



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School P&F Association

P&F Annual General Meeting Thursday 21st August 2014

Chairperson: Rachael Brady
Meeting opened: 7.00pm

- **Prayer – Counting my blessings**
- **Record of Attendances** – Rachael Brady, Mark Cockerton, Julia Conroy, Patti Cox, Nicole Cumming, Marcus Hams, Lisa Haynes, John Malicki, Michelle Perry, Angela Stitt, Megan Waterhouse
Apologies – Annabel Cockerton, Michelle Cormack, Renee Heaney
- **Confirmation and acceptance of previous AGM minutes** – accepted Rachael Brady 2nd Nicole Cumming
- **Correspondence IN – NIL**
- **Correspondence OUT – NIL**

Annual reports

- **Presidents report** – see attached
- **Principals report**
- **Treasurers report** – balance \$15,849.00 (before Father's day stall)
- **Canteen report** – see attached. Financial - \$15,075.39 available (\$10,000 held in account for Garden of Tranquility project)

Election of new officers – All positions declared vacant and called for nominations

Nominations for President –	Rachael Brady (nominated by Julia, 2 nd Nicole)
Nominations for Vice president –	Patti Cox (nominated by Rachael, 2 nd Angela)
Nominations for Secretary –	Michelle Cormack (nominated by Rachael, 2 nd Marcus)
Nominations for Treasurer –	Annabel Cockerton (nominated by Patti, 2 nd Rachael)
Nominations for Diocesan Parent Rep –	not recorded

Meeting closed – 7.30pm

2013/2014 P&F President's Report

Prepared by Rachael Brady - 21 August 2014

Around this time last year I became part of a brand new P&F executive team, along with Annabel Cockerton and Michelle Cormack. Patti Cox thankfully continued on as treasurer. It is probably fair to say that it has taken us most of the year to really get a feel for our roles on the P&F and we are all positive about staying on next year (if you will have us!).

During the past year I have often reflected on what the main aim of the St Patrick's P&F is, or ought to be. Fundraising appears to be an assumed part of any school P&F and I agree that there is an important contribution that can be made in raising funds to support additional resources and opportunities for our children's learning.

However, I am more strongly drawn to the role of the P&F in building and sustaining the sense of community that exists within St Pats. There are many, many things that contribute to the sense of community at St Pats, some that come to mind for me are:

- A School Principal who stands at the school gate every afternoon with a warm smile and a farewell wave to students and parents;
- A friendly parent face at the canteen on a Friday morning when you need to put your child's lunch order in but don't have any change or a brown paper bag;
- Parents and parish members attending a dinner dance for a chance to get to know one another a little better;
- The sound of children singing in mass;
- Grandparents turning up in their hundreds on grandparents day (though I was not sure whether this was for the kids or for the scones?);
- Parents, carers and grandparents donning green and volunteering on St Patrick's Day events or dotted around Adcock Park measuring, recording, timing and supervising at the Athletics Carnival;
- A drumming performance that brings delighted smiles to performers and audience members alike;
- The excitement of our children in the weeks leading up to a school disco (though the post-disco sugar high takes the shine off this a little); and
- Teachers who feel so much like friends that you have to stop yourself from giving them a hug when you see them in the afternoon.

These things, and the many more that all build the nurturing community at St Pats would not occur without the support, time and effort of our Principal, teachers, support staff and the volunteer effort of our parents, carers and the parish. The sense of community that I refer to is intangible and hard to define but I feel it, other parents have told me that they feel it – and importantly for all of us – I know that our kids feel it too.

It goes without saying that we are all 'busy' with lots of competing demands for our time and energy, but as I look ahead to a new P&F year I would ask us all to reflect on the importance of our sense of community at St Pats and the contribution that each of us can be making to build and sustain our community in the years ahead.

Rachael Brady
21 August 2014

CANTEEN – 2013/2014 report

Financials

- \$15075.39 (\$10,000 held in account for Garden of Tranquility project)

New Products

- Fresh pies, sausage rolls and quiches. Plain pies and sausage rolls have been great sellers.
- Gluten Free nuggets. Not a great seller but there are small orders every week
- LOL Flavoured carbonated juice – kids love them. Only served at lunchtime Friday.
- Yogo Snapz – Frozen stick yoghurt. Great seller in primary canteen. Good price. Kids love them.
- Paddle pop Shaky Shake – popular with primary kids.

Equipment / Maintenance

- We have replaced both the Ice cream freezers (courtesy of Streets).
- New noticeboards/blackboard on outside of primary canteen
- Primary façade cleaned and painted
- Primary canteen – internal hole repaired
- Roller door – infants canteen repaired

Special Days

Since the last AGM we have successfully run –

- Sushi Day
- Hot Dog Day
- Green Day (St Patrick's Day)
- Easter Recess Deal
- Athletics Carnival canteen
- Blue Day (state of origin)
- 3 disco canteens

Year 6

Students from Year 6 have a weekly roster system to help out in the primary canteen. Their assistance is greatly appreciated especially at recess on Wednesdays and on special event days. They are enthusiastic, polite and willing to help.

Ongoing issues

- Volunteers – harder each term to get new volunteers. 5 mums have made up 40% of the roster this year to date (8/8/14). The same people each week offering or feeling obliged to work. Since the last AGM the infants canteen has been closed once (Friday) and primary twice (Wed).
- Freezers – new freezers needed in the infants canteen. Seals not working effectively.
- Pie warmer – infants canteen needs to replace the smaller unit – does not heat as effectively as the larger unit.