



ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

Parents and Friends Association

Meeting 21 April 2015

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm
Opening Prayer: Tim Hogan
Present Tim Hogan, Ellinor Allen, Karen Walker, April Hampson, Mairi-anne Macartney, Kerrin Laws, Jodie Redman, Yoannes Mojwok

Apologies: Rebecca Ramsdale Winnifred Martens, Naomi Bartlett

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

Correspondence in: Bank Statements.

Correspondence out: Nil

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Guest Speaker: Jo-Ann Lorton

A most interesting presentation from Jo on her life in South Africa, and her travels through teaching positions to finally land at St Peter's College.

Listening to Jo's speech you couldn't help be moved by her stories of growing up in St Africa during the Apartheid time, the adversity faced by children who "JUST" wanted an education. Education means everything to many families in South Africa, not just a pass mark as it does to us here in Australia - it means the opportunity for a job, food and support for the *whole* family. At some schools discipline was harsh, and Jo can recall one time she mentioned – just in passing to a family their child "could do better" - (seen that on my daughters reports many times!). Only to have this child beaten at home and returning to school battered and bruised. How bad she felt. When Jo left St Africa in 2004 she obtained a teaching position in Canberra, where she stayed for 10 years, Jo is very happy for the position at St Peter's College and looks forward to her role as Teaching and Learning Coach – English as she sees it as a challenge, and is looking forward to great results from the students. There is a real passion in the 2016 students (especially Yr12) to improve.

Principals' Report: Tim mentioned the follow up and school position on the "recycled water" investigation. All letters, emails and info has been sent to parents (keeping them in the loop).

He then went on to describe calendar events at the school, such as Harmony Day, Staff/Student cricket match (Teachers won!), Stations of the Cross, New Caledonia Trip for French students, and the new EAST Building Stage 3A (looking great almost ready for occupancy).

He also made mention of "students of excellence" Ethan Davies for Ten Pin Bowling, Courtney Jones for State AFL Football, Callum McGregor for World Irish Dancing placing and Jessie McGuigan for her USA tour in Performance Dance/Music. These students are to be commended for their hard work and commitment to their out of school activities.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Walker presented Treasurers Report, balance of account approx. \$13,500.00. This amount is made up of fundraising by the P&F through Ritchie's, Pavers, Sausage Sizzles and Entertainment Book sales. Funds held by St Peter's College are still not available due to the changeover to new Synergetic Software.

Karen also mentioned how the P&F supports the school by donating these funds to the school via assisting with the Statue at West, Library equipment, The Avenue pavers, Bench seats around the school and assisting the HPV St Peter's team (Human Powered Vehicle).

Marketing/Website: Marketing Manager, April Hampson made a brief presentation on the new St Peter's College Website. The accessibility for parents to see Newsletter, and the parents Portal. It's a great communication facilitator between the College and parents. The Parents Portal allows parents to gain immediate access, to everything associated with their child at school. The new Website is portable/mobile and accessible anywhere and both PC and mobile devices like mobile phones. Please have a look around the new school website.

General Business: Elinor asked about the School Uniform and what was the delay in issuing from Perm-a-Pleat. The school outsourced the contact for the uniform shop, at present there is a huge delay in the fabric for shirts, both boy and girls shirts. The filling of the Blazer order will be completed by about the 19/5. All students should have their blazers by this date. Changeover for Winter Uniform is 27/4, and all students will be expected to be in winter uniform, with old style white shirt and school tie. Parents are to support the school during this time and may need to buy old style shirt and tie until product is available, they then have the choice of changing over to new girls shirt and bow tie design or staying with the traditional white tuck in shirt and business tie.

April mentioned Entertainment books are being sold, mobile app is very popular and as such has been asked maybe to obtain a few testimonials for the newsletter- to encourage sales.

Upcoming events: St Peter's Day 23/6 at BOTH West and East Campus, we need to organise parents helpers, to be discussed at next meeting.

Meeting closed 8.46pm

NEXT MEETING 2 JUNE 2015