



## St John Fisher Parents and Friends Association

### Term 2 Meeting 2020

Date: Tuesday 28 July 2020

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Executive Team in office and Zoom online meeting

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#### **Present:**

Barry Shanley, Chris Burns, Honor McGill, Rhonda Clifford, Leanne Hazledon, Kate Hooke, Vanessa Turner, Talia McGregor, Christine Davidson, Irene Reid, Gary Webb, Matthew Binns, Susanne Meisert, Isabelle Desquesnes, Gary Bath, Donna, Erin

#### **Apologies:**

Rebecca Thompson

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#### **Welcome:**

Barry welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and for joining in the first P&F meeting on Zoom!

#### **Welcome to Country:**

Lead by Rhonda Clifford

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Lead by Barry Shanley

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#### **Minutes from previous meeting:**

No meeting held in term 2.

Small meeting of Executive Team only in Term 1 as covid-19 restrictions had just commenced.

Minutes for that meeting were provided just prior to tonight's meeting.

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## **Correspondence**

Nil Received

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### **Catholic School Parents Cluster Report**

Vanessa provided an update on the Catholic School Parents Cluster:

- Catholic School Parents Cluster (CSP) Management team has been consulting with the Catholic Schools Office (CSO) management team with a focus of discussion on the impacts of remote learning, returning to classroom learning and looking forward to a new strategic direction for 2025.
- The CSO office has expressed that the voice of parents has been valued. Which echoes the goal of CSO and the CSP organisation of the importance of our parent partnership in our children's education.
- The CSP has now developed a new group for secondary schools, which has been getting strong contribution and partnership. The current focus for supporting secondary parents is career choices.
- The focus for primary school is the 2020 Yr 6 celebrations - in relation to current public health orders and complying with restrictions. As well as assisting with kindy students and parents with the disruption of 2020.

Next important dates are:

- 4th August 7pm CSP meeting for the Sustainability grant information session
- 12th August 7pm next Central Coast CSP meeting.

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### **Social Committee Report:**

No report as unfortunately no social events in terms 2 and 3 due to covid-19 restrictions.

School did consider holding online events but decided against it, there are lots of other things families can do online at the moment.

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### **Treasurers Report:**

Barry welcomed Christine as new treasurer for the SJF P&F.

There has been no activity on the account lately due to covid-19 restrictions on activities.

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### **Principal's Report:**

Barry provided information about what has been going on at the school over the last few months, there have been many changes due to covid-19. This included:

- New cleaning procedures – all desks cleaned every night
- Hand cleaning procedures
- Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Pick Up Routines which have been working very well.

- There has been a large amount of work done to remove weeds and scrub from the embankment in front of the top oval.
- Pavers and retaining walls have been deep cleaned.
- Year 6 shirts arrived and were very well received by year 6!

The new Bishop and new Director of Schools are implementing a large amount of change across the diocese. This includes a whole new strategy for Catholic schools which will be implemented over the coming months and years.

The results of the family survey have been collated – we had 66 respondents to the survey. The results were displayed in detail and generally gave a very good response to the school's handling of the Learning from Home phase. There were many very positive comments and some very useful constructive criticism which will assist in the future. The parents in attendance made some very insightful comments.

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### **General Business**

At the previous meeting in March 2020 parents asked whether the school could consider providing shorts for girls as well as boys, providing more choice for the kids. This was a specific concern for some parents of particularly active girls who felt the dress was not suitable for active play where there was a risk of underwear showing.

The school have consulted the uniform supplier Cowen and Lewis who suggested a culotte could be offered for girls.

This was discussed but parents were still concerned this may not be suitable as they still have wide leg openings and don't provide enough coverage.

Barry will go back to Cowen and Lewis and find out about the different options of shorts and whether there are girls shorts which have a different cut. Parents agreed that once shorts are introduced families should have the options of either the girls or boys cut.

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**Meeting closed at 8:30pm**