



St John Fisher Parents and Friends Association

Term 1 Meeting 2021

Date: Tuesday 16 March 2021

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: LARC and Zoom

Present:

Barry Shanley, Honor McGill, Rhonda Clifford, Kate Hooke, Vanessa Turner, Christine Davidson, Gary Bath, Kellie Smith, Rebecca Binns, Isabelle Desquesnes

Apologies:

Welcome to Country and Opening Prayer:

Minutes from previous meeting discussed:

Correspondence

Nil Received

Catholic School Parents Cluster Report

Vanessa provided an update on the Catholic School Parents Cluster:

- the aim of the group – ‘collaboration of home, school and parish to represent *all* parents of children attending systemic Catholic Schools in Broken Bay’.
- The CSP supports P&F in their leadership roles as vehicles for meaningful parent engagement.

- Each P&F team in the Diocese has a parent rep on the CSP encouraging consultation and dialogue with a broad range of parents.
- The last meeting was held on 22/2/21 with the aim of outlining the role of the CSP and Parent reps

From the CSP - SJF still have an outstanding \$200 grant from 2020 to utilise.

- Grant is for a sustainable garden – Luisa, Monique, Vanessa T and Honor are part of the organising team.
- As this is a 'Parent Engagement' grant, we need to plan accordingly

Social Committee Report:

- Big Arvo 2021 – We will look at holding this event later in 2021 once Covid restrictions have lifted.
- Mother's Day/Father's Day stall organiser – EOI from anyone interested in shadowing Louise throughout 2021 to see how things are done/gifts are ordered. Louise will be finishing up at SJF in 2021 and someone will be required to take over from 2022.
- EOI for anyone wishing to take on the organisation of Mother's Day Breakfast, Father's Day Breakfast and May School Disco – Pending COVID restrictions.
- Kate is happy to stay on as social coordinator for 2021 and to offer assistance (if needed) to anyone willing to take on the planning of the above listed events. Christine is also able to provide a budget on what previous events have cost.
- Currently pending COVID restrictions our annual social calendar consist of:
- 1. Tears and Tissues – Honor and a couple of P&F members usually serve tea/coffee and biscuits for the Kindy parents
- 2. Big Arvo – Group effort with each stall organiser being responsible for their own stall/ Kate over see's the event
- 3. Disco 1 (Term 2) – Needs nomination
- 4. Mother's Day Breakfast (Term 2) - Needs nomination
- 5. Mother's Day stall – Louise Miller – Assistance needed to learn the ropes
- 6. Father's Day Breakfast (Term 3) - Needs nomination
- 7. Father's Day stall - Louise Miller – Assistance needed to learn the ropes
- 8. Grandparent's Day (Term 3) – Kate and numerous parent helpers that assist with food and decorations
- 9. Adults only social event (Term 3) Trivia – external company does most of the work for this event – Kate to liaise with them
- 10. Disco 2 (Term 4)/or other idea - Needs nomination
- 11. Teacher's Thank you morning tea/lunch – Combined group effort from school community with everyone making/donating food items
- 12. Gingerbread Night (Term 4) – Leanne and Rhonda

Treasurers Report:

There has been very little activity on the account lately due to covid-19 restrictions on activities.

Principal's Report:

Discussion of COVID 19 Safety Guidelines

- Activities safe and in line with health advice
- Social distancing of 1.5 m needs to be maintained

- All people on a school site must be well and free of flu like symptoms
- We need to keep a record of adults on site
- We need to limit the number of people in a room

Discussion was held related to pick up and drop off times and procedures. It was decided to move the times later and continue with the processes.

Activities to welcome parents back to school site:

- Each grade will take a day and time in week 9, 10 or week 1 next term
- Typically, it will be at 1.40 pm so parents can take the students home and clear the car park at 2.20 pm
- Parents will be invited to come to the classroom to complete a learning activity with the students

Other Proposed Activities

- Each grade will be allocated a 9.15 am grade Mass during term 2 in the hall
- After mass the parents will be invited to stay for fruit break with the students

Multicultural / Harmony Day Celebrations

- During wellbeing week there will be a focus on multiculturalism
- Students will be encouraged to identify and celebrate their cultural heritage

General Business

Can we consider having healthier options on the recess menu?

The canteen menu has been carefully analysed and has been awarded the highest level in regard to canteen healthy status. When COVID is over we will consider having more parents on site organise the cutting up and presentation of fresh vegetables.

Could we include an event to support the acceptance of multiculturalism?

The school will organise an event that will involve all students and will be linked to Harmony Day.

Should we change to white socks?

The discussion that followed felt strongly that white socks would look dirty and that we should stay with green socks.

Should we have an Easter Hat Parade?

After discussion with other Catholic Schools there are very few that have Easter Hat Parades and generally it is only done in Kindergarten. The Book Parade gives the students the opportunity to dress up and parade with a focus on Literature. In a Catholic School the focus on Easter is Holy

Week. We will look to make Easter Hats with the students in Kindergarten in the parents visit to the classroom.

Annual General Meeting

Nominations were called for and the following positions were filled for the 2021 P&F Leadership Team.

P&F Leadership Team

President: Talia McGregor

Treasurer and Assistant President: Christine Davidson

Secretary: Rebecca Binns

DPC Representatives: Vanessa Turner and Gary Webb

Social Committee: Kate Hooke, Kellie Smith and others will be very welcome to coordinate or assist with various events as they come up.

Mr Shanley offered a huge thank you to Leanne Hanly and Rhonda Clifford who have been an outstanding team as President and Vice-President through a very complex period. They have led a very inclusive P&F that looked to represent all parents equally. He stated that he found them very supportive of the school and felt their positive energy was a great assistance to leadership and the staff in getting through the last year. Brilliant job – Thank You.