Parent Forum Meeting  
Monday 27th October 2014

Meeting opened  
Brendan Ryan opened meeting at 7.02pm.

Apologies  
Claire Price, Emma Butler, Karen Anderson, Melissa Toms, Leanne Bugg, Kathryn O’Malley

Present  
Kathryn Leslight, Jan Cronly, Michael Thomas, Maria McCabe, Shylie Sykes

In attendance  
Brendan Ryan, Carolyn Waugh

Welcome & Prayer  
Prayer, Proclaim Parents 2014

Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting  
Moved by Kathryn Leslight, seconded by Maria McCabe

Treasurer’s Report – presented by Kathryn Leslight  
Treasurer’s Report tabled by Kathryn Leslight. The bank reconciliation was tabled. Opening balance as at 28 July 2014 was $24,215.75 and closing balance as at 26 October 2014 at $12,551.80.

No bank statements have been received for this account since February 2014 so the ‘closing bank balance’ does not include any bank interest that may have been earned during this period

Moved by Jan Cronly, seconded by Shylie Sykes

Brendan Ryan tabled a financial request for school resources to cover:
- Additional science kits for $1,128.50
- Sports subsidy for parents in Semester 2 - $1,225.00

All in favour - unanimous

Secretary’s Report  
Incoming correspondence:
- Letter of thanks from Scott and Tracey Reinke

Outgoing correspondence:
- Letter of thanks to Shayne Cracknell for auditing contribution
Principal’s Report – presented by Brendan Ryan

Staffing Changes
- Bernard Spiller taking 12 months leave in 2015
- Caitlyn Martin has been successful in gaining a permanent position at St. Ambrose commencing 2015
- Two above positions are being advertised and applications close next Tuesday, 3 November 2014 with interviews being undertaken during the week

Kindergarten 2015
- 46 enrolments for Kindergarten in 2015
- In the process of preschool visits
- Orientation Day rescheduled for on 17-18 November

Principal – 1st year appraisal
- All staff will be surveyed
- Onsite review will be undertaken
- Parent Forum Executive will be contacted to provide feedback

- Term 1, 2015 – program called Dance Fever – Gymnastics comprised of a 40 minute lesson on a Thursday
- Term 2, 2015- revert back to infants doing sports on a Thursday and primary doing sports on a Monday
- In 2016, the program will be Dance Fever – Dance as above
- $27.00 for 10 weeks added to fees

Specialist Lessons 2015: Art, Music and Physical Education
- In 2014 art, music and technology have been provided as specialist lesson
- Staff reviewed specialist lessons and the decision was to remove technology as this is embedded in curriculum and replace with physical education to supplement children’s sports day during the week

Music Program/Band - 2015
- The band time has been changed to the lunch break, however more discussion required around timing of the band outside of core teaching time

Sport Uniform 2015 – Unisex shorts
- Sports uniforms will now include unisex shorts in 2015, and will be compulsory for Kindergarten children in 2015

Classroom Refurbishment – Rooms 8 and 9
- Rooms were repainted and new carpet squares, new desks and look fantastic. Intention for next year is for some of the classes to have old furniture replaced, and new carpet and repainted.

Outdoor – Painting of Handball Courts/Stairwells
- Stairwells and handball courts were repainted

Cyber Safety Presentation Term 3 Feedback
- Presentation was made to the children followed by a presentation to approximately 20 parents
- Flyers have been sent home with information regarding cyber safety
Curriculum Report – presented by Carolyn Waugh

NAPLAN Summary
- School performed really well on the NAPLAN
- Year 3 – above proficiency against State average
- Year 5 - above proficiency against State average

Science Resources
- Implementation of new Science curriculum including more science kits

2015 Reading Resources
- Additional readers for classes transitioning from Stage 2 to Stage 3
- Infants readers to be updated

iPads – Infant Level
- Using iPads as a creative tool with apps for thinking and creativity
- Enabling students to use a variety of devices
- Apps being used to be added to curriculum page on Moodle

Goal Setting – St Carthages, Lismore staff visit
- 12 teachers from St Carthages from Lismore came to visit to review goal-setting practices across all classes
- Commented on how fantastic rooms were, how engaged children were, and how positive and interested staff were in goal setting

Student Achievements – WriteOn/Les Peterkin Art
- Students entered the WriteOn competition (numbers to be confirmed) with a number of stories being published
- 14 students has art work displayed at the Les Peterkin exhibition

General Business

Playground
- Seeking to have playground designed in Term 1, 2015
- Obtain an idea of what can be contributed in terms of items and labour
- Best time to build the playground would be mid-year when the weather is cool and dry

Chaplaincy/Student Welfare position
- Still no funding for this position next year

Grandparents Day
- Mass to start day on Friday from 9.30am
- Classroom visits followed by tea and coffee to be outside rooms 8 and 9
- 1pm visit showground

Disco
- Disco to be held on Friday 14 November from 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Middle school Forrester and Pearson)

Skoolbag
• Apple6 and updated IOS8 currently having issues accessing Skoolbag. These will hopeful

**Staff Dress Code**
• Staff were reminded about staff dress code

**Father and Son Camp**
• Is it appropriate to have alcohol present?
• Comment that there was a lack of supervision
• Recommendation to take sports equipment
• Include more structure

**Tableau**
• Dress rehearsal 27 November from 5.30pm

**Meeting closed**
Brendan Ryan closed the meeting at 8.42pm