Meeting opened
Brendan Ryan opened meeting at 7pm.

Apologies
Jan Cronly, Melissa Toms, Emma Butler

Present
Kelly Yates, Bronwyn Thomas, Lesley Van Rossi, Linda Cunningham, Kathryn O’Malley, Claire Price, Seb Bice, Maria McCabe, Amber Charilaou, Greg Jones, Jo Nimmo, Shylie Sykes, Karen Anderson, Donna Wilson

In attendance
Brendan Ryan, Carolyn Waugh

AGM-Constitution & Executive positions nominations 2015
Chairperson-Claire Price

☐ Chairperson - Claire Price
Nominated by Kelly Yates, seconded by Karen Anderson

☐ Treasurer - Karen Anderson
Nominated by Claire Price, seconded by Maria McCabe

☐ Assistant Treasurer - Maria McCabe
Nominated by Claire Price, seconded by Donna Wilson

☐ Secretary - Jan Cronly
Nominated by Maria McCabe, seconded by Shylie Sykes

Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting
Moved by Claire Price, seconded by Shylie Sykes

Treasurer’s Report – Kathryn Leslight absent
Treasurer’s Report and bank reconciliation wasn’t tabled. Opening balance as at 27 October 2014 was $12,551.80 and closing balance TBA.

Secretary’s Report
Incoming correspondence:
● None

Outgoing correspondence:
● None
Principal Brendan Ryan tabled a financial request to Parent Forum to cover:

- 2 more of “The Comprehension Box” kits for Stage 2 & 3, approx.$1200 ($600 ea)

**Claire Price moved to purchase- unanimous**

- Subsidising student Representative sport - Diocesan/ Polding/State

**Moved by Claire Price, seconded by Kathryn O ‘Malley**

**Principal’s Report – presented by Brendan Ryan**

**Staffing**

- New staff/PE -
  - Mrs Stacy Jansson (Year 1)
  - Mr Simon Smith (Stage 2)
  - Mr Wayne Denmar (Literacy support & Enrichment Stage 2&3)
  - Mr Reg Barber (Specialist teacher Music)

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- Mrs Agnes Markham (Specialist teacher PE)

**Class numbers/School population**

- Census figure -Feb 13th 2015 Total =365
- August 2015 will be the next census and will determine funding for 2016.
- Classes are tried to be kept to 28 students no more, but due to certain circumstances a few classes have 29 in them this year.

**School Improvements**

- Artificial grass has been laid.
- New garden area near ‘train station’.
- Air-conditioning of withdrawal room scheduled to go in this coming Saturday.
- New furniture ordered- desk, chairs 2 x Infant rooms.

During the year:

- Rooms 1-7: carpet/paint/desks & chairs
- Statue of St.Patrick/ Administration entrance.

**Music-Band**

- In 2015 wanting to raise profile of school band.

**Students of the week**

- Decided that 2 awards per class be given out as decided by class teacher, replace most improved.

**Prayer Proclaim Lismore Students 2015**

- 1st one held in March, 12 x Year 6 students.
- Findings of Meeting from ‘Proclaim Lismore Parents 2014’ available at office.

**Funding/fees**

- Catholic schools largely depend on Federal government funding, not a lot from State government.
- Parish finance council determine fees for the school.
• Important that Year 6 student fees be paid up in full, as overdue fees may impact on their enrollment application to Mt St Patricks college.

**Parent representatives**

• Roles being identified (incl. support teachers, Help coordinate one school event)

**IMPORTANT SCHOOL EVENTS**

★ Disco Term 1, Friday 27th Feb - Stage 2 SS & Stage 2LD
★ Skill A Thon, Friday 27th March - 2N & 2Y
★ Mother’s Day stall Term 2 - Stage 3 JD & Stage 3 SP
★ Father’s Day stall Term 3 -Stage 3IF & Stage 3SH
★ Grandparents day Term 4 - Year 1 J & 1 T
★ Murwillumbah Show- School display set-up - Stage 2TM & Stage2MM
★ Disco Term 4 - Kinder M & Kinder W
★ Banana festival - parent volunteers.

**Curriculum Report – presented by Carolyn Waugh**

**Stage 3**

• In line with curriculum no longer using term “Middle school” calling it only as Stage 3.

• NAPLAN and online ACER -have helped identify areas to focus on with students.

**The Comprehension Box**

• Great classroom resource.
• Inferential & comprehension

**Australian curriculum- Maths**

• Maths syllabus will be a focus over next staff meetings and part of a whole diocese project.
• In service where St.Josephs will be joining.
• Term 2 looking at making Maths real for students with a hands on approach. Different ways to assess numeracy.
• Mathletic passwords will be coming out soon.

**General Business**

**Dance Fever – Gymnastics 2015/Dance 2016**

Positive feedback from parents at forum after speaking to their children about program.

• 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*

• $27.00 for 10 weeks incorporated into fees.
Tweed Parent Assembly

- Karen Anderson spoke about the Parent assembly that meet once a term with other schools. 2 representatives go from Mt St Patrick’s Primary School. Next meeting is next Tuesday at St. Josephs, parents can speak to Karen for further details.
- Also assembly hold annual retreats
- Focus on Proclaim Students

Chaplaincy report

- Funding that had been ceased, is now being received again. Philomena Zambelli School Chaplain/ Student Welfare officer - employed 13 hrs per week, involved in various activities incl. Rosary Beading, Mini Vinnes, Prayer group.

Mum’s Night Out

- Brendan Ryan proposed Friday 6th March at The Balcony, confirmation and advertising of event to come.

Natural environment Playground

- Proposal next to the adventure playground to provide natural play equipment
- Show of hands for playground development sub-committee- Linda Cunningham, Greg Jones, Kelly Yates to work with Jan Cronly.
- Sub-committee to meet outside of the Parent Forum to aim for playground to be completed by end of the year

Overcrowding on School bus services

- Concerns raised re: Primary students safety having to stand up on buses travelling to school. In particular Surfside school bus service 1212AM.
- Brendan Ryan advised that he had also contacted Surfside in 2014 expressing similar concerns.

Meeting closed
Claire Price closed the meeting at 8:34pm

Next meeting
Monday 4th May, 7pm