



**OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE GREYSTANES  
P & F MEETING  
TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015**

Venue	Library
Meeting opened	7:35p.m.
Chairperson	Jodi Gerardis
Minutes	Anita Meredith

**Present** – Michael Hopley, Jodi Gerardis, Kieron Maye, Dali Pavlek, Anita Meredith, Anne Pittem, Mendy Dib, Melissa Cini, Belinda Carr, Dianne Santos, Colin Simms, Peter Frost, Nicole Denniss, Georgie Simonetto, Danny Hedges, Louise Fahy, Karen Olsen, Dianne Sherry, Peter Hope, Christine R, Jennifer Lackersteen, Terina Macare, Jayanthini Reanson, Wendy Tointon, Carol Sioufi, Kim Nuner, Fiona Malone

**Apologies** – Lisa Bright, Lisa Barker, Kim Crocker

**Principal's Report – Michael Hopley**

- Changes have been made to the school website to allow for easy navigation. Changes have also been made to the school newsletter. These changes were made because the previous newsletter was too long and parents were missing information. Main information will be stated on the newsletter and other dates of events will be redirected to the website under News and Events.
- Mr Hopley would like to send out a survey asking parents for their opinion as to what they think are the salient points needed for the newsletter. This will take place after various school surveys have been completed, there are several surveys circulating at the moment.
- Funeral – last week Mr Hopley attended the funeral of the St Paul's Secretary. This was a sudden death and very sad. Mr Hopley represented O.L.Q.P staff, parents and students.
- QCS – stands for Quality Catholic Schools Survey. 100 names have been randomly selected by CEO to complete the survey. 100 year 5 and year 6 students have also been selected to complete the survey.
- The QCS survey will collate information regarding culture, challenges, and positive components of our school. The survey results will be given back for the school to examine.
- NAPLAN takes place in May. CEO has given some information about what preparation is needed for the students.
- Past NAPLAN results have been solid. English gap is shrinking, with most students sitting in the middle bands. However, the school would like to focus on getting more kids in the top band.
- Catholic Schools Week opened this week and it has been very positive.
- Parents and students have enjoyed open classrooms and watching their children and teachers in action.
- During Catholic Schools Week a specific focus will be on teaching the students about other Catholic schools and the names and roles of Priests, Bishops and the Pope.

**Treasurer's Report – Kieron Maye**

- Money in the bank as at 10/3/15 is \$6115.
- Money comes in from – Aussie Farmers Direct, Tracey Roberts Real Estate, The Good Guys, Rebel Sports, Athletes Foot,

- Easter Fundraising is the Hot Cross Buns – to date 240 orders have been placed. We would like more orders to boost up profits. Kieron will ask if we are allowed to hand out order forms after Sunday masses.

#### **President's Report – Jodi Gerardis**

- Hand over to Georgie Simonetto for full explanation of the fete survey. Georgie analysed the data and explained each graph and all statistics.
- Jodi presented Georgie with a gift to thank her for her efforts in collating all the data.
- Survey Results led to discussion:
- Some parents would have liked another discussion about the final decision of the fete
- Some parents were unhappy that a letter was sent home stating the final results, more consultation should have been given and students should have been informed.
- No fete in 2015 will enable more time to be spent on educational topics and social events.
- A fete/fundraising levy is another option. This will be added to the school fees in 2016 it will not occur in 2015.
- If a fete/fundraising levy was introduced parents would like to be informed as to where the money will be spent.
- The cost to run the fete has increased and the profit has stayed the same over the past 10 years.
- The major fundraiser for 2015 will be the walkathon. This event earns the same amount of profit as the fete.
- Alternative fundraising events will be explored instead of the fete.
- Corporate sponsorship is also available and can assist with fundraising.

#### **Fundraising/Social Events – Jodi Gerardis**

- Mother's Day Stall - this will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May (whole day) and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May (morning only).
- Committee for the Mother's Day stall includes – Dali Pavlek, Mendy Dib, Karen Olsen, Dianne Sherry. They will organise a meeting to order stock ASAP.
- Hot Cross Buns – mentioned above
- Father's Day Stall – to be discussed closer to the date.
- Infant's Disco – dates will need to be booked in calendar, including Dance Fever and hall.
- Primary Disco - dates will need to be booked in calendar, including Dance Fever and hall.
- Mother's Shopping Night – Jodi will speak to Liz Scott to continue this fundraising night. Melissa Cini started this event and we would like to see it continue. This event will take place early November. Shop owners need to be contacted and event date booked in the calendar.
- **Other suggestions included** – family/class bowling night, camping night out, colour run.

#### **Educational Topics include –**

- Healthy Living - 41 on Maple street – Manny Laris
- Healthy Living – Melissa Farrugia (Physiotherapist) and Allison Sigmund (Dietician)
- Warren Hopley – Boys Education
- Father Paul and Lisa Bright – Parish Council and linking school and parish
- Police – Cyber Bullying. (Educating parents so they are aware of the dangers of social media. Parents need to be aware of the social media sites available and how to use them correctly. Social media such as, Instagram, Snap Chat, Facebook and Twitter are for children ages 13+, Kik is another site which is for children ages 17+. Parents need to overcome pressure from their children and need to learn how to educate their children about social media sites without encouraging them to use social media. We would not allow our children to drive a car before the correct age. Therefore, we should not allow our children to use social media sites before the correct age).
- Numeracy Sessions
- Literacy Sessions
- Parent Helper Sessions
- Catering for different needs – gifted students and students at risk.
- Kid's Mental Health and Body Image – 'Kid's Matter' (In the last 5 years Mental Health has been the biggest issue at the school).
- Resilient Donought.
- Michael Carr Greg – Physiologist.

- All dates for educational topics must be confirmed and placed in calendar.

**General Business –**

- Dance and Gymnastics – these are mandatory units in the National Curriculum. For this reason Dance Fever and gymnastic teachers are employed to teach these units as experts in these fields.
- Welfare Group – Wendy Tointon, Melissa Farrugia, Christine Reineker, Anita Meredith and any other members are welcome. The welfare group helps families in need in our community. We can also reach out to the community to assist those families in need. Such as cooking meals, donating items, gift vouchers, offering a hand, being a friend and support person during the crisis. Money is put aside from the P & F, Parish Council and St Vincent to assist families in need.
- Classroom Contacts – to assist with ensuring events, dates, notes, social events etc. are passed on to parents. Strict guidelines and structures for this must be put in place for it to work. Terina Macare will assist in setting up the structure.
- Positive feedback about Kindergarten FB page was shared and parents would like to see this continue in all grades. It is a great form of communication to parents on the grade. Mr Hopley to investigate.
- Parents suggested that school website be used because FB can be alienating for some parents.
- Moving Mother Mary Project – it needs to be moved to the front of the school so that the area near the office becomes a passive area for quiet games. This project requires a brick saw, excavation, bobcat, concreters, and landscapers. Suggestion for a working bee to be organised to assist with this project.
- Wheel Chair Ramp – we are waiting on architect drawings and we need concrete, excavation, bobcat and asphalt to complete the project.
- School Grounds – Thank you to MRS DWYER for organising Clean Up the School Day in conjunction with Clean Up Australia Day. Our school is looking very clean and positive feedback has been heard.
- Award System – still the same as last year. Principal's Awards and Merit Awards to continue.
- Afternoon pick up – 3:10 – 3:15p.m traffic is still heavily congested at this time, parents are breaking the law and are not driving safely. This matter needs to be looked at. Council and Police will be asked to patrol.
- Afternoon dismissal needed to be changed because students were leaving their classrooms and were unsupervised. They were walking around the school and were not moving to their correct areas. This has caused congestion. However, the safety of our children is paramount. This new dismissal ensures all children are supervised and are safe.
- Kiss and Ride use has increased by approximately 25%. The school would like more parents to use this system.
- A lot of congestion at the top gate – all parents must enter and leave via this gate. Options will be examined.
- Parents please do not enter via the Blue Room.
- Mr Hopley will address all the above issues regarding afternoon dismissal and will investigate how it can be improved.

Meeting Closed: 9:16p.m.