**General Meeting Minutes – 28th July 2015**

1. **Welcome:** 7:20pm

2. **Attendance:**

   Daniel Hogan, Sandra Husk, Hayli O’Rourke, Cathy Pancia, Chantal Bush, Melissa Boffo, Todd Vane-Tempest, Rob Peers, Dominique Rickard, Lorna de Courcy, Lenise McIntosh, Kathy Graham

   **Apologies:**

   Sally Belford, mandy Kennedy, Lisa Wilson, Kylie Greenfield, Laura Dawson, Suz Wilson, Father Jacek, Janette

3. **Confirmation of previous minutes:** Cathy Pancia & Chantal Bush

4. **Reports:**

   - **President:** Daniel reported that the Year 4 mass was a success and very enjoyable. He thanked the social committee for a wonderful social night and the disco committee for a great disco. He also flagged that the next P&F meeting would be a daytime event as we are looking for fresh faces and ideas. This will be changed in the calendar. The meetings will also have a new format where reports are made available to read and a casual and open discussion will be facilitated.

   - **Principal:** Robert introduced the schools new Social Media Policy (Please see attached document). The school website has been revitalised with a lot of new information. There is a new OLSOS twitter account to follow: @OlsosT. There is also a new Facebook page coming soon that will be the schools official endorsed site. These are for parents and not students as age restrictions apply to join these platforms. Many schools have introduced these and overcome any teething issues. It is no different to information that would be put on the website, just a new medium that’s more current, efficient and easier to use. We need to embrace and channel these to work for our community, and welcome any feedback on the policy. If anything inappropriate occurs, the school will directly address persons involved

   - **Discussion:** Many Year 6 students are already using wide variety of social media platforms and lying to access them. There is a natural tendency to want to get involved and use them. The school will definitely not endorse students lying about age to access social media. Ideas suggested were 1) The school could engage in greater parental education about the use of social media and 2) an internal blog similar to those offered on excursions could be set up as a safe social networking site for students

   - **Social Committee:** Chantal raised the issue of attendance numbers at the social night and that this would need to be reviewed before planning to go ahead with an event next year.
• Disco Committee: Hayli reported that the 2nd Disco has been booked for Thursday 26th November. A vote was taken that supported weekday discos, preferably a Thursday going forward. The DJ will be notified not to use the foam machine as it sets off the fire alarm. Also no copied CD’s will be used. A suggestion was made to allow more free dancing time for the students.

5. Discussion: The P&F Is Changing

• The P&F executive is trying to facilitate greater parental involvement and engagement as our position as the voice of the parent body. We will be holding a daytime meeting for our next meeting hoping to see some new faces and hear some new ideas.
• A poll was taken on discussion topics for future meetings. Please see attached document.
• A suggestion was made to better advertise the P&F email (olsospf@gmail.com) as a point of contact for any questions, ideas, suggestions – communication of any kind. We would love to hear from any parents.

6. Correspondence:

• Thank- you certificate form Operation Christmas Child . See attached document.

7. New Business

• Uniforms: A problem was raised regarding boys long pants that are getting damaged as part of standard play at break time. While not wanting to discourage active play, a request was made that boys have the option of wearing shorts even during winter. This will be added to the agenda for the school to review. A request will also be sent to Alinta, the uniform provider, to review the quality of the pants.

8. Next Meeting Details

• Inaugural Morning P&F Meeting – Tuesday 25th August at 9am