



ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

Parents and Friends Association

Meeting 27 October 2015

(East Campus)

- Meeting Opened:** 7:30pm
Present Tim Hogan, April Hampson, Mairi-anne Macartney, Ellinor Allen, Sharon Miller,
- Apologies:** Rebecca Ramsdale, Jodie Redman, Karen Walker, Naomi Bartlett, Catherine Sieben, Winifred Martens,
- Correspondence in:** Bank Statements.
Correspondence out: Nil

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Guest Speaker: Olimpia Rosenblum (Exchange Coordinator)

Olympia's personal journey to St Peter's East, has been interesting to say the least. 9 years living in France! It is here she developed her love of all things "languages". In France she co-ordinated exchange programmes for the schools she worked in. It's one of her many strengths that she brings to the exchange programme at St Peter's College. Olimpia co-ordinates exchange programmes for both French and Japanese inbound and outbound students. Olimpia arranged our first New Caledonia French Exchange Trip, in 2015 she spent many hours (and after hours) arranging student visits, host families, school curriculum and tours. The trip was a huge success and we now have connections for 2 schools in New Caledonia. We have had a long association with exchange students to/from Japan, however Olimpia has been able to secure another school interested in more regular trips to Australia and in turn students from St Peter's College visiting there. Olimpia advised having these Exchange Programmes in place and supported so well by the College Community encourages our students to choose languages and stay in these classes. French is a multi-"country" with over 75 countries in the world speaking French. It can bring us closer and opens so many more doors. Olimpia showed a few photos from both New Caledonia and Japan Exchange Outbound trips for 2015. Olimpia did mention when hosting families, think basics, a bed, bathroom (sharing) and the opportunity to "live" like Aussies. Don't be afraid to say YES to hosting – it's a wonderful opportunity for an overseas student and great experience for families of St Peter's College. It was made mention that perhaps the school could look at a scholarship to assist students keen to go but may not have finances. April in marketing suggested researching into this within our local Business Community.

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

Principals' Report: We looked back on events since last P&F meeting, we have had R U OK day?, where the welfare team have worked and organised across both campuses activities encouraging communication between all. Just the simple question – R U OK? May be enough to open lines of communication and help us better understand and support each other. Every 2

weeks the schools Pastoral Period encourages teachers and students to discuss relevant welfare issues and these are always embraced by students. We have had Athletics days now at both campuses with great fun and competitiveness. Our recent Japanese trip was enjoyed by all students, supervised by David Hansen and Debra Preston. SIS Athletics was undertaken and as was with Swimming earlier in the year, St Peter's College are coming 4th, which when compared to other bigger schools is an amazing achievement and students and sports staff are commended. Yr 9 camps are finishing up this week for both campuses, and as always students have loved the "surf n sea" camp. Students learn surfing, kayaking, and trekking through beautiful Anglesea area, the Yr 9 camp is a highlight of student's time here at St Peter's. Art and Technology Expo was amazing, the talents and skills of our students is to be commended. All staff and parents should be proud of the artwork displayed. Our Yr 12 class of 2015 had their West Campus Final Assembly, Mass and Valedictory Dinner last week. It's always an inspiring and emotional day, a reflection of the students finishing is the pride they showed at assembly and afterwards. We need to research a venue for West and East Campus for 2016 to hold their events as the school grows, whole school events are becoming harder to accommodate on site. We have the "Walk for James" event at West and East Friday Period 5, a walkathon to raise funds for medical costs for our student James first suggested and organised by Gerard Brown and Roger Hampson, West House Leaders. Tim advised the buildings and applications taking place over the next 2-3 years at both campuses, Stage 3B at East will be undertaken in 2016 for use in 2017. Year 9 Building for East has application for grant being sought this year to allow build in 2017 for use in 2018. Grant for Arts Precinct at West submitted, and funds if approved will allow this building to be built in 2016.

Treasurer's Report: Elinor Allen presented treasurers report, balance of account approx. \$12,090.02.

Marketing/Website: April mentioned that feedback from both info nights showed the school is promoted and seen widely amongst the community, flyers, letter box drop, newspaper, website, parent contact and contact with front Office Staff and Registrar are all given as reasons for attending this type of event. The bus advertising program is also being seen by parents and prospective parents as a positive and are all working to ensure St Peter's is "seen" within our area. We had approx. 70 families for West Year 7, 2017 Info Night and 50 for the East Year 7, 2017 Info Night. April also mentioned the new shopping centre in Cranbourne East has approached her to work together in cross promotion, a great opportunity to show case the school, maybe via having vocal group, or even HPV display.

General Business: Elinor asked a couple of questions regarding exam timetable and if necessary to come when not scheduled. Tim's reply, not necessary but students study at library. She also had an enquiry regarding IT course and Tim replied we have a few pathways options and best to always speak to Peter Brennan and Careers staff. Christmas Dinner. Attendees asked if Somerville Restaurant still venue of choice. Yes. April will notify regular attendees of the P&F to attend and make the appropriate booking.

Meeting closed 9:00pm

Next Meeting : Christmas Dinner 1st December.