



ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

Parents and Friends Association

Meeting 1 Sept 2015

Meeting Opened: 7:30pm
Present Tim Hogan, Karen Walker, April Hampson, Ellinor Allen, Sharon Miller

Apologies: Rebecca Ramsdale, Mairi-anne Macartney, Jodie Redman, Winifred Martens, Naomi Bartlett, Tania Shannon

Minutes: From last meeting, read by all and acknowledged by Karen.

Correspondence in: Financial Statement from SPC Holding Account

Correspondence out: Bunnings request for 2016 BBQ Date (A Hampson)

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Prayer: Tim Hogan

Guest Speaker: Annette Marschner

Annette has celebrated her 20 Years at St Peter's College this year with recognition and plaque presentations at the St Peter' Dinner. Throughout these years she has seen a lot of changes for the College and with her own roles. She started as Yr 7 Co-ordinator and was charged with the set-up of the VCE Food Technology Course and facilities, assisting in the design of the Food Tech building and the outfitting of the building on its completion.

Through her time here she has also had the role of Year 10 Coordinator, and has taken Maternity Leave. Part of her Year 10 role was the development and delivery of the Year 10 Community Services, where over 150 students were placed into our Parish Community homes in pairs to help with chores, shopping etc, but most importantly to visit with, talk and spend time with the elderly in our community. This activity is no longer viable due to OHS issues. Currently Annette has undertaken the important role of designing and introducing the Year 9 and Year 10 Textiles courses at the West Campus.

Annette talked at length about the course and its development and activities that the students are currently undertaking, showing many samples of their work, so we could have a wonderful understanding of what this course offers our students, who wish to develop their expertise in the Design and Manufacturing areas of the Curriculum and workforce. Annette is obviously very passionate about this subject, and we thank her for her time and very informative talk.

Principals' Report: Tim reported on a vast range of issues, it is obviously a very busy time at the College. He touched on the recently held Futures Expo which is developing as a very high quality resource for our students in regards to subject selection, pathways and further study/employment opportunities and asked for parents feedback (lack of one external presenter attending was raised).

SIS debating participation and success of particularly our Senior Students was outlined, with thanks to staff member, Roger Hampson for his work in this area this year. Solomon Islands Trivia Night has been completed for the year with over 200 people attending and over \$10,000 raised. Senior VCAL Students are continuing their focus of their studies on business plans and activities to raise more funds for the Bishop Eppale Catholic School in Honiara. Focus now turns to organising the trip for the 2 staff and 6 students who will be visiting Honiara in Nov. Winter-Sleepout was undertaken by Senior students, this past weekend, to allow them to consider the hardship of the homeless in

sleeping in gold uncomfortable conditions. City Life provided a guest speaker to outline the plight of many who live on the streets. Our students continue to work across several areas of Social Justice in the evening of each week, including Oznam House, City Life Café, Soup Vans and St Vinnies. The recent Yr7 Science Fair and whole school Science Week was a great success at both the east and West Campus. West Campus Athletics Carnival postponed due to bad weather and will now be held on 11th Sept. (parent spoke about the transport back to the school causing some concern). East Athletics Carnival went ahead despite a heavy rain shower at lunchtime. Romero House took out the Championship with Assisi House awarded the House Spirit Award.

Tim went on the outline some of the issues that the Board is currently considering. East Campus Sculpture to be completed for Opening Mass in 2016 where Bishop Patrick will attend and bless this and all the new buildings completed in the past year, including the new Admin Building to be complete at the east Campus over the January 2016 period. Year 9 Specific Program Curriculum is currently being considered, to ensure that students of this level remain engaged with their studies. Research shows that a lot of students at this age loose interest in their studies and school. Focus will need to remain of Numeracy and Literacy, but include alternate programs to meet their social, emotional and physical development including Outdoor Ed Opportunities. They are also considering what needs to happen to ensure the Library space and resources are relevant in this quickly changing digital age. This is relevant to both e=the East Campus where the Discovery Centre needs to expand and the West Campus where focus needs to change to adapt for book based to digital based. Land purchase considerations and activities are ongoing to allow for expansion with 3 New Primary Schools and 1 Secondary Campus in the foreseeable future in our area.

Partnership with Federation University with all CEO Warragul Secondary Schools also announced, and outlined, with the focus to be on Literacy programs and enhancement within St peter's College, with several parents asking relevant questions to the benefits that this partnership can deliver to the College.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Walker presented Treasurers Report, although Bank statement has not been received balance remains of account approx. \$13,100.00. St Peter's College Holding Account Statement shows a balance of \$404.00 with receipts in from Bunning BBQ, Entertainment Book sales and Memorial Pavers Sales, payments out relate to St Peter's Day drink purchases. This amount is made up of fundraising by the P&F through Ritchie's, Pavers, Sausage sizzles and the Entertainment book.

Marketing/Website: Marketing is currently showcasing the school via signage on a local Cranbourne Transit bus. Also a letter box drop promoting the College, and its students, with the focus on the October Year 7-2017 Information Evenings will be completed in September.

Messages-On-Hold tape is currently being completed featuring Principal and students delivering messages about our College and its opportunities. We need to keep up the positive messages about the College to fill the void of students caused by the expansion to the East Campus. We could take up to 1,000 students per Campus and up to 1,200 per campus. 2016 student numbers are expected to be 1,400 at both campuses.

General Business: Questions were raised about Naplan Results, Parent Teacher Interview log-in for appointments availability, New Boys uniform shirt for 2016, other uniform item changes planed/underway.

Prayer: Tim Hogan

Meeting Closed: 9.15pm

NEXT MEETING : EAST Campus 27th October

Guest Speaker Ms Olimpia Rosenblum Language Exchange Co-ordinator