

SACRED HEART SCHOOL MONA VALE
PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, 27 May 2009 – 7.30pm

Prior to start of meeting, Year 5 gave a presentation of the interactive whiteboards which were purchased with funds raised by the P&F.

ITEM	DISCUSSION / ISSUE	ACTION	WHO / WHEN
Meeting opened at 8.00pm			
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was opened with everyone joining in our prayer. • New president, Dom Sudano, opened the meeting, welcoming new parents who had not attended a P&F meeting before. As new president, Dom told everyone a little about himself and advised if there were any issues people would like raised, please do not hesitate to contact him. Dom is regularly at school. • We tried a different approach for the meeting and handed out written reports of the following subcommittees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Diocese Parent Council – Rachel Homan ○ Parish Delegate – Kathy Gray ○ Uniform Shop – Gwen Stephens <p>Dom gave a brief overview of each of the reports. Full reports are attached to these minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies from Darren Parker (Treasurer), Kathy Gray and Gwen Stephens. • Uniform - there was brief discussion on whether a winter vest for boys would be a possibility. This will be looked into. • Uniform shop premises – it was asked whether there might be space in our new MPR building for the uniform shop, with extra storage, room for customers during wet weather and an area for trying on clothes. Julie Caldwell will speak to our architect. • In Darren Parker's absence, Suzy Caruso advised that the P&F bank account currently has a balance of \$22,000. A copy of the spreadsheet is attached. We also have an extra \$10,000 which was set aside for landscaping, however the landscaping will now be paid from the government pride grants. Preference is for this money to be allocated to more whiteboards. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion turned to new landscaping. The issue of landscaping was raised as a matter for future consideration at the previous meeting. The P&F had allocated funds for garden work and asked for volunteers for a garden committee. However since that time we have had funds allocated from the government. Money will be spent on drainage and new concrete in the kiss and drop area, drains near the Parish, fence repairs near the Parish, trees and a more usable area for the children to play (similar to the new landscaping at Mona Vale Public School), in our maintenance report it was identified that that paving must be replaced outside the canteen – this is an OH&S issue, a fence will be built on the jump ledge behind the silver seats outside the year 1 classrooms, the area under the orange seats will be resurfaced – possibly with crushed granite and the secret garden will be revamped. • Kiss and drop zone – parking issues – Dom Sudano and Julie Caldwell met with the safety ranger and traffic liaison officer from Pittwater Council. Whilst the Council would not give definite answers on many issues raised, they did say they will try to maintain some consistency amongst the rangers with regards booking cars. It was noted that parents should not be getting out of cars and if you do find you need to get out, parking the car and walking is the better option to avoid a parking ticket. Parents are reminded to think of others when using the zone, to avoid leaving other parents or teachers in a position where they may incur a fine. The kiss and drop zone is a luxury zone and the council can remove it if it becomes too difficult. At this stage the council have already extended it for us, past the teacher’s car park entrance, and removed the median strip. 		
<p>HOT TOPIC “ “YOUR P&F</p>	<p>As part of a new strategy we are trying for P&F meetings, we are trialling open forum discussions on “hot topics”. Tonight’s topic was “the purpose of your P&F”. What do we stand for, what do you expect from your P&F and what should our purpose be?</p> <p>Feedback revealed we should be a forum for parents to be more involved in our children’s school life; an intermediary between parents and teachers and a place for fundraising. More communication from the P&F would be welcome, possibly on the school website. Minutes of the P&F meetings currently go on the website. Hot topics which are to be discussed will be advertised.</p> <p>Attendance at P&F meetings has always been low – the idea of having the P&F meeting combined with another presentation, such as the interactive whiteboard presentation, was discussed as a way to draw in more parents.</p> <p>Should we rebrand and look at the way we are perceived. Do people still worry that if they attend they will be given a job? When attendance is low, is it right to presume everyone is happy? Do parents know what information is discussed at meetings and are they missing out?</p>		

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT	Julie Caldwell's full report is attached.		
HOT TOPIC "YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE"	A second hot topic discussion was on the agenda however time did not allow this discussion to go ahead. Ideas regarding an adult fund raiser will be advertised in the school newsletter.		
BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	The only outstanding issue was the landscaping and gardening which was discussed earlier in the meeting.		
MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION	There are currently no matters for future consideration.		
<p>Meeting closed at 9.10pm</p> <p>The date for the next meeting in Term 3 will be advised in the school newsletter at a later date.</p>			

P&F Committee Members

President: Dom Sudano
Vice President: Suzy Caruso
Treasurer: Darren Parker
Secretary: Kerrie Andrews
Social Committee: Mandy Allen
Parish Delegate: Kathy Gray
Parent Council Rep: Rachel Homan
Uniform Shop: Fiona Scarf, Gwen Stevens, Michelle Nemcich, Jacqui Palmer

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UNIFORM SHOP – GWEN STEPHENS

The Uniform Shop has been busy stocking in winter items. We now have a full stock of winter uniforms which are selling well.

We are looking now to our back to school orders for next year and orientation day and trying to take advantage of supplier discounts for early orders.

We need another person to help out in the shop, so if anyone is interested can you please contact Gwen Stephens on 0402 034 164 or Fiona Scarf on 0413 112 236.

DIOCESAN PARENT COUNCIL REPORT - RACHEL HOMAN

Parent Council Leadership Evening

The message from Brother Tony was “Genuine supporters of Catholic schooling in good times deserve support in difficult times”. He reviewed the BER as outlined in his letter dated the 20 March 2009.

The discussion covered unemployment and economic hardship facing many families today and what is the anticipated impact on school communities? What are the challenges facing school communities in enrolment and competition for enrolment? What the P&F can do to assist families facing hardship?

It was addressed that now was a time to reinvent community and develop a culture of compassion. To move forward with hope not guilt.

The how to is our challenge.

Peninsula Learning Community of Catholic Schools

On the Peninsula a project began three years ago under the name Peninsula Learning Community of Catholic Schools. The core purpose of the PLCCS is built on the development of a professional Learning community with a strong emphasis on improving student’s outcomes through a collaborative culture of network and support for students and staff. All schools are involved including Mater Maria and St Paul’s. Our school is the north cluster with Avalon, Narrabeen, Collaroy and Mater.

New Initiatives from this for 2009 include:

- Science/Maths (Zoomatics): a partnership with Taronga Zoo to develop an independent learning program based on marine Biology.
- Marana Music festival: a week-long festival in early August held at mater Maria. Expecting over 500 students to participate.

The PLCCS worked together to run the advertising in the Manly Daily representing the Schools under the one banner, PLCCS.

Media Release

The Hon Julia Gillard MP - “Australian Early Development Index”

“The minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today welcomed the implementation of a key election commitment, the national rollout of the Australian Early Development Index.” 27 April 2009

Quote from The Australian 27 April 2009 about AEDI

“Children in their first year of primary school will be assessed over the next three months to determine which communities should be targeted by the Rudd Government for help. This is because children are falling behind in the first five years of life.”

GET SOME FRIENDS TOGETHER AND HEAD TO...

Parent Forum - Subject: "Cotton Wool Kids!" Anxiety - What's happening today?

Tuesday 2 June, 7.30pm – 9.30pm at St Kieran's Parish Hall, 2 King St Manly Vale

Car Pool with a group of your friends to attend this very informative evening

RSVP: parentcouncil@dbb.edu.au

"What is it that draws parents to our schools?"

Conversations around "What is it that draws parents to our schools" have commenced at the parent council cluster meetings. The feedback will be used to ascertain information to support school promotion and diocesan planning.

Free Service

Did you know?

- The school can put you in touch with a school counsellor.
- The school can put you in touch with Centacare.

These are services available at no cost.

If you are unable to ask for details at the school office please contact Cathie Renfrew Ph: 9847 0340 for assistance.

PARISH DELEGATE – KATHY GRAY

We have had a very busy few months at the Parish.

Confirmation for Year 2 and above will be held this Saturday. Children will be confirmed at both Sacred Heart (90 children) and Maria Regina, Avalon (90 children). A special mention to Suzy Caruso, Sally Egan and Selina Nichols for their fabulous organisational skills under some difficult circumstances.

Our youth group at Mater for years 7-9 is going very well. It is into its second term and going from strength to strength!

On the weekend of 3/4, 4/4, and 5/5 we ran our second "light of the world evangelisation retreat". We had over 60 parishioners enjoy a living encounter with our Lord. These retreatants are now forming "small faith groups" to help strengthen and grow their journey in faith.

Youth masses every Sunday night are the talk of the Diocese ..People come from all over Sydney to experience our amazing Parish!

New councillors are being called for the establishment of a new Pastoral council. Father George has a wonderful vision to take our Parish to the next level!

Winter school for youth from all over Australia is to be held at our Parish 19/7 to 25/7.

Wonderful Mothers day mass - thanks to all staff and Father for making it so special.

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TREASURER'S SPREADSHEETS

Sacred Heart School Parents & Friends Association				
Financial accounts				
Reconciliation -	as at	30-Apr-09		
Balance per bank account -		30-Oct-08	Westpac	\$13,554.85
		30-Oct-08	CBA	\$23,011.96
Add : unrecorded receipts		Mothers Day		\$2,142.25
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Less : Unpresented cheques		Beare and Ley		\$6,777.50
		PSW P/L		\$278.74
		PSW P/L		\$7,010.96
		Pickles Schoolwear		\$390.50
		Gazal Apparel		\$2,097.70
				\$16,555.40
Less: Provisions				
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			<u>\$0.00</u>	
Available balance at		30-Apr-09		<u><u>\$22,153.66</u></u>

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OUTLINE OF MEETING

1. Interactive whiteboard demonstration by Year 5
2. Welcome and Prayer
3. Introduction / President's Report
 - overview of reports of sub committees – treasurer, uniform shop, parent council, parish delegate
 - clarification on the issue of parking in the kiss and drop zone
 - open forum discussion on the purpose of the P&F
4. Principal's Report
5. Open forum on social committee issues
 - do you have new ideas?
 - what do you like that we do?
 - what don't you like and what alternative would you suggest?
 - in the current economic climate, should we be aiming to raise money?
6. Confirmation / acceptance / business arising from previous minutes – no pending issues
7. Matters for Future Consideration