



**St Patrick's Catholic Primary School P&F
Association**

**Minutes for P&F Meeting – Term 3,
2015**

Thursday 13th August 2015

Chairperson: Michelle Cormack

Meeting opened: 9:30

Record of Attendances – Annabel Cockerton, Michelle Cormack, Michelle Perry, Angela Stitt, Tammy Selim, Kellie Horan, Amy Whitwoth, Michele Greenwood.

Apologies – Paul Toomey

Confirmation and acceptance of previous minutes – Accepted Annabel Cockerton, 2nd Michelle Cormack

Prayer
Jackie Fletcher

Presidents Welcome – Michelle Cormack

GENERAL BUSINESS

Michelle's Acting Principal update
See copy

Treasurer – Annabel – see copy

Sports Report – Fiona Bolton – see copy

Guest Presenter – Lesley Marshall
Public Health Nutritionist . “What children need to Learn, Play and Grow”
A great presentation for all. She talked about the children's daily requirements with reference to snacks, water, meals and screen time.

Updates:

Infants playground – “Birdwood’ designed new [layground area with possible tunnels, bridges, dry river bed, sand poit, flowering plants, outdoor classroom seating, etc

Uniforms:
Alinta informed the school that there will be an increase in cost. Jackie Fletcher has designed a parent survey about uniforms. Hopefully to be sent out over the next few weeks. Uniform committee to be formed soon.

Upcoming events:

Father Day's Activities. Stall – 3rd September 1pm after Sports in Schools.

Dinner Dance – 24th October “Spring Carnival” Theme. \$35 tickets. BYO.

Meeting Closed – 11:02am.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL REPORT TO PARENTS AND FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION TERM 3 2015

RELIGIOUS ASPECT

- The school / parish relationship continues with the Sacramental Program. Last Term we had our Year 3 receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and just this week we have our Year 2 children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Children continue to meet God through Mass. We have begun the term with a wonderful Grandparents Mass. This was absolutely beautiful. We have a fantastic turnout of grandparents and the children really loved showing their classrooms and school work to them. I'm not sure who looked the proudest, the kids or the grandparents. It was noted that Grandparent Day is becoming one of our biggest days of the year as we ran out of scones and biscuits within 15 minutes at morning tea – promise there will be more next year.
- Last week we celebrated the Feast of our Australian Saint – St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and this week the children will be celebrating Mass for the Holy Day of the Assumption.
- In addition to Masses the children also take part in Adoration and Reconciliation every term and Father ensures there are plenty of Priests to accommodate all the children from Years 3-6.
- It is important to note that the staff continue their spiritual journey and in week 9 last term we had a Spirituality Day with Robyn Gallagher.
- We look forward to our Father's Day Mass in Week 8 of this term.
- Jacqui would like to organise a morning for parents where they focus on gratitude. This may occur later this term or early next term. She is hoping to ask Class parents to bring someone along. It will be a very casual morning with morning tea provided.
- She is also looking into have a parent accompany the school on the piano for whole school masses – this will take time as practise is needed with the parent to ensure the children know when to come in. It will be exciting to see this evolve.

EDUCATION

Schools are very busy places and since the last P& F meeting there's been a lot happening

- School Reports went home at the end of last term and consequently some requested parent/teacher interviews.
- There have been lots of excursions, Year 1 went to the Australian WalkAbout Wildlife Park, Year 2 had their transport excursion after a postponement due to weather, Year 5 went to Mary MacKillop Place and the State Parliament, Year 4 had their Zoosnooze and today they are at Kincumba Mountain. This was in conjunction with their yellow bellied glider Project. St Patricks and Holy Cross Kincumber year 4 students are being mentored by some Joeys and Eddies students in developing a campaign to save the yellow bellied glider. Zoo personnel have been working closely with the teachers and students on this project and we look

forward to their show case day where they present their projects to the public, including some of our esteemed council members.

- This term we had a Tier One, non-curriculum compliance audit that included areas such as WHS, Child Protection and Safety, Attendance and Risk Assessments. We had ten people over two days checking our school and proudly I can say we have come through with flying colours.
- The staff have been strategically working on writing this year and in particular using the 7 steps to successful writing guidelines. You may have heard your children using the terms "sizzling starts"
- Week 7 is our wellbeing week. Meditation Monday – prayer circle, meditation, bring something from home for the classroom wellbeing tool box (something that makes them feel better). Thankful Tuesday – focus on being thankful, combined recess. Wellbeing Wednesday – waste free (nude lunch), encouraging healthy food, caring for our bodies, netball game yr6 vs teachers on primary side, ball games on the infants side. Thoughtful Thursday – Mufti – can for a charity, positive affirmations, combined lunch. Fantastic Friday – Peer Support, Picnic lunch at Elizabeth Ross Park.
- Face Book up and happening. Lots of photos from excursions, etc
- Kinder enrolments and interviews happening. About 46 at this stage.
- Year 5 Science Enrichment Day at Eddies next week.
- Choir singing at the Presbyterian Aged Care
- Fathers Day Breakfast, Mass coming up in week 9. As well as the annual Book Fair.
- Week 10 Year 2 will be playing their instruments made from recycled goods at Erina Fair.
- Around the World Day Thursday week 10.

Sports Report for P&F

First two terms of school year we have had many sporting events

- Swimming carnival in February. Blue house won ,they wore mufti as a reward.
- 30 students represented our school at CCC swimming carnival. From this carnival Nick Vane Tempest (8yrs) selected to go to diocesan carnival where he swam very well.

- At end of Term 1, 60 Years 5/6 students represented our school in CCC touch football . We had Div 1 girls winners , runners up in girls Div 2 & 3

- 4 teams of years 5/6 girls/boys represented school in rugby league at the NRL day. Our girls team were runner up in their division and have been invited to Sydney to play later in the year.

- Cross Country run at Adcock park for 8-12 years .
Infants had own fun run.

- 93 students represented school (8yrs -12yrs) at CCC cross country held at beginning of term . We had 3 students receive trophies/medallion - Daniela Pizzata 1st in 12 years, Sophie Holliday 1st in 10yrs and Michael Holmes 2nd in 8 years.
18 students selected to progress to Diocesan level which was held recently at Galston.
From this carnival 4 students now selected to represent Polding Cross Country in June. They are Sophie Holliday 1st in 10 yrs girls, Daniella Pizzata 3rd in 12 yr girls, Kiara Beilharz 5th in 10 years and Angelo Mosquera 6th in 12 years boys.

- After attending touch football trials Jessica Sawyer selected to represent Broken Bay Diocese at Tamworth last week

- Athletics Carnival is on June 14th at Adcock Park. Format changed slightly. We have completed the finals for shot put and discus at school/park for 8-12 years. All primary teachers have been involved in this as well as Gay Peters who has a great knowledge of Little As events.

This has enabled students to have more time to participate in these field events as we are often pushed for time at carnival and events are rushed. This should allow time for other games and activities as well as long jump, high jump (nominated students) and races in 100m, 200m and 800m (optional).

Kinder, Year 1 & 7 years old will still participate in these field events at carnival as well as races and games.

- Infants classes are participating in activities for gross motor each Wednesday.
- At end of term we will have selected Years 5/6 students playing soccer at CCC carnival. Mrs Bolton is organising.
- A big thank you to all parents who volunteer to help out at the carnivals or other sports days. We always need help to make these days successful.
- Woolworths Earn & Learn finishes on June 9th. We will have close to 10,000 stickers. Some of the Year 5 girls have been very responsible in helping to do administrative tasks associated with this.