

Executive & General P&F Meeting
Term 2 – 30th May 2017
6.30pm – 7.30pm

Attendance: Chris Duggan (CG), Mary Hare (MH), Jenny McKeown (JMCK), Vanessa Mackett (VM), Steve Grant (SG), Genevieve Muir (GM), Charlotte Menzies (CM), Paula Stamatis (PS), Sally Williams (SW), Maryanne Blackman (MB)

6.30pm – Opening prayer.

1. Welcome all

2. Confirmed minutes – all read and accepted.

3. No business arising from the minutes

4. Principal report: discussed the latest funding issues at a high level and explained the impact to the families and school.

- Broken Bay is fighting hard however advised likely to go through parliament. It has to go through the senate to be passed – looking to pressure on in this space. St Thomas' is a smaller player in this field with others impacted more than St Thomas'.
- Funding goes in a lump sum to the Diocese and broken up across schools from there.
- Individual costs per child to date have been around \$11.5k while the state provides roughly \$2K of this. Families will need to pay for the shortfall – around 50% increase from 2016.
- Building works are on hold around the region to enable negotiations.
- Information nights are being set up for families to hear more details about the impacts. More information to follow.
- Jenny will provide further information and an accurate summation in the newsletter.
- MH attended CSP meeting and provided P&F with a summary of the media opinion piece. Discussed further in 7. *Subcommittees*.

Action: JMCK provide an explanation of school fees and funding in the next newsletter

Action: GM to consider UNSW contact to possibly provide view on impacts to area, space, school sizes etc

6. Treasury Report (VM)

- Many recent events including Mother's Day, trivia night
- Overall under budget by \$3k currently
- Cash position is good providing monies toward pastoral care

7. Subcommittees

CSP (MH)

- Mary attended Leadership meeting which was well organised.
- They are reviewing different ways to support schools and sharing ideas.

Action: MH to provide Media Opinion piece to P&F for review

Art & Craft Show (SG)

- Focus to date has been on team recruitment and handovers
- Overall moving along well with focus on Marketing, Sponsorship and Raffle teams

Social Committee (PS)

- All key events went well – Trivia Night and Mother's Day
- Next event: Father's Day
- Confirmed no input to Christmas School presentations/events. JMck agreed.

Uniform Shop (MB)

- Everything going well – busy week ahead for winter clothing.
- Interest in reviewing additional options for parents who can't attend.
- JMck confirmed to use standard process of providing orders and leaving them at the office to collect.

Pastoral Care (SW)

- Busier than usual this quarter with 5 families using service
- Still receiving information that people are not aware of the service
- Many others are "referring" people/families to the service
- Looking at some new ideas to give people ideas on what to cook – through Calendars (receipt per month – selling via Art & Craft show or similar) or cook books.
- P&F agreed calendar was a good and worthy idea
- Team will think of ideas and provide in the future.

Action: GM to provide previous "spiel" used in newsletter to remind people about Pastoral Care

Action: SW to consider Calendar options with recipes, costs, point of sale etc

8. No further matters

9. Confirmed next meeting details. Accepted by the P&F

7.30pm Close of Meeting