



ST PETER'S COLLEGE

Parents & Friends Association

Meeting 18 March 2014

Meeting Opened: 7.35pm.

Opening Prayer: David Hansen (Deputy Principal).

Present: April Hampson, Karen Walker, Mairi-anne Macartney, David Hansen, Lesley Mcvea, Elli Allen, Sofia Roussis, Winifred Martens, Claudia Hind, Jodie Redman, Rebecca Ramsdale, Penny East and Bennet Osafo-Kwaako.

Apologies: Tim Hogan, Kerrin Law and Louise Flyer.

Minutes: Minutes from previous meeting were read.

Business arising: Entertainment books, 20th Anniversary suggestions.

Correspondence in: Fundraising flyers and brochures

Correspondence out: Nil

Principals' Report: Presented by David Hansen

Both campuses celebrated opening school masses. We invited 2 past students Fion Gorman and Audrey Lon Ho Kee as guest speakers. Encouraging present students to plan, focus, set goals and balance school work, sport and family during busy final years. At the West campus mass current Year 12 leaders made their pledges and new staff were introduced for both campuses.

On the 17/2 we held the swimming carnival at Doveton Pool, a great fun day held in glorious sunshine. Avila House won overall points for the 3rd time running, and Romero won House spirit. Years 7 have attended camps (East 24/2) (West 5/3) great feedback from staff and students. Camp is a wonderful time for students to build friendship groups and enjoy the time away "from the norm". David mentioned 2015 will see camps move to Marysville area.

Read-a- Rama was launched, this is a reading based activity, encouraging students to read a minimum of 24 hours between now and end of Term 3, with wonderful prizes and giveaways.

West campus held Pancake Day and raised funds for Caritas.

Guest Speaker: David Hansen Deputy Principal.

David engaged the group with an outline of his teaching history and travels overseas and within Australia. A link to his presentation is on the school website.

Treasurers report: Elli Allen

Monies deposited are from Ritchie's loyalty/shopping tags and new tags have been sent to all 2014 Yr. 7 families. P&F would like to acknowledge and thank the West office staff for the mail out of the Ritchie's shopping tags. Balance \$ 13200 in CDF account and \$3800 in school account.

Fundraising;

Invitation from Bunnings for an info session to be held 20/3 at 6-8pm. Winifred Martens volunteered to represent St Peters at this session.

Wristbands. Suggestions for house colours to be worn on sports day, swimming carnival or St Peters day. Mairi-anne to follow up colours and prices.

Entertainment Books were again raised, we shall be sending out notifications to families wishing to buy. We shall start with the 200 who bought last year and then offering to all. This year the books are also available “digitally”, this should be a good selling point – rather than lugging that heavy book around. This option also shows the amount of money “saved” used the vouchers.

General Business:

April Hampson would like a commitment by next meeting regarding P&F options to commemorate the schools 20th year. We have had suggestions of:

Whole school photos

Tea towels

Merchandise

School Badges (Karen Walker/Rebecca Ramsdale to obtain costs)

Bench seats around the 2 campuses (Winifred Martens to obtain costs)

School Calender

Recipe books

Commemorative The Rock edition (1994 -2014)

Commission a piece of artwork

Parent questions:

Sophie, Penny and Lesley questioned how to assist their children at school with Novels they needed to read. An option was suggested for parents to have access to these books, before school starts and access to school library. April mentioned families *do have* access to library. It was also suggested parents should have more notice on books that needed to be read, allowing parents to read with or before their child. A point supported by David Hansen.

A few questions from parents related to “when to step in”, it was mentioned we should encourage or children and parents to always speak up, and the first contact should be the Learning advisors. We have the ability to “protect” the student from shared information and therefore protecting them from the stigma of “dobbing”.

Parents were encouraged by David to contact the school on any matter, first contact Learning Advisor.

Meeting ended 910pm. **Next meeting 6th May 2014.**