

St. Mary's Primary School

Parents and Friends Association

Meeting for Term 2, 2013

Tuesday, 28th May

7pm – Library

Present

Jenene Gillies, Patricia Menin, Anna Pan, Grace Acosta, Paula Gabriel, Kelly Alcuri, Eli Ogrizek, Amanda Green, Kate Redfearn, Alex Quinn, Heidi Cleary, Lisa Pericavd and Mr Hughes.

1. Opening Prayer

2. Welcome and Apologies

Rachel Hogan, Paris Jalil, Emma Rauniyar

3. Minutes from previous meeting

Passed by Trish Menin and Jennene Gillies

4. Business arising from previous meeting

None

5. President's Report

Welcome

This will be our last meeting as a committee, as the next meeting will be our AGM where all positions will be declared vacant and new office holders will be elected. I have spent an enjoyable 5 years on the committee, the last three as president, and I look forward to passing the role to someone with fresh ideas and enthusiasm to support the school community.

It was wonderful to see so many new parents offering their assistance at our mothers day events, and the fete committee was very pleased with the success of the disco last week. They made a profit of \$2179.10

I have had some queries about running a disco in the warmer months, but experience has shown us that the PJ disco is the most popular event so we have chosen to stick with that theme.

Clothing pool has been very busy since the beginning of the year, and as a result the takings continue to grow. Earlier in the year a substantial portion of the collected funds were used to purchase hands free microphones for the drama department, and Mr Hughes is considering other purchases he might like to use the current funds for.

Heidi Cleary and Amanda Green attended the PRC conference held at Parramatta over the weekend, I will ask them to share their thoughts later in the evening.

6. Principal's Report

Religious Dimension

- The children in year three will receive the sacrament of First Eucharist at the end of June early July
- Students in stage 3 will make their Confirmation next Wednesday night the 5th June commencing at 7:30pm
- Year 2 students will make their First Reconciliation in Term 4.
- Thank you to all those who assisted in celebrating Mothers day a few weeks ago.
- In recent weeks we have celebrated Anzac day, Easter, Pentecost Sunday Mothers day and the opening and blessing of our sacred space, history mural and the statue of our Lady.
- Year 4 and 6 will participating in the R.E Literacy assessments in term 3.
- Our stage two and three children are participating this term in the Stones and Streams / Rock and water programmes.
- Teachers working with the students in the area of Guided Meditation with a scripture and prayer focus.
- Children and staff currently praying the Angelus each day at 12noon.
- Peer Support training for year 5 and 6 will take place in week 9 with the programme being run in term 3
- Our St Vincent De Paul Outreach day will be held on Thursday 27th June
- Camp Quality Puppets will be visiting the school on Friday 7th June.

Teaching Learning / Curriculum

- Children in Years 3 and 5 participated in the NAPLAN. Results available some time at the end of term 3. Thanks o Mrs Gosper for co-ordinating this.
- Several stage 3 children have been entered as a team in this year's Maths Olympiad. Preparation for this competition has commenced. Mrs Jordan is co-ordinating this project.
- Data walls for both reading comprehension and numeracy have been established in the classrooms
- Children from years 3-6 will participate in a variety of the University of NSW competitions this term and in term 3. These include Science, Maths and English
- Staff is currently working on professional learning initiatives relating to both Mathematics [EMU], Formation, and Inquiry Based Learning. Parent workshops will be held over the next few months.
- Yr 5 in week went to Bathurst in week 1 and experienced time on the Goldfields. The children were commended on their behaviour and the enthusiastic way in which they entered into the activities.
- Reports distributed to Yrs 1- 6 on Friday 21st June [Week 8] Parent teacher interviews for these classes will be conducted during week 9 [24th-27th June] of this term.

- Reporting in both Mathematics and English for the first time will report in strands. Religious Education will have 1 grade for all strands.

Staffing

- Several teachers will be taking Long Service Leave late in term 3, early term 4.
- Miss Boidin has been selected to be a WYD leader. for the Pilgrims of the Parramatta Diocese in the first three weeks of term 3 in RIO South America.

School Site News

- Our school history mural and shrine to Our Lady and schoolhouses is now complete.
- More permanent seating on the Marist playground will be installed in the coming weeks
- More mobile moveable seating on the Mercy site.
- Garden surrounds and retaining walls on the Marist site have been replaced with the gardens being replanted. Barrier fencing has been erected on the Ford playground to keep the children out of the gardens
- A new double gate has been installed in the fence alongside Pine St.

Sport

- In recent weeks our stage 3 girls attended the Soccer Gala day achieving great success.
- Stage 3 boys Soccer gala days held today S/2 girls soccer day 26th June.
- Children from yrs 3-6 participated in this years Diocesan Cross Country in week 2 this term. Two children through to the next level.
- Our annual athletics carnival will be held on Tuesday June 4th [Wk6] at Wyatt Park Auburn

Miscellaneous

- Rosie and I have commenced Kindergarten interviews for 2014 and will continue to do so for the next few weeks.
- Positions available in all grades
- No problems regarding the availability of uniforms at Lowes this Winter. Some concern with the supply of the boy's ties.
- Thanks to all parents for returning their children to school in winter uniforms
- Assemblies Term 2 : Yr 5 - 3rd June 2:15pm
- Organisation for the fete well underway Saturday 26th October
- Thanks you to those parents selected by CEO to complete the QCS surveys late last term. Results will be available later on in the term.
- Our annual school photographs were taken last week in the children's winter uniform and will be distributed in a few weeks. Are the packages suitable?
- Yr 6 will be going on their Canberra Field trip in Week 6 21st-23rd August.
- Our year 6 student leaders ran a leadership day for their peers a few weeks ago following their day at Homebush in term 1
- Parking inspectors have been patrolling the surrounding streets in recent weeks booking people who are illegally stopping and parking.
- St Pats Strathfield's concert band will visit our school on Friday 31st May for a concert and workshop with the senior band. Mr Rose will return to conduct the bands.

7. Treasurer's Report

- See attached report

8. Parent Coordinator's Report

- 10th Biannual Parents Conference attended by Heidi Cleary and Amanda Green
- Report to be admitted to School Newsletter

9. Class Parent Report

- A few grades have been having social functions.

10. Mother's/Father's Day Coordinator's Report

- Paula thanked everyone for their help with the Mother's Day Stall, it was successful.

11. Social Coordinator's Report

- The Pyjama disco, which was organized by the fete committee was a great success.
- Next function will be a Movie Night, hopefully 13th September.

12. General Business

- Mr Hughes asked for \$15,000 to upgrade Guided Reading Books and to get some Religion textbooks, in addition to what the school already contributes towards these. This was approved by the committee.
- Woolworths has bought the pub behind the school. There was a query about what may be built there and suggested for parents to oppose this.
- There was a question about whether we can have Scholastic Bookclub in the school. Mr Hughes will enquire about this as it hasn't been done for many years, although it's not usually a huge return to the school.
- No dogs will be allowed on the school grounds at anytime.
- Discussion about the state of the kitchen in the hall. Mr Hughes explained issues regarding the hall need to be addressed to Father Peter as it is the Parish Hall and they would need to fund improvements and repairs. A parent suggested a working bee could be organized for the hall, particularly the kitchen.
- The issue of hearing clearly at morning assemblies was raised. Mr Hughes will look into possibly getting another speaker but it is essential that parents be quiet during this time as this is a factor contributing to parents being unable to hear clearly.
- Discussion about the P & F information on the school website not being up to date. Mr Hughes suggested perhaps the Vice President could be a liason for this. It might also be

useful to include some information about the purpose of the P & F and what the specific role of each committee member is.

9. Next Meeting – Week 5, Term 3

Close – 8.45pm

St Mary's P&F Financial Report May 2013

Clothing Pool March/April/May

	Opening Balance		\$2,831.59
8/03/13	Banking	\$296.00	\$3,127.59
3/05/13	Banking	\$305.10	\$3,432.69
	Expenses		
13/03/13	Drama Club donation - Microphones	\$1,098.00	\$2,334.69
25/03/13	Drama Club donation - Microphones	\$180.00	\$2,154.69
22/05/13	Current holdings in P&F cheque account		\$2,154.69

General Expenses for March/April/May

13/03/13	Donation - iPads	\$11,836.00
19/03/13	Commencement Party - Beer	\$100.00
19/03/13	Commencement Party - Catholic Week - P&F Meeting	\$33.33
20/03/13	Reimbursement - Year 6 School Gift	\$330.00
25/03/13	Deposit Fete Rides	\$2,000.00
10/04/13	iPad Accessories	\$600.60
8/05/13	Commencement Party	\$198.98
		<u>\$15,098.91</u>

Mother's Day Expences

4/03/13	Gifts for Mother's Day Stall	\$360.55
13/03/13	Gifts for Mother's Day Stall	\$539.60
19/03/13	Gifts for Mother's Day Stall	\$533.06
19/03/13	Gifts for Mother's Day Stall	\$391.16
14/05/13	Mother's Day Breakfast	\$82.83
		<u>\$1,907.20</u>

Total Expenditure for March/April/May: \$17,006.11

Income for March/April/May

28/03/13	Interest	\$86.88
8/05/13	Mother's Day Stall minus \$200	\$2,203.15
10/05/13	Mother's Day Stall	\$418.05
Total Income for March/April/May:		<u><u>\$2,708.08</u></u>

Bank Account Summary

Cheque Account High Interest	Balance @ 22/05/2013	\$3,361.47
	Balance @ 22/05/2013	\$20,484.91
		<u><u>\$23,846.38</u></u>
Known Adjustments		
	Clothing Pool Holdings:	\$2,154.69
Total Adjusted Balances		<u><u>\$21,691.69</u></u>

Summary of Events Mother's Day

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Net Position		<u><u>\$714.00</u></u>