

St. John's P&F Association ~ T3 Meeting Agenda

23rd August 2023, 7pm, School library

Zoom link via COMPASS



1 WELCOME PRAYER - 7:10pm

2 INTRODUCTION

3 APOLOGIES

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4 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Zoom link is a positive addition for attendance to P&F meetings

- Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
 - What is it?
 - Teaching children about positive behaviour for learning. How to behave, and where they may have stepped over the line.
 - At the top of the triangle those are the kids that need more help and support in learning and individual support
 - Three-tiered approach. Tier 1 is in place, Tier 3 in place and tier 2 (approx. 15%) is still a work in progress.
 - Develop a partnership between parents and the school on PBL so we have a working relationship. Encouragement of good/positive learning vs the bad/negative/punishment.
 - What do parents want to know about PBL?
 - How is it better/ how do they learn what's wrong? MB: Better because kids are understanding what behaviours are expected from them. Teaching them what to do to correct their behaviour rather than punishment. Learning positive behaviour
 - Scale of behaviour and how to assess the levels?
 - Chronicles? Kids using this word. MB: From Compass, these are notes which can be made on the children and creating a record for them. Point is to highlight patterns. Part of Chronicles can be accessed by parents, some is confidential and is not accessible. These records are both positive as well as constructive.
 - When are the parents being contacted/brought into the conversation? MB: Teachers contact on a need to know basis
 - Open and honest actions about consequences when behaviour doesn't improve? MB: Bigger question and needs further addressing from Mark. There is some work to be done there, and potentially a collaborative process
 - Professionally based? MB: Yes, it's a framework which comes highly recommended. UR Strong is supplementary to PBL
 - Is no news, good news? MB: Yes
 - How does it work?

- Three core school rules to follow: Respectful, Responsible, Safe learners. These provide a guideline for expectations for children. A slight change of language across each three to use positive/more relatable language.
 - Underlie connected PBL focuses.
 - Positive Rewards (Smile awards, Merit awards, Strength & Gentleness, Core Values)
 - The Matrix highlights the clear levels of behaviour as well as the consequences – this will be reviewed to ensure it is clear and consideration around what needs to change/develop. Goal is really to change the behaviour, not punish it.
- We want parents to help spread the word about PBL and what it's about. How can we get the word out, what's an effective way to communicate it. Parents and students involved. What are the comms channels – Compass, P&F Workshop, Class Meetings, Focus Groups, Survey Monkey to set the baseline.
- Introduction of the Eileen O'Connor project
 - The Diocese is going to be building a new school for children with disabilities and their families. They will have satellite classes into Catholic schools and these classes will be rolled out slowly from now.
 - 2025 school will be built on the Central Coast with the goal of this initiative being to broaden opportunities for families and children.
 - Small class of children over time across the diocese with the hope of integration into mainstream
 - This is being supported and run by the Diocese. This will have an impact for St. Lucy's, a decision will be made in 2024 as to how students will be accommodated into the new class. Changes will be happening, and St. Lucy's parents have been informed.
 - The transition of St. Lucy's students into mainstream is conducted on a case-by-case basis in conjunction with Eileen O'Connor and St. Johns
 - Classes 10-12 students and fees are Diocesan fees
 - Goal is to enhance the capacity of all schools and teachers to support all children of all needs.
 - Concern and questions around the level of teachers and their expertise. Will they be as good as what is currently working at St. Lucy's?
 - Priority enrolment for children wishing to move to EOC to provide continuity for students & families. Communication needs to happen for all stakeholders.
 - Lots and lots of questions coming through from P&F attendees, lots of discussion. Mark to send out more information via What's happening.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Class Parent Coordinator**
 - How can we engage with class parents more and the wider community? Not getting a lot of help from parents with always the same people volunteering.
 - "Just 1 thing" approach across the full year? OR two hours per child for the full year? Information sessions for kindy 2024 classes to include how their support can help and volunteer across the year.
 - Perhaps a rethink about how we approach the class parent role and what level of engagement do people actually want?
 - Grandparents day – feedback was great as well as the liturgy and MB's words. Tea line was too long!

- Father's Day – Year 2, however, potential assistance from ex students from Mercy College students.

- **Treasurer**

- **Bianca C has stepped down as the Treasurer of the P&F. Angela C has been elected and appointed as the new SJAN P&F treasurer effective from 23rd August 2023.**
- Movie night was well attended but not a money maker. Grandparents Day also a great success but again not a income generator
- We are in a great position with cash flow. Suggestions around portable Mic as well as camera for future hybrid meetings
- Balance of budget must be spent in 2023
- There are suggestions on how the budget will/could be spent, across readers, wellbeing programs for students as well as parent engagement events. Opportunity for an after-school activity for children. Rubix cubes. MB happy to take suggestions from parents on ideas for use of funds.

- **Canteen Coordinator**

- New school bags from Pickles for 2024 kindy students – lots of excitement around the durability. New library bag and hats as well. Slightly more expensive than old bags
- New and official logo included
- Faulty bags have been returned and repaired/replaced
- Volunteers needed!
- Winter to Summer stock transition

- **Catholic Schools Parent Representative**

- 25 attendees at last catch up a few weeks ago. Positive energy and good engagement
- Mix of common events between schools as well some unique events. Lots of work with retirement villages as well as a rename of the P&F to “Parents in Partnership” (PIP), colour run to raise money for Vinnies, school fair (Bianca to organise)
- Points raised around how to communicate with parents. CSBB is looking to action a Best Practice communications guide in parent framework
- Fundraising process and guidelines framework is currently in draft
- Parents & Friends constitution / Terms of Reference – updating
- Pixevety – CSBB’s new photo and video management solution to be rolled out for managing consent of parents and students to use school photos. Comms to go to parents/carers in Term 3 and rolled out in Term 4
- Two webinars – The Role of emotion in Career education on 29th August and Getting started with social media 9th November.
- School award opportunity – 2023 Roger Sullivan Award for Family, School and Community Partnerships for Learning. (we have won this previously for Maths & Me kits). Needs to be a partnership between students – parents – school. Suggestions around Spelling Engagement, Jar Jum cultural program, PBL.

- **Uniform Shop coordinator**

6. **UPCOMING P&F EVENTS T3 and beyond**

- Father's Day Breakfast – 1st September
- Disco in November – hosted by Kindy
- Christmas events? Bishop is coming for a parish visit 17th-19th for Mass
- Welcome Bush Dance 2024 – 17th February
- Parents social night and fundraiser – Bogan Bingo moved to 23rd March 2024
- Bianca to come back on a council run event, opportunity for St. Johns to support

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Thoughts on options on how to include language learning. Perhaps at lunchtime
- Additional sport uniform day – option for Tuesday being an optional day to wear sports uniform vs winter/summer uniforms.
- OOSH bookings in school holidays are very hard and booked out quickly, will have a look at how many students from other schools are booking in
- Toilet situation is an issue
 - Should we let the Diocese know about the situation and get onto them to prioritise works on the toilets, the Diocese wants to have responsibility for all capital works at the school.
 - Simone M to raise issue with CSBB
 - Unclean and well-being hazard.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AGM date TBC

9. CLOSE MEETING

8:46pm