Parent School Forum Meeting 25th August 2015 - DAY

Attendance: Brian Laybutt, Nick, Rebecca Burch, Kate Trimboli, Kirstie Hawkins, Alisha Robbins, Natile Lynch, Robyn Sykes, Stacey Zoffman, Cameron Wegemund, Vanessa Brown, Lisa Stella, Bec Sutcliffe, Emily Gronhott, Phillip and Grundi Newland,

Apologies: Loretta Jones

School prayer

Welcome and intro ; Cameron Wegemund chairing

Secretarial minutes: Minutes accepted as an accurate record of the last evening meeting. No business arising.

Treasurer report  there has been a hold up with creating the diocesan investment fund account. We do have an account for school fund raising we are $600 in positive, we will set up an account locally to enable withdrawals and deposits quickly.

Father day stall and raffle process is the fundraiser for September.

Fundraisers are to make money and school events are designed as a community event where the aim to break even eg movie night and bush dance!!

Charlotte to do a PF notation next to the events run by the parent forum.

Parent Assembly: Phillip attended the meeting in Murwillumbah, it focuses on strengthening the catholic faith, men alive is an annual event for men. There was a retreat focusing on how to be better fathers and husbands.

The parent assembly also discussed combining school funds, each school is allocated $1000, to engage better speakers eg Steve Biddulph or a Seminar run by Paul Sphinx whose presentations for BHP include "Strong as an Ox at 70" he also speaks about mental health!

The majority of St Ambrose money was spent on the apple night this year!! The more you learn the more the potential for the device! a link was made available in the newsletter for those parents who were unable to attend, St Anthony's is running a cyber safe seminar on 15th of October which all parents are welcome to attend.

There are 4 meetings/year Next meeting is on the 10th of September

Class Parents: yr1 to organise a get together, a new girl started in yr1 yesterday!

Class messenger is currently being used to contact parents and the teachers get an alert at the time you send it!

Movie night, change was an issue, so the treasurer plans to organise petty cash for future! It was a great turn out, the kids loved it!

Father’s Day; stall there will be several opportunities to purchase raffle tickets and gifts! Students to bring money in on the day of the stall Thursday the 3rd of September. A school app is to be set up for direct banking transfers (flexi schools) very user friendly. It needs to be authorized by either the treasurer or principle, small fee of 3% added the app cuts out banking and change issues.

Friday morning the 4th is a free Father’s Day breakfast of bacon and egg sandwich for the dads starting at 7am, it will be stipulated that there will be no teacher supervision until 8.20am! In order to cater for the event there will be a flier for people to notify attendance and to pre pay for the event!!
Bush dance: Pre registration, $10/family "Playing possum" is the band 5:30-9 they will play outside, for 3 1/2 hrs, year 4 and 5 to do a performance!!

Burgers ($5), sausages and drinks for sale and a cake stall for dessert as a small fundraiser

Fundraising events
Raffle prize to be drawn on grandparents and friends day, the major prize is a mini mal, 2nd prize a weekend at mantra and third prize a mini iPad.
The student that raises the most money will receive an iPod nano
The class that raises the most money will also win a prize

Year book
Online program so we can upload photos. The book will cost approximately $70/ea, the parent forum to subsidize $500+. The book will be broken into sections e.g.; Parents and volunteers Community; story dogs Sports carnivals.It will be available first week back next year

Golf afternoon in the pipeline at Pottsville golf course an Ambrose

Feast day 7th of December, time capsule

principal report; Term 2 As attached
A week to be allocated to book week later in the year

General Business Agenda:
What would you like to do as a fundraiser?
Short term and long term goals, can we apply for grants?? Eg bunnings is giving out gardens at the moment. Men’s shed to help!
One suggestion was for a local artist "clean slate" to design a mural for the school for a big wall 4-5 days worth would cost $2000
Top soil the oval, the quote was for $16,000
Play equipment natural pathways stepping stones, (the uncertainty of the new building is holding up the process a little)
community garden, bring the elderly families into the school to help.
Foundation year book what? when? how?
Survey to go to the parents about fundraising ideas Rebecca to follow up
Melamine plate as a momentous of the foundation year and raise money for foundation book

Living library is going to be part of literacy week, where some of the older members of the community will come in and talk about school in the olden days.

Naplan to be discussed next meeting