

St. John's P&F Association ~ T2 2024

Meeting Agenda

29th May 2024, 7pm, School library

Zoom link via COMPASS



Start: 7:04pm

1 Welcome to country & WELCOME PRAYER

2 APOLOGIES

Belinda H

Angela C

3 MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES

Yes, seconded by Jamie K (in room)

4 PRESENTATION FROM Ms FIONA DIGNAN on Eileen O'Connor School

- Eileen O'Connor joining the school community (Eileen O'Connor is on track to be our next Australian saint) by establishing a network of support classes across the diocese
- These support classes will be run at St. John's, and underpinned by a strong support system. CSBB Focus is to enhance the capacity in the schools to meet the needs of students with disabilities. St. John's has been chosen deliberately to be part of this program.
- They are building a purpose built, centre of excellence specialist school at Tuggerah, Central Coast. (2028). The new school will be registered as our 45th School in the diocese
- The goal of the program is to expand school options and increase parent choices, as well as building strong Catholic communities
- Providing a continuum of connected support:
 - K-12 support classes within existing schools
 - Centre of Excellence school location next to an existing school
 - Connection to parish
 - Transition focused - options for children to integrate into the mainstream school if it is right for the child. Where are the child's strengths and how can they develop and grow in the mainstream.
- Building confidence and learning from History
 - Harnessing the learnings from Aspect and St. Lucy's relationship. Our responsibility is to look after ALL of our parish families. We need to stop outsourcing our responsibilities.
 - Respond to legislation changes - tension on funding
 - Inclusion model of education

- Every support service and entitlements at St. John's will be available to children in the support classes (sibling discounts, counselling, Parent engagement etc)
- Two classes at St John's K-2 and 3-6
 - Teaching team of 5 (2 FTE + 3 LSA)
 - Classes between 6-8 children each
- Eileen O'Connor is really the back end to make this possible, all kids will be part of the St. John's community and school
- Criteria - Autism and/or Mild - Moderate intellectual disability. K-6 in 2025.
- Next steps
 - Student enrolments with some placement already offered
 - Staff employment
 - Site modifications - what is required/needed for students and accessibility (funded by Eileen O'Connor)
 - Classroom selection on site and fitout and resource the classroom
 - Priorisation for acceptance into the class follows the same guidelines as St John's selection (Baptised catholics and siblings in catholic schools)

5 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- School has received a well-being grant of \$12,600 - Now not needed from the P&F budget
 - UR Strong Friendship Skills
 - Life Skills go subscription
 - PBL signage
 - OT specialist sessions
 - Basketball hoop 3-6
 - Basketball hoop K-2
 - Social Skills
 - Drinking Fountain
- Pantastic The Musical - C3 - 12th September - 6-6:30pm start
 - Ticketed event
 - Asking class parents to support by leading communication to parents, promote the event, build up positivity and excitement for the event
 - All children involved and community involvement
 - Preparations at school during the music and drama classes
 - Looking to employ a choreographer
 - Parent help with costumes, prop making - led by Christine Dunk

- Group Hug initiative
 - Supporting families in need - providing lunches for kids at school and uniform support if required. Dinner potentially as well
 - Linking families to services were applicable
 - Privacy and discretion for families is paramount
 - Collect funds via our events to support this program
 - Class parents to inform the office either directly or by confidential email of who this may benefit
 - CSBB advice we cannot set up as a charity so to be funded from P&F but managed/delivered by school's executive, Canteen coordinator and Parent Engagement Coordinator. Discussion paper is available for anyone interested.

- Budget ask:
 - Asking for \$7k toward the cost of Pantastic
 - \$1k for Group Hug
 - \$1k Maths curriculum resources
 - Need to confirm and check with Angela for formal approval.

- Parent/teacher interview will be just between parents and teachers, not a three way interview as per usual (driven by feedback)

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Treasurer
 - Uniform sales continue to be the main source of income
 - Budget looking healthy

- Class Parent Coordinator - Mothers Day report
 - Raised approx \$1,500
 - Huge thank you to all the dads and granddads who helped out on the day
 - Survey results - looking for more family events, 4 simple events a year
 - Need a push for more help
 - Colour run Term 4 (fundraising happening in T3)
 - Thoughts around Olympics integration - will happen in classroom along with athletics carnival

- Catholic Schools Parent Representative - Welcome Vanessa.
 - Welcome to Vanessa and thank you for taking on the role
 - St. Keirans at Manly Vale had a successful initiative around educational online security sessions for parents and children

- Canteen Coordinator
 - Canteen all going well, but again struggle with volunteers - same faces always showing up
 - Nothing more at this stage to add to the menu

- Toastie day Tuesday 4th June

- Uniform Shop
 - Super busy with the switch over, heaps of stock and busy morning and afternoon
 - Jo is leaving the end of the year and we will need a replacement
 - Chantelle Lewis happy to take over but may need to change the day of the week for opening and closing. Lauren Johnston (KB) also willing to help in a joint capacity with Chantelle
 - Promoting uniform shop during enrolment for new families coming into the school.

7 UPCOMING P&F EVENTS - Results from recent social engagement survey

8 OTHER BUSINESS

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21st August 2024

10 CLOSE MEETING - 8:26pm