Meeting Opened: 9:05am

Attendees: Ann Johnston, Justin Tuohy, Alex Gavranic, Carla Di Latte, Helen Martella, Natalie Bogoias, Elizabeth Moore, Netina Pritchard, Carol Unkovich, Linda Foot.

Apologies: Nick Merdith, Monica Ness, Natasha Baldwin.

Opening Prayer: led by President.

Matters Arising from Minutes:

- Nil

Principal’s Report - Justin Tuohy (Attached)

Upcoming Dates

- Catholic Education Performing Arts Festival upcoming, wish all the individual entrants and school choir best of luck.
- Book Week is Monday 22 August – Wednesday 24 August.
- TOM: Saturday 27 August.
- Numeracy and Literacy Week – Monday 29 August – Friday 2 September.
- St Thomas’ Athletic Carnival – Thursday 25 August.
- Interschool Athletics Carnival – Monday 19 September. We are looking for improvement after well placed 3rd positions in interschool swimming and cross country.
- Oracy - 7 and 8 August.
- Assemblies – Friday 19 August (year 4) and Friday 23 September (year 2) – although being last day of school term this date may change.
- Father’s Evening for Kindy Dad’s – Wednesday 24 August.

- Protective Behaviours teachings started in all classrooms. Parents to continue these discussions at home with their children.
- The parking bays at Melville Street are now complete have alleviated some of the parking problems the school faces. Suggestion raised that year 5s and 6s do a roster around the school grounds to monitor parents parking – making sure they are not on neighbours’ verges.
- Premier’s visit was a success, Premier spoke highly of the school and students and thankyou to all parents who volunteered for the assembly preparation and the morning tea.
Thanks to Nat Bogoias for organising the seamless progression to Friday canteen lunches. So far it is a big success and is raising more money for the school.

Whole school excursion – Wednesday 14 September at Kings Park as part of the Kuluga Katitjin Festival.

NAPLAN Online – our school has been selected to participate in the online NAPLAN roll out. We are one of 7 Catholic Schools selected in WA. A practice test will be conducted the week commencing 16 August 2016. The test will not be on student knowledge but how well our systems run. Issues were raised by members present about students’ keyboard skills and if we need to spend time improving on them. Teachers will discuss this issue and bring it to the next meeting.

ECE Playground is currently in the planning stages. Principal requested financial support from the P&F to help fund the playground, which is budgeted for between $40,000 and $60,000. An amount of $25,000 contribution by the P&F was voted on and agreed by those present at the meeting. The Principal to take this to the Boar’s next meeting. Hope to have it complete by end of the 2016 or into 2017.


School Disco is booked for 4 November 2016. Charge of $5 per child, sausage sizzle and juice box provided. Parents’ help required on decorations to hall and cooking of food. P&F agreed to contribute $50-$100 for hall decorations.

Financial Report - Nick Merdith (Attached)

Principal ran through the Treasurer’s Report due to Treasurer’s absence – see attached.

Canteen Report – Natalie Bogoias

Canteen now running the second day option on Fridays and it is working successfully. Some new menu items are up and running, and possibly more to come.

Uniform Shop Report – Netina Pritchard

Uniform shop purchases to be online, within Our Online Canteen website in a couple of weeks.

Cost increases have taken place but increases still make it comparable or cheaper with neighbouring schools.

Some parents have raised possibility of changes to uniform, namely sports shirt, sports shorts and option of summer dress for girls. To be discussed at next meeting.
President’s Report – Ann Johnston

- St Thomas’ Feast Day – A big thank you to all.
- Dinner Dance wrap up.
- P&F happy to support and pray for our year 6 students preparing for Confirmation on 12 August.
- 20 August is year 6 parish mass and sausage sizzle. All encouraged to attend and support our parish.
- School Disco (discussed above) – DJ is booked, PP-year 3 early session, years 4-6 later session.
- Art Show – thank you to all parents who have volunteered. Cost of $25 per adult entry. This will include stickers to purchase childrens’ art, a drink voucher and pizza. Drinks for sale at the bar. Grandparents also can purchase stickers for childrens’ art. There will be auction items in addition, as well as individual items by Kate Byrne in collaboration with some students from each year group. Art auctioneer is also booked.

General Business

- Carol Unkovich raised a potential publicity raiser - Clay tiles to be made by year 5 and 6 students, in art classes with the assistance of Kate Byrne. Tiles will be displayed around parks in the Town of Claremont. Funds for cost of the tiles at $25 to be raised by the parents. The idea was supported by the P&F.
- Liz Moore requested $350 for 5 new netball dresses. Approved by the P&F.
- Justin Tuohy thanked the P&F for funding to honour board updates in the School Office.

Closing Prayer led by President ‘Come Holy Spirit’ offered for Confirmation Candidates.

Next Meeting Tuesday 6 September at 7pm.

Meeting Closed: 10:35 am.