OLSOS P & F COMMITTEE - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday 9th June, 2015

Meeting Open: 7:15pm

1. Welcome & Prayer : Daniel Hogan

2. Attendance
Lenise McIntosh, Rob Peers, Dominique Rickard, Lorna de Courcy, Todd Vane-Tempest, Sandra Husk, Sally Belford, Chantal Bush, Hayli O’Rourke, Kathy Graham

Apologies
Suz Wilson, Cathy Pancia

3. Confirmation & acceptance of previous minutes
Moved by Daniel Hogan Seconded by Chantal Bush

4.0 Reports

4.1 Executive Reports

Principals Report – Robert Peers
- It has been a busy term since our last meeting – the highlight of which was our ‘Freeze & Breathe’ parent forums, for which we received enormously positive feedback. I congratulate and thank everyone who supported this initiative (and there were many) – it was very well received and gave both staff and parents a sense of common purpose. I look forward to planning next steps to support our community.
- Our Athletics Carnival was a wonderful community event. We were blessed with lovely weather and there was a great sense of spirit and pride evident. Thank you to both the staff and many parent supporters and volunteers who contributed to its success.
- The recent Year 2 Grade-Parish family Mass was again enormously successful with a huge turnout and a very positive spirit also evident. This has continued the success of this SIP initiative and again I thank our staff and parents for embracing this important link between parish and school.
- We had a successful Year 5 overnight excursion to Bathurst – a feature of which was our parent blog which was very well received. This week I will join Year 6 on their excursion to Canberra for three days – and again a blog will feature as a positive link between home and school for the duration of this trip.
- Last week a very positive dinner meeting was held between the School Board members and P&F Exec. I thank both groups for the positive spirit to the meeting – where I flagged the possibility of merging both groups by 2016 – so we can streamline our efforts and reduce duplication.
- We have slowly been implementing more iPads into classrooms and although there have been some setbacks dealing with technical issues – it is clear there is mounting evidence for further immersion over the next twelve months. Apple TV has been installed in all classes – and our leading teachers are now gaining momentum in taking our whole community forward. My editorial in this week’s newsletter articulates this further and I look forward to engaging with our community towards next steps.
- Undoubtedly our shock and sadness at the news of the death of Tara Tobi, mother of Harrison in Kindergarten took us all by surprise. This was very sad, especially for our Kindergarten families and I
thank them especially for the wonderful support during the day of her funeral. There are many hurdles ahead for husband Sean, Harrison and younger brother Flynn and I am sure we will work together to support them over the months ahead and indeed long term future.

- Currently I am proof-reading Semester One reports. These will be available to parents on Wednesday next week and I thank the staff who have spent many hours preparing them. Parent-Teacher interviews will follow in the last week of term and bookings are open currently via the online system notified.
- In staff news, Shannon Devorsine co-teacher in 5 Dolphins with Todd is taking some Maternity Leave to begin Term 3 and we will be appointing a replacement in the next few days. In know our parents join me in wishing Shannon and her family all the best. Currently we have a few staff on or about to start Long Service Leave and in Term 3 there will be a few others on leave – including yours truly for the first two weeks – and Todd will be Acting Principal for that period. All announcements will be made in next week’s newsletter once finalised.
- Finally last week we heard the news of the departure of Fr Mark Okarma. His replacement has been announced and we will have an appropriate opportunity to meet him soon. I know parent will join me in welcoming our new Pastor to our community here.

President’s Report – Daniel Hogan

- Thanks Chantal for leading the last meeting
- I would like to note our appreciation for Father Mark and wish him well
- The P&F Exec and School Board had a very interesting joint meeting with a view to working more closely together in the future
- Thanks to those working on the website, the updates look good
- There has been a request to possibly add a sleeveless vest to the uniform.
  - The meeting discussed the pros and cons and voted against this idea

Treasurers Reports – Lorna De Courcy

- Please see Term 2 accounts attached separately
- Canteen account now operating through the school

DPC Representatives Report – Dominique Rickard

- We had our DPC Rep Central Coast cluster meeting at OLR last week. There was a lot of discussion and interest in the ‘Freeze & Breathe’ Forum. We made a note to share more information between schools to prevent everyone having to ‘re-invent the wheel’
- The DPC is investigation communication strategies in schools and how this can be improved and are looking at creating a communication specialist role to help schools improve
- The recent cyber safety seminar was very good. There is a repeat session coming up and also information from the session available on the website: www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/growing-up-online.html

4.2 Committee Reports

Daytime Committee
Lenise Mcintosh reported the following:
- Preparations for Father’s Day Stall are starting

Social Committee
Chantel Bush reported the following:
- Social evening ticket sales have been very slow putting the night in doubt of going ahead. Those wanting to attend need to book tickets ASAP.
- It would be greatly appreciated if tickets could be purchased as early as possible for events to allow the volunteers organising the event enough planning time. However the lack of response this year has resulted in the parent social event in the school calendar for next year being suspended.
- More volunteers are needed on the social committee; if you are interested in helping please let us know.
Grade Parent Coordinators
Chantal Bush reported:
- Class parents communication is working well

Care Group
Nil to report

Head Lice Prevention
Lorna de Courcy reported:
- A note will be sent to parents to remind them to check for head lice over the holidays

2nd Hand Uniforms
Lorna de Courcy reported:
- We are still looking for donations, if you have any items to donate please hand them in to the office

Kids Disco
Hayli O’Rourke reported:
- The disco is next Wednesday night and we are looking for volunteers to help on the night
- Thank you to Kylie Greenfield for coordinating the volunteers as I will not be present on the night
- Please let us know ASAP if you are able to help: 0447 328 876

Website Update
Hayli and Chantal reported:
- The website is being updated. We are looking at making it more user friendly, with more information and tools for parents

5. Correspondence
Gmail account:
- Complaint regarding the sizing of uniforms, particularly boys shirt cuffs. The P&F will draft a letter to Alinta to amend this
- A recommendation for uniform alterations: ‘Made by Miss’, Melissa Klumpp, 0428 844 782 (also facebook/madebymiss)
- A request to review children’s behaviour at Mothers Day Liturgy – this was passed onto the school

Mail:
- Fathers Day Stall brochures

6. Matters arising from Executive
Nil

7. Matters for Future Consideration
Nil

Meeting Close 8:15pm

Term 3 Meetings
- Tuesday 28th July at 7pm in the school library
- Tuesday 25th August at 7pm in the school library