



*Our Lady of the Angels Primary School
Parents and Friends Association*

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**General Meeting Minutes
17th Feb 2016 – 7.00pm**

PRESENT

Annemarie Bond – President
Kellie Owen – Vice President
Rebecca Galea – Treasurer
Lee-Ann Wallis – Secretary
Eva LaRocca – Principal
Cathy Hey- Assistant Principal
Annie Nieruiec
Alison Streater
Matt Bond
Jan Schroder
Kyra Giglio
Melissa Buda
Belinda Connellan
Elicia Pace
Melissa Strong
Ruth Parsell
Nicole Brown
Ella Hudson
Kylie Terzo
Prue Meighan
Gertie De La Cruz

Prayer & Welcome

APOLOGIES: Kim Palmer-Burton, Natalie Spiteri

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING –

Any further corrections from GM held on 8/5/16

Accept minutes – Alison Streater

Second Minutes – Rebecca Galea

Any corrections to minutes from GM held on 28/10/16

Accept minutes – Nicole Brown

Second Minutes – Annemarie Bond

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- Shade Sails – details in President’s report below.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Shade Sails quotes: Quotes ranged from \$10 000 - \$50 000. While we have the funds to donate, school is in discussion with CEO for the structure to be hardcover with the possibility of CEO paying for this.
- Eva added that a steel structure is preferred. Hoping there will be funds left over from CEO once when the building of the school is finished and that the construction of a permanent steel structure over the playground can then be built.
- Kinder orientation morning teas: Thank you to all of the team who worked together to put on these events. The group of helpers is growing and the feedback from the kinder parents was so positive – feeling welcome and excited. They were also appreciative to be able to chat and ask questions in preparation for the start of ‘big school’.
- Second hand uniforms – Thank you to Jo Gladwell, Kelly Papandrea, Ruth Parsell and all those involved in the mammoth task of sorting and washing of clothing as well as the set up and pack involved on the day. We managed to sell a lot of the smaller sizes in particular.
- Since the sale at the orientation, we have had more donations of second hand uniforms. Uniforms have been sorted and washed and a sale date has been set. We have put a call out in the newsletter for anyone interested in helping Jo out with the uniforms as Kelly has moved away.

If anyone is interested to help Jo and the team their help would be most appreciated.

Toddlers welcome and only needs to be sorted once a term.

- Jo has done a wonderful job preparing for the upcoming sale of second hand uniforms. At this stage we have a tentative date of Feb 26th at 2pm before assembly/benediction.
- Would love some more volunteers to help out with the 2nd hand uniform shop – Elicia Pace offered to help.
- Parent helper ‘Thank you Afternoon Tea’ – Thank you to Eva, Cathy and all of the staff for the afternoon tea. By all accounts it really was a lovely afternoon and much appreciated by those who attended.
- Christmas – Santa, transport and treat: Thank you to LA Limousines for the donation of Santa’s Transport and a special thank you to ‘Santa’ and his helpers who were warmly welcomed by the children.
- Special Treats roster: Overwhelming response of new additions to the treats roster as well as the return of wonderful ‘regulars’. Many volunteers are only on the roster once so as to give as many people the opportunity to participate in treats.
- We have 6 people rostered on each Friday for special treats and we are spreading this out so we can mix experienced helpers with new comers to the team. Ice blocks will be the treat until the end of term.

Thank you to the wonderful parents who are helping as grade contact people. We are excited to welcome some new parents to the school. We look forward to having you on our team.

- Grade contacts

Grade	Contact
K	Alana Sourial & Trisha McKeever
1	Kylie Ross
2	Annemarie Bond / Kellie Owen – Marie Sales/ Anne-Marie Apap
3	Toula Nemitsas
4	Nicole Brown
5	Kelly Cleary
6	Natasha Pacella/ Natalie Spiteri

Each of the grade contacts will send an email via Helen to be sent out to the parents of each grade, with contact details directly back to each of the grade contacts.

- 'Tea and Tissues' 2016: Thank you to Kellie Owen, Nicole Brown and Ela Hudson for their organisation of this event. It was lovely to see so many parents and as a Kinder parent myself, it was a wonderful opportunity to get to know the other parents met briefly at other Kinder events so far. There were many parents who stayed for the morning tea, which was great.
- Swimming Carnival – The P&F supplied the light refreshments for this event. Mrs Byrne had a few rostered helpers in addition to our own team there on the day.
- School Disco and Social night – Thank you to the wonderful team who decorated the hall on Friday for the disco. A special thanks also to Melissa Strong, Elicia Pace and Kylie Terzo. On the night the P&F also provided cordial and glow sticks for the children. Thank you to the teachers for their supervision of the children in the disco and for giving up their family time to get to know the parents a little more. As always, we appreciate the extra time you give up and share with us.
- Parish Ball- The parish will be holding a parish ball. April 2nd in the auditorium at Castle Hill RSL. Tickets are \$75. As we are all part of the parish it would be wonderful to put together a table or a few (8-10ppl). If you would like to join us or even have your own table please let us know or contact the parish office directly. Great social event and we get to dress up!
- P&F will also add information about the Parish Ball in the newsletter.
- Fundraising plans – Last year we asked for ideas for events for 2016. Each year it is our aim to hold one main fundraising event and then other smaller events mainly as social events. Our main focus being to build the community of Our Lady of the Angels.

Last year the P&F organised many events, the main one being the WALKATHON. We were extremely excited and overwhelmed at the generosity of families, both in community spirit and fundraising. I can personally say that I made many new friends through the experience and have felt very much a part of this beautiful community.

This year, the Parish and school community will work together to organise the fiesta in AUGUST. This will also mean that financially the school will also benefit from half of the funds raised.

We will be seeking a lot support from families. We are asking that you put your thinking caps on. Perhaps you might like to get together with a few buddies to run a stall, or you are able to contribute through contacts or donations. Hampers, Lucky dip, Hoopla Bottle Stall, Kids Corner (Plaster and Face painting), Cupcake decorating.

It was discussed at the P&F executive meeting last week, ideas as to how the school can be a part of the event. Suggestions included a grade item/performance and even an art hall where families had the opportunity purchase a piece of their child's beautiful artwork. We are very excited by the opportunity to be able to participate in the organisation of this event but know that it will be a challenge.

If you have any ideas, would like to help or run a stall or can offer a donation please contact the parish office or ourselves via our FB page or email.

More information about the Fiesta will follow – we look forward to lots of involvement from the school community.

Date for your diary – In October (22nd) we have booked a one-day bus-shopping trip to outlets in and around the city. The bus will pick us up from an agreed location... probably here and then drop us off here too. Manchester, toys, men's and women's clothing, kitchenware etc. Lots of fun! Cost to be advised... at this stage it will probably be around \$40 price dependant on whether lunch is included. As a school we receive commission on the sales our shoppers make on the day. The day is open to parents and friends of our school community.

P&F EVENT CALENDAR 2016

- Term 1 (Jan 28, Feb, March, April 8)
Swimming carnival refreshments
Social Disco Decorations
Friday Treats

 - Term 2 (26 April, May, June, 1 July)
Friday Treats
Mother's Day Stall – 4th May 2016
Mother's Day Morning Tea – will follow after Mass on 6th May 2016. Likely to be held outside the Church
P&F AGM
Athletics Morning Tea

 - Term 3 (18 July, August, 23 Sept)
Friday Treats
Grandparents' Day
Fathers' Day Stall
Fathers' Day Breakfast

 - Term 4 (10 Oct, Nov, 20 Dec)
Friday Treats
Shopping Tour – October 22
International Teacher's Day Lunch
Kinder Orientation Morning Tea (2nd Morning Tea)
Santa and Christmas Treat
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- Mothers' Day – We will be asking for volunteers to help Kelly Cleary and Rebecca Galea to organise the stall and serve on the day. Please sign up on the sheet or contact us via our FB page or email.
 - School sandpit shade cover – Are you able to organise a quote for a shade cloth to clip in to the existing structure of the cloth that covers sand pit? The school has asked that the P&F help with this. Can anyone help with this?
 - At the end of last year we have added an excursion bag to the uniform list. This was due to popular demand by parents. They are a great backpack with comfy straps available for a small cost. These can be ordered like any other uniform item.
 - Eva advised that the teachers will promote these when classes have excursions on. Only bag per family is required.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Current enrolments are at 475 with is made up of 19 class groups
- We are currently maxed out of space. Building work is going ahead well and is on track for October (weather dependant)
- This year 6 new teachers joined the OLA team – all of a very high calibre.

- Eva appreciates the gratitude and appreciation shown towards the teaching staff. They put in a lot of extra effort and really are a great team.
- Over the holidays several improvements were made to the school including
 - Concrete base poured for the new shed – this will be used for indoor projects. The shed has been purchased we would love some help to build it.
 - Concrete entrance path laid (between Oosh building and admin building). Double gates are planned to allow wider access.
 - Refurbishment of toilets
- Possibility of P&F making a donation towards the improvements was discussed. P&F more than happy – amount to be discussed between P&F president and Eva
- Two teachers going to World Youth Day – Katrina Byrne and Pina Grima
- Some WYD raffle tickets still unsold. These will be distributed to the new families to the school to sell.

TREASURER REPORT

Accounts Spreadsheet

(from October 22, 2015 to date)

	Deposits	Withdrawals	Profit
Special Treats			
Fri 30/10/2015	\$147.05		
Fri 6/11/2015	\$163.50		
Fri 13/11/2015	\$110.95		
Fri 20/11/2015	\$136.90		
Fri 4/12/2015	\$164.50		
Fri 11/12/2015	\$114.45		
Fri 8/2/2015	\$143.60		
Fri 12/2/2016	\$152.40		
	\$1,133.35		
Special Treats expenses		\$822.80	
Average \$	\$141.67		\$310.55
Second Hand Uniforms (sold at Orientation morning tea)	\$840.00		
Donation (Dippin Dots Icecream)	\$100.00		

Current Balance \$18,016.52

GENERAL BUSINESS

- PBS4L – Positive Behaviour Support For Learning: Mrs Jan Schroder and Mrs Kyra Giglio
 - US designed program that has been rolled out across several catholic schools
 - Designed to encourage and focus on positive behaviour

- Program will be uniform from K-6 and linked back to the 3 school rules: Respect for self, others and the environment.
 - Students will be rewarded for positive behaviour
 - Angel cards are currently being designed and will be issued in the playground with a rewards program within the classrooms also.
 - Program scheduled to be rolled out in term 2.
- The School Jumper: Melissa Buda
 - Suggestion of a zip up vest be added as an option to the winter uniform.
 - Some children do not like wearing a jumper so this would help with ensuring they are kept warm during the colder months.
 - Samples are available from the current uniform supplier – Melissa Buda is going to arrange to have some sent for review.
 - Eva agreed to consider this as an option, as long as the uniform remained smart and was not a tracksuit type item.
 - Further discussion to take place once samples have been presented and reviewed.
 - Some concern over what volume would be required to make this an affordable and viable option.
 - Boot camp - Over recent weeks the team became aware that unfortunately Woolworths is unable to sponsor the Boot camp program we have here at OLA. The teachers give up their time to come to school SUPER early twice per week with different children at each session. The boot camp session is followed by a healthy breakfast. This program is offered to children in year 4-6. Last year, the P&F were able to raise a substantial amount of money due to the generosity of our school families and local community. As this program benefits so many children, we would like to donate \$1000 to help provide the children with breakfast.
 - Eva very happy to accept the donation and will discuss with the teachers involved how best to utilise the money for the program.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday 18 May 2016

Meeting Closed: 7.52pm