Meeting opened
Brendan Ryan opened meeting at 7.00pm.

Apologies
Kathryn O’Malley, Kelly Yates

Present
Claire Price, Karen Anderson, Maria McCabe, Shylie Sykes, Donna Wilson, Seb Bice, Cherie Miller, Greg Jones, Kisa Baldwin

In attendance
Brendan Ryan

Welcome & Prayer
Prayer – Proclaim Lismore, Proclaim Students 2015 “Walk With Me” video

Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting
Moved by Claire Price, seconded by Karen Anderson

Treasurer’s Report – presented by Karen Anderson
Treasurer’s Report and bank reconciliation was tabled by Karen Anderson. Opening balance as at 1 May 2015 was $26,579.84 and closing balance as at 26 June 2015 at $19,775.82.

Moved by Jan Cronly, seconded by Greg Jones

Brendan Ryan tabled a financial request for school resources to cover:

- Tweed Valley Jazz Cub $150.00
- Henny Penny Chickens $240.00
- Reading Resources for Infants $5,000.00 (approx.)

All in favour - Unanimous

Secretary’s Report
Incoming correspondence:
- None

Outgoing correspondence:
- None
Principal’s Report – presented by Brendan Ryan

Classes 2016 – Straight v Stage Classes

- Brendan Ryan presented to the staff options in relation to class types in 2016:
  1. Retaining current staged model
  2. Two stream school (2 classes in each year), ideally with 28 in each of the two classes for each year (being a total of 56 per year)
- Enrolments have increased from 219 students in 2007 to 364 students in 2015
- Staff voted unanimously for straight classes
- Advantages to whole-school approach
  - Consistent through all years
  - Less restriction with timetabling
  - Teachers planning for one year level
  - New Australian curriculum being implemented lends itself more to straight class model
  - Greater options for movement of teachers
  - Logistics – Naplan, Year-based special events
  - 1 year cycle of units
  - Teachers keep their own maths class
  - Brendan Ryan confirmed that classes will be capped at 30
- Disadvantages to whole-school approach
  - Unable to split four ways
  - Lower enrolment numbers may affect class sizes
  - Potential to isolate students by reducing their social familiarity between students outside of their year
- Term 4 Parent Forum to include transition to straight classes strategies and preparation for families

Insight SRC – Parent Responses

- Independent survey provided to up to 60 families with 40% return rate
- Identifies school’s strengths and weaknesses
- Categories include
  - Community engagement – 80%-100% percentile
  - Learning opportunity – 80%-100% percentile
  - Staff engagement – 80%-100% percentile
  - Student engagement – 80%-100% percentile
  - Peer relations – 80%-100% percentile
  - Student behaviour – 60%-80% percentile
  - Survey – 60%-80% percentile

School Improvement

- 5 classes refurbished – carpet, display boards, furniture, paint - quotes received
- School Administration entrance – Brendan Ryan met with Architect to design a revamp of this area including automatic doors

Technology

- Stage 3: purchase of 40 new laptops
- New projectors: Rooms 2 and 9
Curriculum Report – presented by Brendan Ryan

Maths – Professional Development for Staff
- Anita Chin has been providing professional development sessions to staff

New Maths Resources for each classroom
- Includes special whiteboards for each children to use, dominoes, counters, dice (fraction, increased number, decimals), spinners, money etc.
- Supports maths hours being increased each day within the classroom

Term 3
- **July 2015**
  - Tuesday 28th ICAS English
  - Thursday 30th Tweed Public Speaking Competition

- **August 2015**
  - Tuesday 4th Byron Bay Writers Festival (Stage 3), Dental Check Kinder
    - Thursday 6th Sacrament of Confirmation
    - Friday 7th Diocesan Athletics
    - Tuesday 11th ICAS Maths
    - Monday 17th Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day
    - Monday 24th – Friday 28th Infant Classes (Kinder-Year 2) Parent Teacher Interviews
    - Monday 24th Whole School Photo
    - Saturday 29th Banana Festival – ‘Through the 60 Years’ (1955)
    - Monday 31st – Friday 4th Stage 2 and 3 Parent Teacher Interviews

- **September 2015**
  - Thursday 3rd Father’s Day Stall
  - Friday 4th Assembly – Father’s Day – Kinder classes
  - Monday 7th Henny Penny Chickens arrive - Kinder
  - Wednesday 9th Parent Assembly Guest Speaker meeting (6.30pm - 8.30pm)
  - Friday 11th Mt St Patrick Has Talent Assembly
  - Wednesday 16th – Thursday 18th Stage 3 Excursion – Brisbane/Sunshine Coast
  - Friday 18th Last day Term 3

Term 4
- **October 2015**
  - Monday 5th Labour Day Public Holiday
  - Tuesday 6th Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day
  - Wednesday 7th Students first day Term 4
  - Saturday 10th Father/Son camp
  - Thursday 15th Mt St Patrick College Year 7, 2016 Orientation Day 1
  - Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th Exuro – Year 5
  - Thursday 29th Mt St Patrick College Year 7, 2016 Orientation Day 2
  - Friday 30th Grandparents Day

- **November 2015**
  - Monday 9th Term 4 Parent Forum
  - Friday 13th School Disco
  - Monday 16th Kindergarten 2016 Orientation Day 1
  - Tuesday 17th Kindergarten 2016 Orientation Day 2
  - Saturday 28th Sacred Heart Parish Tableau
  - Monday 30th Infants intensive swimming commences
• **December 2015**
  - Tuesday 8\(^{th}\)  Primary classes presentation evening
  - Thursday 10\(^{th}\)  Primary swimming carnival
  - Friday 11\(^{th}\)  Orientation Day, Years 1-6 2016 (new students to MSPP)
  - Monday 14\(^{th}\)  Year 6 Treat Day
  - Tuesday 15\(^{th}\)  Infant classes presentation and End of Term Treat day
  - Wednesday 16\(^{th}\)  ‘End of Year’ Graduation Mass and Student Reports distributed

**General Business**

**Buddy Bench**
- Donna Campbell applied to Gold FM for the provision of a buddy bench. The bench arrived last week
- Children are being told about the use of the buddy bench – started with Kinder

**Banana Festival – Celebrating 60 Years**
- 1955 theme as part of the Banana Festival’s theme – ‘Through the 60 Years’

**Play For Life**
- Use of industrial recycled product to engage children in the playground. An option for children who are not necessarily interested in hand ball
- Social advantages and physical movement advantages
- Will need storage- this will need to be worked through

**Playground**
- Greg Jones to meet with Jan Cronly regarding playground meeting to review documentation and research

**Monster Raffle**
- Mantra weekend away, Karen Anderson’s prize, Dream World - open to prize donations and ideas

**Parent Assembly**
- Wednesday 9\(^{th}\) September – Maurizio Vespa “Raising Children/General Parenting”
  - Catholic perspective and in the field of restorative justice and positive parenting with boundaries and expectations. His talks cover parenting styles, setting boundaries.
  - Two workshop that explores the challenges parents face in raising today’s child. A range of parenting styles will be examined to highlight which approach provides the most desirable outcomes
- Michael Grose – Article for Parents – dynamic presenter with vast experience

**Camp**
- Any thoughts about offering a mother/daughter or father/daughter camp? Brendan Ryan noted the school was more than open to looking into any idea that would support parent/child interactions
- The consumption of alcohol during the camps needs to be investigated in terms of liability for the school should an incident occur where a parent is deemed under the influence. Do parents sign a waiver?
**Orientation Days**
- Recommendation for possible extension to length of orientation days from two half days to a possible four days
- Brendan Ryan indicated that the school is confident that the current situation is satisfactory

**Next Meeting**
- Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} November

**Meeting closed**
Claire Price closed the meeting at 8.45pm