



Parents and Friends Committee Meeting 17 July 2019

Meeting Opened: 7:35pm
Present: Chris Black, April Hampson, Sharon Miller, Sharon Clover, Elinor Allen, Marzena Mansilla

Apologies: Naomi Bartlett, Vanessa Collins

Correspondence in: Financial Report, Entertainment Book Sales – 3 to 4 per month

Correspondence Out:

Welcome:

Opening Prayer: Chris Black

Previous Meeting Minutes: Accepted and Ratified

Treasurer Report: \$11,229.05 – St Peter's Day cost \$2,346.56

Guest Speaker: **Ann Jeans**

Ann loves working with young children. She has been a primary school teacher and is a mum. She began at St Peter's as a relief teacher. Ann's mantra is to "do it differently". She believes teachers need to take risks in their profession. Ann has worked with all ages and all levels of education throughout her career. Ann believes that all kids should have the same opportunities. Teachers should be given aids to help them support children who have anxiety or other needs. Ann also believes the programs at the school should be changed. She suggested a homework club available to all students from 3:30 – 4:30 Monday to Thursday. Ann believes this can help with organisational skills in children and also encourage communication between students and teachers. Ann's favourite part of her job is communicating with the children and seeing them grow into confident young adults. Ann stated that 20% of the children at school have difficulties and it is important to assist them in getting up to date. The kids can be up to 3 years behind in numeracy and literacy. Ann concluded saying the teachers, school, parents and children should work together.

Moved and seconded by Elinor and Marzena

Principal Report: **Chris Black**

Year 10 work experience was a great success. However, some students did not like their choice of work. This work experience allows the kids to see the value of being at school and choosing what they want to do with their life. There was 100% connection with the employers.

VCAL built toys at the Man Shed that were sold in the community.

In term 2 there was the St. Peter's College Dinner celebrating 25 years for the College and 20 years of service of Shaun Parton, with numerous 10 Year Staff Service Awards also acknowledged. It was a great night and 25 Year commemorative wine glasses were given to all that attended. Staff member Robyn Young started with St. Peter's College with our first year in 1994 and gave a speech about how St. Peter's College has developed over the 25 years.

There has been a St. Peter's Day Mass held at Casey Stadium with both campuses attending to celebrate the 25 years of the College. All students were very involved, and the choir was magnificent. The Diocese of Sale came and there is a suggestion that we would like to request the bishop for next year.

St. Peter's Day Campus Assemblies, Special Guest Speaker Craig Challen, was one of the Australian divers that rescued the boys trapped in the Thai caves and all students found this inspiring. Our College motto of Be Not Afraid formed the basis of his presentation and was based around the process of getting the boys out. Craig spoke at both campuses.

Cranbourne and Clyde North Campus both had a student concert and assembly. Clyde North Campus held theirs outdoors, where the weather remained fine but it was a cold 2 degrees.

The Northern Territory Trip was a great success. The students were amazing ambassadors and enjoyed the landscapes and Indigenous community, having for the first time spent time within an Aboriginal community for a couple of days undertaking Social Justice activities.

General Business:

Privacy, Student wellbeing and staff Code of Conduct on the policy section of the website is being reviewed. Policies that are coming up for review are the Sun Safe Policy, the Mobile Phone Policy, Behaviour Management Policy and Chris is to update later in the year.

Parents want to add a Code of Conduct for Parents and a Assessment Reporting Policy.

The Parents Code of Conduct Policy has been a very long and thorough process and it is expected that the College Advisory Committee is to sign of next week on 24 July 2019.

There is also consideration to construct an Email Etiquette Policy pointing out that the teachers are not on call 24/7.

The Solomon Islands Trivia Night is coming up on 2 August. There will only be 4 students going this year and they really need the support.

Parents and Friends Committee approved to contribute \$750 to the cost of the 25 Year Commemorative glasses.

Chris says thank you and agrees to the amount. He thanks the committee for their support.

Closing Prayer: **Chris Black**

Meeting Closed: 9.00 pm

Next meeting: 28 August 2019

2019 dates:

Fri 2 Aug	7.00 pm	Solomon Islands Trivia & Silent Auction Evening
Wed 16 Oct	7.00 pm	Gr 6 Family Orientation Evening Cranbourne Campus
Tue 29 Oct	7.00 pm	Gr 6 Family Orientation Evening Clyde North Campus
Wed 6 Nov	7.15 pm	P&F Meeting
Wed 11 Dec	7.15 pm	P&F Meeting
Tue 3 Dec	6.30 pm	SPC Presentation Night
Tue 3 Dec	8.50 am to 9.30 am	Yr 7 2020 Orientation Day