out in the Eco garden.</li> <li>- The produce that is ready to be picked, organise for seniors and their buddies to pick the produce together. Once collected the produce could be sold on the school grounds or after church to parishioners. The money raised would be donated to charities e.g. Mission Australia.</li> <li>- Kindy orientation days coming up soon, mention in these sessions about the uniform shop.</li> <li>- A new App called “Compass” will be introduced in the next couple of weeks replacing Flexibuzz.</li> </ul>			
5	<b>Executive &amp; Committee Reports:</b>	Committee Reports were tabled and provided to the attendees.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class Parent Co-Ordinator</li> </ul>	Provided by Joanne W. Refer the report included in committee report attachment.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St John's Advisory Council</li> </ul>	Provided by Rachael C. Refer to report included in committee report attachment.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasurers Report</li> </ul>	Provided by Russell S. Refer to the report included in committee report attachment.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canteen Co-Ordinator</li> </ul>	Shirley R. Refer to the report included in committee report attachment.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing Pool Co-Ordinator</li> </ul>	Provided by Linda S. Refer to the report included in committee report attachment.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broken Bay School Parent Council</li> </ul>	Provided by Caroline M. Refer to the report included in committee report attachment.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Banking</li> </ul>	Provided by Belinda B. Refer to the report included in committee report attachment.			
6	<b>General Business</b>	<b>Follow up Items</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Status</b>
		Hall	T2 2019	All	Ongoing
		Musical	T2 2019	All	Ongoing
		<b>New Items</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Status</b>
		None at this point.			

<b>Upcoming Events – 2019</b>		
<b>Event</b>	<b>Organiser</b>	<b>When</b>
Father's Day	Year 2	7.30am 30 August 2019
Musical	All	5 September 2019
Disco	Kindy	18 October 2019
World Teachers Day	P&F	25 October 2019
Sausage Sizzle	P&F	3 November 2019
Thank you Afternoon Tea	P&F	29 November 2019
Year 6 Graduation	Yr 6 & 1 School Board	11 December 2019
<b>7</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.00pm
<b>8</b>	<b>End of Meeting</b>	Meeting concluded at 8.00pm.