



**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

Thursday 25 May 2023 7pm

Minutes

1. Involve Session – Leader in Me presented by Mrs O. Slides to be made available on school website.
2. Apologies – Social Co-ordinator, Treasurer.

Welcome to our new Parent Engagement Co-ordinator Anne Gray. Anne has a teaching background, is local to the area and a parishioner. Her children previously attended HF. Her role as co-ordinator will involve engaging parents and families into the faith life of the school. She is looking forward to meeting families and building the school's catholic community. Look out for future activities which will include toddler groups and coffee mornings. Weekly updates on forthcoming activities will be included in the newsletter. Anne will be at HF 1.5 days per week – all day Tuesday and 0.5 day Thursday. To get in touch with Anne please email her directly or contact the school office.

3. Welcome to Country & Opening Prayer
4. Acceptance of previous P&F meeting minutes (24 March 2023) – accepted by CCSP representative.
5. Principals Report
Term 2 Big Rocks:
 - Focus on Quality Religious Education:
 - New K-2 curriculum has been introduced.
 - Parish and school engagement – parent engagement co-ordinator has commenced role. New activities are on the agenda for the forthcoming schools year (more details below).
 - Parish council meetings are held monthly with involvement from the Principal and P&F President. The school will be working on building greater connections with the Parish over coming months.

- Student achievement: look out for the new format newsletter this week iNewsletter. This will provide more information about student work and activities.
- Collaborative coaching – Deputy Principal is continuing to work with staff to establish future teaching goals and build professional learning.
- Language survey – The survey revealed that a large number of students use a second language at home. Opportunities to work on vocabulary. The school has an “English As An Additional Language And Dialect” teacher. Semester 1 reports coming – new format. Some names have changed, some content changes. Teachers currently working with new format and syllabus.
- Wellbeing/Creative Arts - Musica Viva – more information to follow. P&F funding. Refer to school calendar for key dates. Band – practice Mondays. Junior and senior bands – week 9 assembly – showcase of learnings. Whole school leadership day – August Leader in Me. 7 habits presenting and doing activities based on habits. Dance Fever – Term 3 inter-schools competition Thursday week 10 – Homebush. CSBB ER creative arts competition – theme is compassion.
- 2024: 42 children already enrolled for Kindy 2024

6. Communications – None

7. Playground Update – Principal provided an overview of the plans for the playground:

- Vision Overview: 6 Core Areas

1. Ramp and stairs (not within current funding stream): current stairs are non-compliant with current BCA standards, and are inaccessible by children with disabilities. To be funded as a CSBB project. Anticipated 2024.

2. Adventure play: includes the area occupied by the existing sandpit, climbing equipment and sail shade. Shade to be retained. All other equipment to be removed and replaced with imaginative play and active play equipment to create activity zone. P&F funding

3. Sand pit and sensory play: existing musical structure to be removed. New sandpit, mud kitchen, shade pergola to be constructed in this zone with the inclusion of new sensory equipment and hardy grasses. P&F funding

4. COLA: aluminium benches and tables, moveable baseball hoops to be provided. Interactive painting on the ground. Potential P&F funding.

5. Prayer and quiet area: Grassed area fronting Balfour Street – veggie pods to be relocated to this zone. 4 to be provided in total. 2 existing with 2 more ordered. Holy Family statue (can be outsourced) with seating also to be provided. Existing water bubbler does work and will be retained. Outdoor tables for casual seating and outdoor learning, Buddy bench. Habits Hollow – to be painted, sensory play.

6. Oval: Artificial grassed area – lockable box for balls to be provided. “Leader in Me” signage to be painted along the timber fencing. Garden bed planting – maple trees and edible plants.

- Timeframes: Pricing from Bunnings for plants, veggie pods and other incidental items to be obtained. Term 3 – Paint concrete path as temporary measure. Term 4 – P&F funding works for areas 2 and 3 need to be in process. All works to be completed by Term 1 2024

8. P&F Executive

- Chair: Ongoing commitments to the playground project and the school music program. Green Team - return and earn bins are on the way. Contributions to be directed to Green Team. Parent volunteers needed to help out. Potentially waste free Wednesday.
- Social Co-ordinator: Another great term with INVOLVE events and Mothers Day. A big thank you to our parent volunteer who has stepped up to assist our current social co-ordinator with this huge job.
Upcoming events: Father's Day – Thursday 31 August 2023, Athletics Carnival, Grandparents Day – 16 June 2023, Term 4 Disco, Colour Run, Carols, Year 6 graduation mass.
- Class co-ordinator: Fairy fund – voluntary fund that class parents can organise at their discretion. The objective will be to improve engagement among year groups.
- Treasurer: Former Treasurer provided an update on the P&F audit. Should be completed in Term 2.

ACTION ITEM: Share class parent list and advice provided to class parents to parent co-ordinator.

9. Coles Development

- DA modification application now with Council and in their hands for decision.
- Crane discussion are being handled by the Diocese. Principal and Assistant Principal will continue to monitor activity and respond as required in the interests of student safety.

10. Art Show:

- 47th Art Show will proceed in Term 3! Scheduled for Friday 1 – Sunday 3 September 2023 (Father's Day Weekend).
- A co-ordinator has been appointed – Christine Chan
- A team of volunteers is required in the lead up to the event. Please get in touch with Carolina if you are interested in volunteering.

Meeting closed 8.40pm