



**Minutes for Term 2 P&F Meeting
Wednesday 24th August 2016**

MEETING OPENED: 7:10pm

Opening Prayer: All, led by Michelle Perry

Record of Attendances: Angela Stitt, Michelle Perry, Cheryl Walsh, Sharon Bevan, Rachael Brady, John Malicki, Michelle Cormack, Rachael Playle, Crystal D'Anastasi, Patti Gox, Nicole Patrick

Apologies: Sarah Conroy, Annabel Cockerton, Julia Conroy

Correspondence: Broken Bay Catholic Schools Office's Annual Report 2015
Combined Primary & High School Canteen Network Meeting Invitation
Principles of Catholic Social Teaching – what advisory boards should be based on
Men's Alive Parish Invitation

Previous Minutes Accepted: Angela Stitt, 2nd by Rachael Playle

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Infants Playground

- Thank you to the P&F for funding the infants playground
- The damage to the grass has now been repaired
- Looking into the flow of water near the drain with the leaves stopping the water flow, this may be due to the slop of the playground
- The new playground has been great advertisement for the school with lots of positive feedback from the community and schools in the area

PA System Installation

- The Infants side is mostly complete, with testing of the bells currently taking place
- A wireless mic will be now be available to use out on the stage as well as speakers have been installed
- Waterproof iPod docs have also been installed in the stage area
- Primary side installation will commence the week of the 24th August
- More speakers will be installed on the Primary side so that the volume can be reduced so our neighbours are not inconveniences
- Once all speakers are installed the work will begin on connecting the two sites

Catholic Schools Office (CSO) – Maintenance Report

- Cheryl recently had a meeting with the head of finance and head of maintenance at the CSO to address some concerns raised in the recent school maintenance report
- The CSO has agreed to provide funding to the school to address Work Health and Safety first with the below jobs to be completed by the end of 2016.
 - Installation of the PA system
 - Primary side playground retaining wall fence
 - Installation of lockable gates and video link/time lock for the Primary side
 - Repairs to the ceiling, bench top and floor tips in the Primary side canteen
 - The P&F have agreed to fund the repairs in the Primary side canteen

- Replacement of glass in classroom to safety glass may lead to expending the width of some classrooms on the primary side
- General electrical & plumbing issues due to the age of the school
- Great news! The maintenance report has confirmed we have enough electrical wiring capacity to install air conditioning units

Fundraising for Classroom Air Conditioning

- There are a number of fundraising initiatives that will take place between now and the end of the year to assist with the purchase and installation of Air Conditioning
- The P&F have agreed to contribute to the cost
- There are 9 units required on the Primary side
- There are 8 units required on the Infants side
- Air Conditioning installation to start on the Primary side, hopefully by Term 4, 2016
- Infants side installation to start Term 2, 2017

Parenting Sessions

- These sessions are going well
- The invitation was open to all schools
- Majority of attendees are outside of St Patrick's community

School Concert – Wednesday 7th September 2016

- It is a requirement for all students to attend
- The door fee is necessary to cover the cost of the concert eg. Hall hire, AV

PARISH REPORT

- Men Alive: Please see flyer and registration form attached
- Parish retreat is taking place on the 5th – 7th September 2016 after 9am Mass
- Reconciliation is held on Wednesday 14th September 2016

P&F PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Infants playground opening was a great success
- Need to organise plaque to commemorate the occasion.
- Trivia Night a great success – best profit we have ever made. Thanks to Ange and Rachael for organising of the prizes.

P&F TREASURE'S REPORT

- Trivia night 25th June 2016 – profit made was \$2,966.50
- Infants Garden – completely paid for \$63,290.00 funds all came from P & F Account.
- Purchasing gifts for Father's Day stall '\$1,624.00
- Balance of P & F Account 23/8/2016 = \$10,054.21

Canteen

- Canteen Balance 23/8/2016 \$8,974.42
- No outstanding invoices

GENERAL BUSINESS

School Advisory Team 2017

- Please see correspondence: Principles of Catholic Social Teaching – what advisory boards should be based on
- To be in place by the start of Term 1, 2017
- The team will require the following members:
 - 1 x Assistant Principal OR Principal
 - 1 x Parish council member
 - 1 x P&F executive member
 - 2 x Parents
 - 2 x Teachers (not on the executive team)
- The advisory team will be required to meet twice per term for an approximately 1 hour meeting
- Advisory team members can hold 1, 2 or 3 year duration positions. After that time new members are required
- It was agreed that that the School Advisory Team will be run separate to the P&F
- A notice will be sent out to the school asking parents/family members/friends to register their interest
- A short list will be made, with interviews to take place thereafter
- A decision will be made by the end of Term 4, 2016 on the Advisory Team members
- Any questions please email Cheryl Walsh or Michelle Perry: speg@dbb.org.au

Diocese Parent Council - Meeting

- Attended by Angela Stitt
- Was held on the 26th July with parent representation from five primary schools across the diocese
- St Patrick's is doing really well in terms of P&F initiatives and committee
- There has been a lot of focus in schools recently in regards to social media and website communication
- Discussed the role of Class Parents, St Patrick's could improve the communication around expectations required of being a Class Parent eg. Class parents must attend P&F meetings
- Cheryl to put a notice out regarding Class Parents for 2017

Canteen Volunteers – Term 4

- Ange Stitt will take over rosters
- Rosters need to be filled for term 4 by the end of term 3
- If volunteers cannot be found the canteen will close that day

FUNDRAISING & UPCOMING EVENTS

Footy Finals Day – Last Day Term 3

- When: Friday 23rd September
- What: For a gold donation student wear their favourite sporting clothing and/or sporting colours
- A canteen meal deal will be available
- Information to be sent home over the coming weeks

Walk-a-thon

- Fundraiser for classroom air conditioning
- When: Morning of Friday 21st October 2016 (tentative date)
- Where: Hilton Moore Oval, East Gosford
- Children to walk as many laps as possible for time

- No pets allowed
- Sponsorship cards to be sent home before end of Term 3, 2016
- There will be a prize for the class who raises the most money
- There will be a prize for the class who returns their sponsorship money the quickest
- A meal deal will be available for purchase that day
- Please email your suggestions, or register to help volunteer on the day to Michelle Perry: spieg@dbb.org.au

School Disco – Term 4

- When: Friday 11th November
- Gold coin donation
- Snack packs will be available for purchase
- No younger children to be in attendance with volunteers

Joint Parish / School Christmas Carols

- Fr Tadeusz to discuss carols with the Parish council
- When: Thursday 15th December (tentative date)
- Time: 5:00pm for 5:30pm start (tbc)
- Where: Infants side
- Carols to be led by Parish choirs, St Patrick's school choir, Students
- Sausage sizzle will be available to purchase
- Coffee/Tea/Cake/Slice items will be available to purchase
- Glow sticks / Glow candles will be available to purchase
- A visit from Santa
- Please email your suggestions, or register to help volunteer to Cheryl Walsh or Michelle Perry: spieg@dbb.org.au

Christmas Raffle

- To be drawn at the joint Parish / School carols
- \$2 a ticket or \$10 book per family
- Prize to be any voucher of the winners choice
- Prize value to be confirmed
- Also looking into the possibility of having Christmas Hams as a prize

Car Boot Sale

- Funds raised to go towards air conditioning
- To be held monthly or bi-monthly in the Primary side playground
- Saturdays, 8:00am – 1:00pm
- Fr Tadeusz to discuss this initiative with the Parish council. We will need their approval before proceeding
- Car space purchase open to all
- Invite local buskers to provide music (for a small fee)
- Need to confirm: Insurance requirements, clean up schedule
- Please email your suggestions to Cheryl Walsh or Michelle Perry: spieg@dbb.org.au

SUMMARY UPCOMING EVENTS

- Footy Finals Day & Canteen Meal Deal: Term 3, Friday 23rd September
- Walk-a-Thon & Canteen Meal Deal: Term 4, Friday 21st October
- School Disco: Term 4, Friday 11th November
- Joint Parish / School Christmas Carols: Term 4, Thursday 15th December
- Christmas Raffle: Term 4, drawn Thursday 15th December

Questions & Comments

- Thank you to Rachael Playle and Crystal D'Anastasi for all your fundraising ideas
- If you have a suggestion or feedback for the P&F please email: speg@dbb.org.au

Next P&F Meeting: Term 4, week 6 (date and time TBC)

P&F Executive Meeting: Term 4, Monday 14th November (TBC)

CLOSE: 9:00pm

I Am Thankful

I Am Thankful
For the teenager playing loud music in his room.
For it means I can hear.



I Am Thankful
For the way they out grow their clothes and shoes so quickly
Because it means that they are healthy.

I Am Thankful
For the never ending piles of washing & ironing
Because it means we have so many clothes to wear

I Am Thankful
For the teenager & friends lazing around the house playing
computer games
Because it means he knows his friends are welcome (and we
can't be *that* big an embarrassment to him – yet!)

I Am Thankful
For my teenager & his friends 'eating
me out of house & home'
Because it means we are fortunate to have food to share



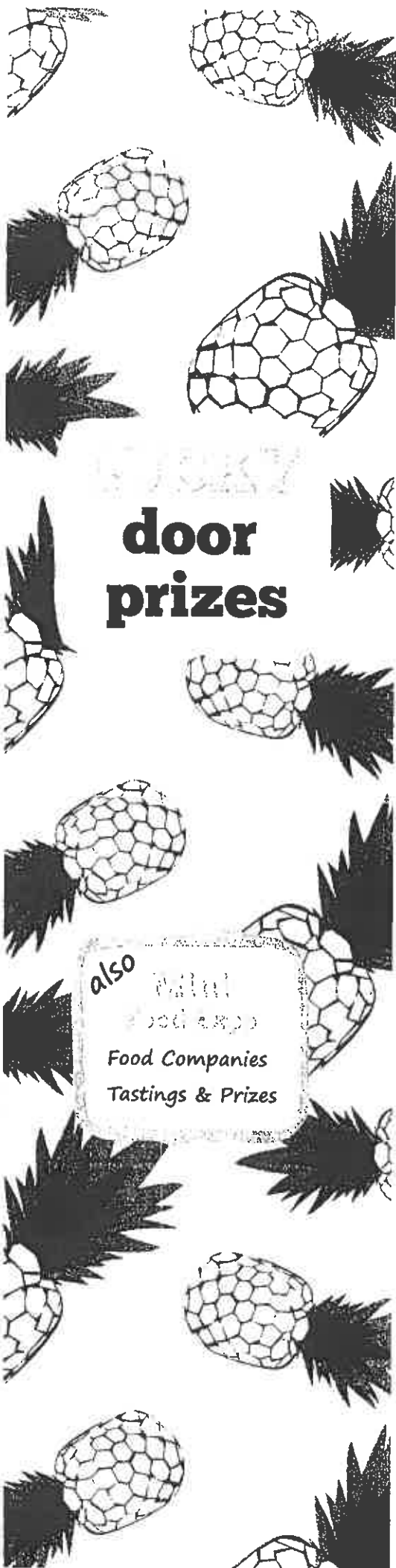
I Am Thankful
For the alarm that goes off early on a Saturday morning
Because it means my kids are healthy enough to play sport

I Am Thankful
For the teenager who is complaining about doing the dishes,
cleaning their room and putting the garbage out.
Because at least they are still talking to us!



But most of all it means they are safe at home
with us - not on the streets!

AMEN



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prizes**

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**Food Companies
Tastings & Prizes**



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Combined Primary & High School Canteen Network Meeting

Professional Learning and Development Opportunity
All Central Coast School Canteen Workers
welcome to attend this **FREE** event

Tuesday 30 August 2016
9.30am - 1.30pm
Week 7, Term 3

The Berkeley Community Centre
Melaleuca Room
3 Heather Avenue, Glenning Valley
(near Berkeley Vale High School)

Topics include:

Central Coast Update
NSW Healthy Kids Update
Workshop on Gluten
Cooking Demonstration
Learn about **Get Healthy Service**
Networking and Sharing Ideas
Presentation of Network Incentives

www.healthpromotion.com.au

RSVP essential for catering by
Thursday 25 August on Ph 4320 9700
or email Justine.Gowland@health.nsw.gov.au



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Central Coast
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3 August 2016

The President
P & F Association
C/- St Patrick's Catholic School
East Gosford

Dear President

I am pleased to send you this link
https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/Annual_Report2015/index.html
to the Broken Bay Catholic Schools Office's Annual Report 2015.

2015 was an exciting year in our Diocesan Schools System and the Annual Report chronicles many achievements of the CSO and our systemic schools. Evident on every page is the commitment of our schools leaders, teachers, parents and CSO staff to working together to enable students to achieve high quality learning experiences and to be engaged in their faith development. Examples of student successes in the report range from academic accomplishment to outstanding achievements in art, social justice, pastoral care, performing arts, hospitality and sport to mention just a selection. We are pleased also to have upgraded facilities at a number of our schools at the same time as completing the first permanent buildings at our new secondary college. I hope you enjoy this snapshot of Broken Bay 2015.

Yours sincerely

Peter Hamill
Director of Schools

What others have said...

"An enjoyable and very grounded experience of spirituality for men"

"A great weekend of talking, eating, laughing and prayer"

"Offers a clear vision for being Catholic and Christian in the contemporary world."

"The format and talks helped me to confront issues in my life - really helped me to go outside myself - found the weekend format terrific."

"Offers something practical and down-to-earth that most Catholic guys can relate to."

"I was very impressed with the enthusiasm and friendliness of the team and all the participants in general. I gained a lot from the weekend."

"Thank you for a great weekend. You have inspired my faith."

"The weekend was a great opportunity for men to come to be together and be set on fire. The vision of menALIVE was well presented and the format enables practical ways this could be accomplished."

"This is something the Church desperately needs."



men

men's weekend

when was the last time you felt

FULLY ALIVE?

Saturday October 22

&
Sunday October 23, 2016

@
St Patrick's Parish Gosford

Venue: St Patrick's Primary Victoria
Street Campus, East Gosford

www.menalive.org.au

God is glorified when men are fully alive

St Jennaau

what advisory board should be based on.

The Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

[Source: <http://www.centacarebrisbane.net.au/assets/downloads/content/4104.pdf>]

1. The Principle of Respect for Human Dignity

Every person is created in the image of God and redeemed by Jesus Christ. Consequently, every person is worthy of respect simply by virtue of being a human being. People do not lose the right to being treated with respect because of disability, poverty, age, lack of success or race, let alone gain the right to be treated with greater respect because of what they own or accomplish. "People can never forfeit their right to be treated with respect because God, not us, assigns it."²

2. The Principle of Respect for Human Life

An implication of the first principle is that every person, from the moment of conception to natural death has an inherent dignity and a right to life consistent with the dignity that is ours as human beings. The Catholic tradition sees the sacredness of human life as part of any moral vision for a just and good society.

3. The Principle of Association

The human person is not only sacred, but also social. We are born in the image and likeness of God, whose essence is community, the diverse community of Father, Son and Spirit. There are three persons in God, but only one God. At the heart of God we find **diversity** that is a cause of liveliness rather than of division. To put it bluntly: we are our true selves when we relate well to others, not when we are isolated individuals.³

4. The Principle of Participation

People have a **right**, indeed a **duty** to participate in shaping a more just and human society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. "All people need to take an active role in the development of socio-economic, political and cultural life. They should be shapers of history (subjects), not just passive recipients of other people's decisions (objects)."⁴

5. The Principle of Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the last judgement (Mt 25.31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first. The United States' Bishops put it well: "The needs of the poor take priority over the desires of the rich; the rights of workers over the maximisation of profits; the preservation of the environment over uncontrolled industrial expansion."⁵

6. The Principle of Solidarity

We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers. Learning to practice the virtue of solidarity means learning that 'loving our neighbour' has global dimensions in an interdependent world. As Pope John Paul II has said: "Solidarity is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all."⁶

7. The Principle of Stewardship

We show respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. We have a responsibility to care for the world's goods as stewards and trustees, not primarily, let alone merely, as

Section 1 Building the Model of School Community Governance: Purpose, Principles and Approach

Some key ideas about school governance

1. The meaning of governance: Organised decision-making designed to transform values into performance

Governance is a special form of decision making. It usually refers to formal settings where decisions are made. In schools, these settings include school executive and leadership team meetings, whole staff meetings and Parents & Friends meetings. They can also include department or year level staff meetings – and for some school communities, Student Representative Council meetings, School Board (or equivalent) meetings and sometimes related entities including Parish Pastoral Council meetings.

2. The purpose of school community governance: To provide the best possible learning opportunities for students

School community governance is not an end in itself. It is a means to the desired ends of better teaching and learning. Accordingly, governance structures and processes – and the decisions that are consequently taken need to be grounded on evidence and implications for student learning. These are the reference points for school governance decisions. These reference points transcend other desirable outcomes, for example those relating to budget and infrastructure, or community engagement and satisfaction with the school – though these may contribute to student performance in significant ways.

3. Effective school community governance happens when decision-making in different parts of the school, occurring at different times; and involving different people is aligned to a shared vision and set of understandings about student learning – and about the governance process itself.

Effective school governance is coherent and integrated so that decisions about school vision and purpose, organisational arrangements and resourcing, community engagement and teaching and learning are connected to each other. Hence governance arrangements rely on clear terms of reference of the governance entities (e.g. school executive, staff meeting, SAG, P&F, SRC) and clear and efficient lines of communication between them.

4. The nature of school community governance in the Catholic schools must reflect its special character as a centre of Catholic life and Mission

Decision making in Catholic schools, as ecclesial (Church) bodies needs to be in line with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. While these aspects do not provide the ready answer to complex issues, they provide a reference point and set of questions to consider in coming to a decision. Since scarcity of resources is always prevalent, not all needs can be satisfied. This means that governance processes never reach an endpoint and complex problems are never solved. In other words, politics and exercise of power, the working through of conflict and dealing with issues of participation are always present. The principles of Catholic Social Teaching when used in an informed way can assist governance entities in reaching decisions with which 'all can live gracefully'.