



## **OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE GREYSTANES**

### **P & F MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**Venue:** Library

**Minutes:** Anita Meredith

**Chairperson:** Jodi Gerardis

**Present:** Michael Hopley, Jodi Gerardis, Anita Meredith, Anne Pittam, Melissa Farrugia, Lisa Bright, Jennifer Lackersteen, Peter Hope, Georgie Simonetto, Melissa Cini, Louise Fahy

**Apologies:** Dali Pavlek, Kim Farrugia

**Meeting Opened:** 7:35p.m.

#### **Michael Hopley – Presentations**

##### **1. NAPLAN Trend Data**

- Year 3 and Year 5 Reading, Writing and Numeracy results are all above state and national average. This is great news for O.L.Q.P.
- School focus has been on Numeracy. Great improvements were evident.
- The results proved that we are pushing our 'at risk' students very well and they are making significant growth.
- O.L.Q.P in 2016 will focus on extending our middle and top students.
- Michael is very pleased with the NAPLAN results. Over the last 5 year we have made good growth.

##### **2. OCS Data – 'Quality Catholic Schools' – please refer to presentation available on the school website for more detailed notes.**

- The CEO 'Catholic Education Office' selected 50 random parents from our school to complete the survey.

Topic Questions for parents were:

- approachability
- parent input
- reporting
- school improvement
- learning focus
- extra-curricula
- homework
- behaviour management
- stimulating learning
- teacher morale

- connectedness to school
- student motivation
- social skills
- connectedness to peers
- student safety
- classroom behaviour
- attitude to survey

The above topic questions were grouped into the following categories:

- community engagement
- learning opportunity
- staff engagement
- student engagement
- peer relationships
- student behaviour
- survey

Topic Questions for the Year 5 and 6 students were:

- student morale
- student distress
- connection to school
- teacher empathy
- purposeful teaching
- stimulating learning
- learning outcomes
- student motivation
- connectedness to peers
- student safety
- classroom behaviour
- survey

The above topic questions were grouped into the following categories:

- emotional wellbeing
- teacher relationship
- engagement in learning
- student behaviour
- survey.

### **Feedback from survey results:**

#### **Reporting:**

- Many parents are not happy with the reports. A – E is mandatory and cannot be changed.
- More emphasis should be placed on the face-to-face interviews with parents. Teachers need to have evidence to support the grades and comments they have given.
- Teachers don't like A – E reporting. However, this is a mandatory system of reporting across the system.

#### **Communication:**

- This is a problem in the school, some parents are unhappy.
- Michael is aware that this is an issue and is working to address this problem via a survey. Michael hopes to address some of the burning issues around communication. How can we improve the communication at our school? Survey is in draft form.

- **Questions which address communication:**

- How do parents communicate with their child/ren's classroom teacher? What is the correct procedure for the communication process? Is there a standard system? If something is urgent call the office and state that it is an urgent matter.
- School Website – will it go to a mobile version so that it can be accessed as a condensed version on iPhones, tables, ipads etc. These devices are used more frequently and easily to access information quickly.
- Grade note at the beginning of the term to list upcoming events and dates.
- Working parents miss out on many events, which take place during the school day. We need to find a solution to this problem and keep up with the changing trend that more parents are working. Possible solution: open classrooms/book week/ education week/ grandparent's day could all be combined in one evening event.
- A homework question needs to go out in the survey.
- P & F – Parent Information Evenings are fantastic and bring in a lot of new parents. What happens in the classroom a great session for 2016.

**Treasures Report: Jodi Gerardis**

- Walkathon raised a total of \$35 948.45c
- \$609 still needs to be banked from the sale of ice blocks – thank you Kim Farrugia and the canteen.
- \$709 was raised from the sale of left over Smencils from previous years – thank you Kim Farrugia and the canteen.
- Total in P & F account - \$50 326.29c
- All accounts have been paid for.

**What's Coming Up?**

- Fundraising Photos – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015. Information will go out again reminding parents about this family photo and fundraising opportunity.
- Shopping Night – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015 5p.m – 9p.m. Thank you Liz Scott for organising the stallholders.
- Women's Spirituality Night – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015. St George Preca Centre.
- O.L.Q.P Parish Craft Market – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
- P & F AGM Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 in the Library at 7:30p.m. Please come along.

**Reminder**

- Bulldogs Jersey and Parramatta Eels Jersey are available for silent auction via the school office. Thank you Anne Pittam for organising these jerseys. All money raised will go towards the resurfacing of the O.L.Q.P school playground.

**Important Note**

- Michael Hopley will be away on a pilgrimage where he will be visiting the Holy Land with 15 other school Principals in the Diocesan.

- Ms Frances Garzaniti will be Acting Principal and Mr Vincent Knight will be Acting Assistant Principal. Religious Education Coordinator will not be replaced.

Meeting Closed: 8:55p.m.