

SACRED HEART SCHOOL MONA VALE
PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 17 November 2009, 9.00am – MPR

ITEM	DISCUSSION / ISSUE	ACTION	WHO / WHEN
Meeting opened at 9.00am			
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was opened with everyone joining in The Lord's Prayer. • Dom Sudano, opened the meeting, welcoming everyone, particularly our new Assistant Principal, Mrs Jennifer O'Carroll. • Mrs O'Carroll addressed the meeting, letting us know about her family and background and how she has come to be at Sacred Heart. • Apologies from Rachel Homan and Kathy Vidulic.. • Advised we will hold the P&F AGM directly following the meeting, with positions for Vice President, Treasurer and social committee vacant. • Sub committee reports for the following are attached: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Diocese Parent Council – Rachel Homan ○ Parish Delegate – Kathy Gray • Dom thanked Mandy Allen for her fabulous work as social committee coordinator for the past year, particularly for her work on our recent Las Vegas Nights function which raised approximately \$12,000 for the school. • Suggestion Box – we are placing a “suggestion box” in the school reception area for future suggestions – not for past events. We will have a “tear off” slip in the school newsletter where any feedback can be left for the P&F / social committee. • Social committee – formerly this role has been a one person job, which has resulted in a huge workload and ultimately no one else wanting to take on the role. We will be taking a new approach to the social committee starting in 2010, with a social committee of 4 parents, and with each class year being responsible for a particular school event. These events will “belong” to the particular year, so as your child moves through the years, you will know what event your year is responsible for. The event will be organised by the class parents in conjunction with the social committee. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzy Caruso gave a powerpoint presentation on how the new look social committee will work. The events will be arranged by various years as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kindergarten – orientation days for following year kindergarten children ○ Year 1 – End of Year BBQ/Disco ○ Year 2 – Fathers Day Breakfast ○ Year 3 – Major fund raiser for children ○ Year 4 – Mothers Day breakfast ○ Year 5 – Major fund raiser for parents ○ Year 6 – Welcome BBQ and graduation • As this will involve greater input by class parents, Dom Sudano will meet with current class parents to formalise a job description of a class parent for each year and setting out what event each particular year will be responsible for. 		
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT	Julie Caldwell's full report is attached.		
TREASURER'S REPORT	<p>Darren Parker delivered his report. The P&F currently has two accounts, one with CBA and one with Westpac. The Westpac account is being phased out, with the balance of funds being transferred to the CBA. The CBA account currently has a balance of \$20,418.16. Funds are expected to increase once payments are received from the uniform shop following the two kindergarten orientation days.</p> <p>Not including the profits from Las Vegas Nights and uniform shop takings for orientation day, the P&F has raised approximately \$14,000 this year.</p> <p>The school would like to purchase more interactive whiteboards and a sun shade for use at school events/functions with money raised.</p>		
BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	<p>There was no outstanding business from previous meetings.</p> <p>Minutes from the P&F meetings from Terms 2 and 3 are to be uploaded to the school website</p>		
MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION	There are currently no matters for future consideration.		
<p>Meeting closed at 9.45am.</p> <p>The next meeting in Term 1, 2010 will be a night time meeting following the parent information evening early in Term 1. The date will be advised in the school newsletter.</p>			

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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ELECTION OF P&F COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2010

Following the P&F Meeting, an AGM was held to elect P&F committee members.

All present members stood down.

Mrs Jennifer O'Carroll, our new Assistant Principal, called for nominations for the various positions.

Nominations were received, seconded, and members elected as follows:

P&F Committee Members

President: Dom Sudano
 Vice President: Cutty Felton
 Treasurer: vacant
 Secretary: Kerrie Andrews
 Social Committee: Pam Alexopoulos, Kathy Vidulic, Rachel Sudano, Suzy Caruso
 Parish Delegate: Kathy Gray
 Parent Council Rep: Rachel Homan
 Uniform Shop: Fiona Scarf, Gwen Stevens, Michelle Nemicich, Jacqui Palmer

POSITION	CURRENT	2010	
President	Dom Sudano	Dom Sudano	Nominated by Suzy Caruso, seconded by Darren Parker
Vice President	Suzy Caruso	Cutty Felton	Elected post meeting
Treasurer	Darren Parker	Vacant	
Secretary	Kerrie Andrews	Kerrie Andrews	Nominated by Suzy Caruso, seconded by Marissa Reddy
Parish Council Delegate	Kathy Gray	Kathy Gray	Re-elected post meeting
Parent Council	Rachel Homan	Rachel Homan	Re-elected post meeting
Uniform Shop	Fiona Scarf, Gwen Stevens, Michelle Nemicich, Jacqui Palmer	Fiona Scarf, Gwen Stevens, Michelle Nemicich, Jacqui Palmer	Nominated by Julie Caldwell, seconded by Dom Sudano
Social Committee	Mandy Allen	Pam Alexopoulos, Kathy Vidulic, Rachael Sudano, Suzy Caruso	Nominated by all, seconded by all

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DIOCESAN PARENT COUNCIL REPORT - RACHEL HOMAN

The P&F and the school community acknowledged International Teachers Day, on Friday 30 October. Thank you to Suzy for her wonderful treats she put together for the teachers.

The parent forums that are held each term are attracting good numbers and are always recommended. The last topics were "Teenagers, Drugs & Alcohol" and "Children Coping with Grief & Loss".

These forums are FREE.

There was no Parent Council meeting this term.

A Story of HOPE

I am a mother of three (ages 14, 12, 3) and have recently completed my college degree.

The last class I had to take was Sociology.

The teacher was absolutely inspiring with the qualities that I wish every human being had been graced with.

Her last project of the term was called, 'Smile.'

The class was asked to go out and smile at three people and document their reactions.

I am a very friendly person and always smile at everyone and say hello anyway. So, I thought this would be a piece of cake, literally.

Soon after we were assigned the project, my husband, youngest son, and I went out to McDonald's one crisp March morning.

It was just our way of sharing special playtime with our son.

We were standing in line, waiting to be served, when all of a sudden everyone around us began to back away, and then even my husband did.

I did not move an inch.... an over whelming feeling of panic welled up inside of me as I turned to see why they had moved.

As I turned around I smelled a horrible 'dirty body' smell, and there standing behind me were two poor homeless men.

As I looked down at the short gentleman, close to me, he was 'smiling'

His beautiful sky blue eyes were full of God's Light as he searched for acceptance..

He said, 'Good day' as he counted the few coins he had been clutching.

The second man fumbled with his hands as he stood behind his friend. I realized the second man was mentally challenged and the blue-eyed gentleman was his salvation.

I held my tears as I stood there with them.

The young lady at the counter asked him what they wanted.

He said, 'Coffee is all Miss' because that was all they could afford. (If they wanted to sit in the restaurant and warm up, they had to buy something. He just wanted to be warm).

Then I really felt it - the compulsion was so great I almost reached out and embraced the little man with the blue eyes.

That is when I noticed all eyes in the restaurant were set on me, judging my every action.

I smiled and asked the young lady behind the counter to give me two more breakfast meals on a separate tray..

I then walked around the corner to the table that the men had chosen as a resting spot. I put the tray on the table and laid my hand on the blue-eyed gentleman's cold hand.

He looked up at me, with tears in his eyes, and said, 'Thank you.'

I leaned over, began to pat his hand and said, 'I did not do this for you.. God is here working through me to give you hope.'

I started to cry as I walked away to join my husband and son. When I sat down my husband smiled at me and said, 'That is why God gave you to me, Honey, to give me hope..'

We held hands for a moment and at that time, we knew that only because of the Grace that we had been given were we able to give.

We are not church goers, but we are believers..

That day showed me the pure Light of God's sweet love.

I returned to college, on the last evening of class, with this story in hand.

I turned in 'my project' and the instructor read it.

Then she looked up at me and said, 'Can I share this?'

I slowly nodded as she got the attention of the class.

She began to read and that is when I knew that we as human beings and being part of God share this need to heal people and to be healed.

In my own way I had touched the people at McDonald's, my son, the instructor, and every soul that shared the classroom on the last night I spent as a college student.

I graduated with one of the biggest lessons I would ever learn:

UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE

PARISH DELEGATE – KATHY GRAY

The parish has been very busy this last term.

1. On the weekend of the 9,10 and 11th October Pittwater Parish ran their 3rd 'LIGHT OF THE WORLD" Retreat at Mater Maria. Parishioners ranging in age from 21 to 98 enjoyed a "Living Encounter" with our Lord. Many friendships were made, people from the parish worked so well together using their gifts in hospitality, evangelisation and many other ministries. The retreatants have now transitioned into Small Faith communities where they will continue to support each other in their faith Journey .
2. Our Youth and Music ministries held an amazing social evening "The Rat Pack" to raise money for Youth Cambodia Trip. In total they raised \$50,000. Fifty youth leave this Saturday to go to Cambodia to Build 35 houses for the locals.
3. Year 3 and above had their "First Eucharist" this weekend at both Avalon and Mona Vale. The masses were a magnificent celebration for the children. Full congratulations should go to Suzy, Celina and Sally, and SR. Matilda for such an great job.
4. Father George, Kathy Gee and members of the Avalon parish went for a short visit to East Timor at the end of September. The trip was to establish closer "Ties" with the community and establish ways we can assist them.
5. Sr Matilda and co are looking for volunteers for the Christmas Eve celebrations.
6. Meditation continues every Friday.

Principal's Report - 17th November 2009

Catholic Life and Mission

- Karen Pezzuto moved into the role of REC since Mrs McLean left on maternity leave.
- Planning for end of year and graduation.
- Continued with liturgies. Year 4 held a moving tribute on remembrance day last week.
- Strong church school partnership continues to grow. Father George greeted new Kinder parents.
- Partnership in planning the Xmas eve mass at school at 5pm.
- Strong evidence of Social Justice awareness and environmental stewardship growing in the school. Mrs Ess and Miss Gibson have been leading and supporting the students.

Teaching and Learning

- Wizard of Oz was a great part of last term's work. It was the biggest musical the school has produced and was a wonderful team effort by teachers and parents and the talented children.
- ICLT focus – Simone O'Connor. Supporting staff in the introduction of Interactive White boards as well as holding staff meetings and after school technology meetings.
- Planet Green – initiative of the students.
- Debating going well – currently equal first.
- Public Speaking competition.
- Jane Vanzino - put forward for sports award.
- NAPLAN results showed great improvement in our areas of focus. Spelling is showing gains now – up to three years improved spelling age.

Student Welfare and Pastoral Care

- PBL is proving effective and supportive of the school's Catholic ethos – data shows that major offences are decreasing. Lisa F has taken over the role of Pastoral Care Coordinator with Suzy on leave. Lisa is currently being trained as a coach for another school in PBL.
- Meditation for children.
- Anxiety – Lisa producing resources for staff and parents.

Facilities and Resources

- Building still on the books.
- Looking for start date.
- Hoping to get more Interactive whiteboards next year.
- Large shade tent for carnivals, outdoor events etc.

Strategic Planning

- Mary Leahy – Vision and Mission – draft currently being prepared.
- Focus Mathematics – Melbourne Conference.
- SDD – 12th March.
- Continue combined Maths meetings.
- Hargreaves (networked learning – authentic learning).
- Hattie – Conditions that improve learning – Feedback to teachers from authentic assessment.

P and F

- Thanks to an incredibly supportive P and F. I wish Dominic and his new/old team every success.

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AGENDA

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OUTLINE OF MEETING

1. WELCOME AND PRAYER
2. INTRODUCTION AND PRESIDENT'S REPORT, INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING FROM EXECUTIVE MEETING – DOM SUDANO
 - Attendance and apologies
 - P&F positions vacant – Vice President and Treasurer. Directly after meeting we will have an AGM to call for nominations and announce new committee members
 - Introducing our new Assistant Principal – Jennifer O'Carroll
 - New social committee structure for 2010 and beyond – presentation by Suzy Caruso
 - Subcommittee reports – Parish Council, Diocesan Parent Council, Uniform Shop
3. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT INCLUDING BUILDING WORKS UPDATE – JULIE CALDWELL
4. TREASURER'S REPORT – DARREN PARKER
5. CONFIRMATION / ACCEPTANCE / BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES, IF ANY
6. MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION
7. CLOSE