

OLHC Parents & Friends Association

Tuesday 24 May, 2011
7.30pm School Library

Attendees: Jane Morrison, Mary Hor, Louise Jongejan, Karen Johnston, Belinda O'Sullivan, Sandra Tucker, Richard Zalm, Megan Maguire

Apologies: Natalie Exton, Monica Power (uniform shop), Joanne Zalm, Steve Fitzgerald (uniform shop)

President's Report (Jane Morrison)

- Minutes from last meeting accepted.
- Mother's Day night went really well
- Parish picnic was a fun day and potential to combine with a school day
- Numeracy evening very hands on
- Bendigo Grants to think about (suggestions outdoor chess set, trestles for market, outdoor game equipment, data projector for hall, kindles for library, spelladrome or other applications for the school)
- Doing the consultation with the school about strengthening family and school partnership

Vice President's Report (Richard Zalm)

- Mothers' Day was cost neutral and refunds for wine purchased have / are being finalised

Treasurer's Report (Karen Johnston)

- Refer to bank balance sheets
- Summary of balance sheet: 29,268 (end April with P and F levy included)
- Forecast income \$27,465
- Ongoing fundraising essential to keep up balances as P and F levy will cover only 25%-50% of required spending priorities
- Invoice needed for bag hooks
- OLHC soccer club not responded to prompts to produce books as incorporated body, and seeking legal advice about whether we can accept a donation to the P and F by the club (Jane actioning)
- Committed 13.5K for rollover of computers in S3 (all in favour, Sandra proposed, Megan seconded)

Principal's Report (Mary Hor)

- T1 was busy but successful
- Parent education sessions delivered and will continue, considered good for teachers and parents (and children)
- Enrolments – orientation scheduled for Nov
- Quotes for computers, investigated iPads but Apple does not work on our infrastructure
- CSO will support Dell purchases through their office – Mary and Louise investigating what other schools do
- Language will be taught on Wed after school from 3:10-4:10 by Mandarin Stars
- Principal's Awards will be presented each term on the theme of mission statement
- Graduation – seeking a past pupil who is now finishing high school or beyond to talk to the group
- Graduation dress code – discussed that children will wear uniforms for Mass and dinner as it is a school event to celebrate their time at OLHC and to wish the children well in their future education. Also

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concerns relating to appropriateness of dress in previous years when in casual attire and the financial burden on families for dress, hair, etc.. Those present at the meeting unanimously endorsed the policy of school uniforms for graduation.

- Fundraising by year 6 will support development of school song by Andrew Chin. Children will wear school uniform to Graduation
- Feast Day – enjoyed, children took home little bag of goodies
- Debating – year 5 debating local schools through Rotary
- Catholic Schools Week – great week of celebrations with class visits, liturgy, assemblies
- Parish picnic – thank you to families who attended and supported gelato and BBQ at the Parish picnic
- Soiree – looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the soiree

Fundraising (Belinda O’Sullivan)

- Hot cross bun drive went well – thanks to helpers
- Wine drive – Jane Morrison organising a quote on freight and labelling over holidays – orders end term 2 and delivery start term 3
- Market – list of class roles presented to class mums, these have changed based on feedback from 2010
- Bendigo Bank confirmed they will sponsor BBQ for \$700.
- Letters drafted to Coles and BetterHomes seeking confirmation of their roles in sponsorship
- Megan M organised prizes for handball and Sandra Tucker volunteered to assist with raffle

Canteen Update (Sandra Tucker)

- Sandra will start serving the teachers sandwiches for lunch instead of morning tea as this will be easier to coordinate based on the routine.

Class Mothers Update

Nil

Other business

- Mary to seek family feedback about whether we want swimming lessons in term 4. Mary investigated the surfing lessons which are cost prohibitive.
- Seeding Grant being coordinated by Sandra Tucker (by mid June) to support healthy schools. Considered potentially purchasing parent educational material to include in the newsletter weekly. Other options considered were veggie garden, but too hard to coordinate, and sporting equipment, so will seek input from Kesni.

Meeting closed @ 9:15 pm.