St Michael’s Primary School

Minutes P & F Meeting 10th December 2013

Present

Helen Bourne
Sally Edwards
Graeme Charles
Renee Lyon
Nicky Pizzuto
Nick Diemar
Nadine Dellow
Correna Davey
Linda Bekis
Jeannie Bokodi
Leanne Coombe

Absent with Apologies

Michael Punch
Kelly McDuff
Carol de Vos
Sally Buckley
Gabby Townsing

1. Welcome

Sally Edwards opened the meeting at 7.10pm and thanked attendees for coming.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 10th September were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Graeme Charles  Seconded: Nadine Dellow  MOVED

3. Principal’s Report

Religious Dimension:

- Stage One attended the parish mass on Friday.
- Next family mass will be Saturday 14th December.
- Carols by Twilight after mass on Sat 14th.
- Each stage has been leading us through the weeks of Advent as we prepare for Christmas.
- End of year mass and graduation mass tomorrow at 12pm.
Curriculum:

- Cate Anderson and Gemma Pilley represented St Michael’s and the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle at the recent Primary English Teachers Association of Australia Conference in Newcastle.
- We have bought new resources to help us deliver the new English curriculum.
- NAPLAN results were very favourable for the school. We were above the national average and had the greatest growth in the diocese for spelling.

General:

- We received a highly commended for the Newcastle Herald Newspaper awards.
- We were awarded the Port Stephens Environmental Curriculum Award for our veggie patch.
- Reports will go out in Week 9.
- Classes for next year will be sent out shortly.
- We will not be having captains next year but a group of 8 leaders for each semester.
- The uniform policy needs to be revised re shoes worn on sports days. We will discuss this in general business.
- Graduation dinner tomorrow night.
- A very big thank you to Sally Edwards and we wish her and her family all the best as they relocate in Sale.
- Thank you to all who assist with the P & F. Your work is greatly appreciated by all.

Proposed: Linda Beks  Seconded: Jeannie Bokodi  MOVED

4. Treasurer’s Report

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Cheques to be ratified

Canteen expenses $2012.80
LED Candles for “Carols by Twilight” $475.00

Account Balances @ 9th December 2013
(after presentation of above cheques)

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Proposed: Leanne Coombe  Seconded: Graeme Charles  MOVED

5. Fundraising Report

The school calendar is now for sale. Orders have already been placed and the calendar will also be available for purchase at the swimming carnival, after the graduation end of year mass and after Saturday night mass/carols. There will be a fundraising meeting held next year on the 4th February at Linda Bek’s house to discuss fundraising events to be held throughout 2014. Linda will then report back with
proposed agenda at the 1st P & F meeting next year to be held on the 11th February. A fundraiser for cystic fibrosis is one event that will need to be organised. Will look at starting up a P & F newsletter next year to keep parents up-to-date on how money raised is spent with the possibility of advertising in the newsletter for $50 per add.

**ACTION:** Renee to put fundraising update in link informing parents of how much money has been raised throughout the year at certain events.

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**General Business**

After further investigation it appears the old bore is more than likely under the new hall. Will discuss further next year.

Air-conditioners are still needed in 3 class rooms.

**ACTION:** Helen to arrange installation of air-conditioners over the holiday period.

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New uniform policy to be distributed before the end of the year. As there is inconsistency with white sports shoes, it has been decided that all students may wear black polishable leather joggers five days a week or polishable black leather shoes four days a week and black leather joggers on sports days.

**ACTION:** Helen to distribute new uniform policy before the end of the year.

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A new canteen menu will need to be distributed to all families in term 1 next year.

**ACTION:** Sue Shaw to distribute.

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Martina has discussed with Stuart’s mum the memorial plaque which will be placed in the school playground in his memory. They will arrange the wording and would like to donate the plaque. They are very touched by the gesture.

Last week there was a meeting to discuss the need for a future catholic high school in the region. Attendance was good with 28 parents present. Hopefully within 5-10 years there may be a possibility at building a high school on land at Medowie or Salt Ash, however in the meantime they will look at better transport for the students.

Payment of the maintenance fee is still an ongoing issue with many families not paying due to inconvenience of paying per term. Will look at allowing parents to pay $30 for 3 terms upfront at the beginning of year.

Linda Beks would like to see gymnastics taught at school next year. She will look into whether the instructors are Australian Accredited.
Next Meeting
Sally Edward thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting.
The next P &F Meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 11th February 2014. The AGM will take place at the following meeting on Tuesday 11th March.

Meeting Adjourned
Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Any items of General Business for next month’s meeting are to be emailed to:

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