

Literacy:

- This year's goal is on supporting writing ie, writing for a purpose and an audience.
- NAPLAN results showed that our students performed well, however improvement in vocabulary has been identified as necessary and will be worked on this year.
- There will be a staff development day on literacy.
- Results of the Early Years Assessment which focuses on the infants progress are being collated at present.

Maths:

- Multiplicative thinking (multiplication and division) will again be the goal for this year. MAI testing in January has shown some improvement in the students.
- The school will again participate in the Maths Olympiad run by APSMO. We will also trial another program run by APSMO, a year 6 "Maths Games" which involves all of year 6.

PDHPE:

- Our zone swimming team did very well with 13 out of 21 swimmers moving onto the Diocesan carnival.
- Cross country will be run in week 6.
- Our Bounceback program runs on a weekly basis and teaches students about empathy, conflict resolution, social skills and building resilience.

Building & Maintenance:

- The Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms were painted over the holidays.
- Mary Ann has received a \$30K grant to install covered walkways from the demountable to the main building.

Other:

- Week 6 Term 1 is Catholic Schools week, coinciding with the schools 60th anniversary. Students will present as follows:
 - Infants will focus on our school at present;
 - Year 3-4 will be looking at our school in the past;
 - Year 5-6 will undertake PBL on the history of our school
- Enrolments for 2019 have opened. Mary Ann is in the process of putting together enrolment packs and will visit preschools in the area. There will be an open day on 12 March for new families.
- The school's secretary resigned after the close of school in 2017. Advertising and interviewing for a replacement is underway.
- Mary Ann and Lisa will attend an information session on a "positive behaviour in schools for learning" framework. This is an international program and has already been adopted by other schools in the Diocese.

• Activities since the last meeting

- Canteens held: French food 3 Nov, Party food for lunch 1 Dec, free ice-cream 14 Dec and Shrove Tuesday pancake day 13 Feb 2018.
- Family picnic day on 11 Nov. Although the turnout was a little disappointing, feedback received is that it was a fun day enjoyed by adults and children alike!

• Canteen

- Upcoming canteens: Kindy green St Patrick's morning tea which will be co-ordinated by Kindy class contact Katherine.
- 12 April – did we want a snack day or meal deal? Meeting voted for a meal deal.
- 'Lindas Lunches' is going well. Order numbers for 2017 were fairly steady, averaging 43 per week.

- **Class Contacts**

Contacts per class have been allocated. Notes have been sent home requesting contact details from parents. Lisa is working through these now to pass onto the class contacts.

- **Working Bee and Gardening**

Not required.

- **Upcoming P&F Activities**

- Term 2 – Mother's day stall
- Term 3 – Father's day stall and Father's day breakfast
- Term 4 – Disco and Teacher appreciation day (26 Oct, Beth will co-ordinate this)

- **New items submitted for discussion**

- Co-ordinators for P&F events were requested:
 - Margaret agreed to co-ordinate the Mother's day stall, and will try to pull in another couple of people to assist, and hopefully hand father's day stall onto them.
 - Father's day breakfast – Caroline would like to invite a Kindy parent to co-ordinate, this to be discussed with them.
 - Disco – traditionally run by year 3. Alison will speak with Year 3 class contact to organise.
- Major fundraiser – as discussed at AGM, it was agreed not to hold a major fundraiser this year.
- Allocation of existing P&F funds. It was agreed to allocate funds as follows:
 - \$3000 for school readers
 - \$500 for Year 6 graduation
 - \$500 for Year 5 & 6 Canberra trip
 - Funds to cover Skoolbag app payment when necessary
 - Funds for 2 additional charging bays (approx. \$1500)
 - Auditing fees for P&F books
- The committee voted to approve small purchases made by the executive committee during the year for things such as catering supplies for P&F functions, and for gifts for departing teachers, flowers for teachers and staff to commemorate celebratory occasions and/or in the event of bereavements.
- Alison advised that the P&F books are currently at the auditors. This will cost about \$700
- Caroline asked whether our current bank of ipads (approx. 42) could be onsold? Mary Ann advised that the CEO are looking into this.
- Victoria raised the issue of charity events and the many other activities the school seemed to have during term 4 requiring money, baking or donations. Raising the parent levy was discussed, however a number of those events were not P&F run so this would not be appropriate. Mary Ann agreed to look at the school's involvement in charities, busking would also be discussed.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm