Parent School Forum

Evening Meeting 2nd June 2015

Attendance: Brian Laybutt, Rebecca Gardner, Rebecca Burch, Kate Trimboli,

Opening Prayer: Special mention to the Crawford family at this time of sadness, our prayers are with them at this time.

- Thank you to the offers of chairperson, to Rebecca Gardner, Greg Stephens & Cameron Wegmund
- Thank you to the offers Nominated roles;
  - Secretary - Vanessa Brown (daytime), Rebecca Burch, Gundi Newland.
  - Treasurer - Lisa Stella (Need an additional Treasurer).
  - Parent Assembly - Rebecca Gardner (Need an additional Parent Assembly Rep)

Principals Report: as per presented & attached.

- Discussed the need for camp options for Year 6 to be discussed and decided by all current years with family input as a precedent will be set. 3-4 nights with options including Sydney/Canberra or Brisbane/Sunshine Coast visiting places like museum, art gallery, science, zoo, Underwaterworld etc. or Tallebudgera or Lake Ainsworth. Information will be sent out to families soon to assist in decision making.

Parent Bodies:

- St Ambrose have decided on 3 parent bodies; Parent Assembly, Parent forum meetings & Parent Assembly.
- Parent assembly grant of $1000 available for parent education; including cyber bullying, parenting workshops etc. Discussed various options;
  - Brian offered to provided maths 20min session at the next parent forum meeting.
  - Teachers to possibly do an afternoon session for each class in regards to the iPad homework specific to each class
  - Grant to apply for purchase of books and resources for a Parent Resource Library
  - Cyberbullying also an interest for parents.
  - Understanding technology workshop for parents
- Brian & Rebecca Gardner to submit application on 6th June

Fundraising Business:

- Family Events planned discussed; Movie night, School Disco, Bush Dance, Carols Night, Golf Afternoon. Disco- amendment -suggestion to not hire & pay for a Disco company for the evening, allow each class to select 3 favourite songs for a playlist, utilize community members for lights etc
• Fundraising Events - Recipe Book, Foundation Year Book, School Raffle, Fathers Day Raffle - looking for interested parents to help organise these events.

• Family & fundraising Planning report completed after each event to keep information to help future planning, i.e how many sausages were purchased and how many sold, how many helpers required, time frames, profit etc. Template provided.

• Class Parents have been established for each class - existing contact numbers will be distributed by Brian to reps and then they will collect more and plan social events.

General business:

• BANKING - Alyssa and Lisa Greensill volunteered to do Banking for school and Lisa Greensill, volunteer weekly.

• STUDENT IPAD USE - Query from parent in regards amount of time students spend on iPads within the classroom. Brian commented that it is not all day, much

• LIBRARY RESOURCES - Clarification about library resources - children can access library books on a weekly basis. Still in process of covering library books -still need volunteers for this.

• SCHOOL OVAL - Query regrading surface of oval and upcoming carnival. Existing plans to topdress the oval after all building works is done. Brian meeting with dept and will put in application. A complex process of priority for the Catholic Education dept to assess, they consider demographics, socio economics. Building hopefully would start mid 2016. Additional parking spaces also part of stage 2. Demountables would be utilized to allow for 2 extra kindergarten classes in 2016. Parents present requested that topdressing be raised as an option for fundraising to carry out in near future. Brian to get a quote for topdress from the 2 local landscapers.

• CHARLES STREET - Query regarding works progress. Brain has been told will be finished by end of school June holidays.

• CAR PARKING - Query regarding drop off zone. Brian informed parents the Drop off zone seems to be working well now, has improved.

• FUNDRAISING - Fundraising event ideas - volunteers for triathlon. Can discuss at fundraising meeting the available options to fundraise.

Agenda Items for next Meeting:

• Budget allocations of fundraising - parents to raise ideas for where fundraising monies will go to this year. Attain costings for these items.
Principals Report 2\textsuperscript{nd} June 2015
Brain Laybutt

- 20th April SDD - Assessment & Reporting
- 25th ANZAC Day
- 29th April Rugby League Gala Day
- 30th April X - Country Zone
- 7th May Mothers Day Stall
- 8th May OPEN DAY
- 12th May NAPLAN
- 18th May - Andrew Chinn
- 29th May - Confirmation
- 10th June - Public Speaking
- 15th June School Reports
- 18th June BOSTE Registration
- 19th June School Athletics Carnival
- 26th June - SDD

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- Monday 13th July
- 14th 1st Communion Parent Meeting
- 20th Zone Athletics Carnival
- 21st Parent Forum Meeting
- 30th Tweed Catholic Schools Public Speaking Competition
- SCHOOL GRANT
- SCHOOL CAMPS:
  - Yr 4 Camp Goodenough 14 - 16 Sept
  - Yr 5 Lake Ainsworth 12 - 15 Oct
  - Yr 6 - 2016?