Meeting opened
Carolyn Waugh opened meeting at 7.00pm.

Apologies
Brendan Ryan, Kelly Yates, Seb Bice, Lesley Van Rosi, Kathryn O’Malley, Maria McCabe, Bronwyn Thomas, Emma Butler, Shylie Sykes, Melissa Toms

Present
Karen Anderson, Claire Price, Linda Cunningham, Greg Jones, Jan Cronly

In attendance
Carolyn Waugh, Justine Bullock

Welcome & Prayer
Prayer – Proclaim Lismore – Proclaim Students 2015 – ‘You Are Not Alone’ 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 26th November 2014 was $20,668.38 and closing balance as at 1st May 2015 at $26,579.84.

Moved by Greg Jones, seconded by Claire Price

Secretary’s Report
Incoming correspondence:
• None

Outgoing correspondence:
• None

Moved by Karen Anderson, seconded by Claire Price

iPad Interactive Presentation – presented by Justine Bullock
16 iPads were purchased in 2014 for infants, working in banks of 8 iPads. In 2015 a further 16 iPads (iPad Air) have been purchased for Stage 2.

Investment has been made in the iPads as a learning tool, including for example, blogs and publishing scripted puppet shows for infants. Positive comments were posted parents to the blog, in a controlled environment. Mr Logan now purchases the apps for the iPads and manages installation of these apps to each iPad, and these are monitored by the school if accessed via the www.

The Air server can be used by teachers as a presentation tool, as well as for the students use. A student can connect directly to the board in their classroom through the Air server.
The home page of each iPad has all the main apps. On subsequent pages there are interactive apps such as PicCollage to create multi-modal text (lots of different pictures, text, photos) for such documents as posters. PuppetPals is also an interactive app for creating puppets where students can create the background (setting) and characters. Students can record their voice and make each character move around. A character can be personalised by taking a photo of themselves, and script can be added. Animals and items can also been added and animated.

The iPads have covers that are very sturdy and robust to handle the extensive use and handling experienced. These were expensive however worth the extra investment to secure the longevity of each iPad.

The plan is to keep Stage 3 as a desktop/laptop platform to align with the platform being used at Mt St Patrick College.

The school appreciates the support of the Parent Forum in its purchase of the iPads.

Principal’s Report – presented by Carolyn Waugh

School Improvements
- 5 classrooms have been refurbished including carpet, display boards and furniture
- Remaining classrooms to be refurbished
- School administration entrance with the recent deluge reduced accessibility and highlighted the need for new guttering. A new screen has been placed in the school administration entrance, and Ms Bullock has a room in this area that is also

Catholic Schools Week
- This week is Catholic Schools Week
- School Photos are this Wednesday – payment is to be brought on the day (extra charge incurred for late orders/payment). A reminder that school uniform only – no sports uniform.
- Open Day and Year 6 Mass on Thursday

Kinder 2016 Enrolments/Interviews
- These commence next week for a couple of weeks.

Assistant Principal’s Report – presented by Carolyn Waugh

Maths
- As part of a new directive of the Lismore Diocese, the school is implementing a new approach to staff professional development to ensure that students’ concepts in Mathematics are very hands-on. Staff are to complete an online course in regards to Mathematics. Includes the modelling of best practice, in particular for number and algebra areas of the syllabus. The school is looking at purchasing new equipment for teachers to support this approach.

Financial Resources Requests
- Maths resources from Genie Educational for $924.50 (Genie Educational a Diocese approach and selection)
- Maths resources from Genie Educational for $7,717.00
- Monster raffle pizza party $103.35
- St Patrick Day TRAC entry $555.01
- Stage 2 and Stage 3 ‘High School Musical’ $400.00
- Andrew Chinn – Religious Education Music Workshops $1,800.00

*Total approved $11,499.86
Unanimously approved - Moved by Claire Price, seconded Jan Cronly*
Term 2 - May
- Catholic Schools Week – Open Day
- Mother’s Day Stall
- NAPLAN – Year 3 and 5

Term 2 - June
- Andrew Chinn – Music Workshop K-6
- Staff Development Day – 5th June
- Tweed Valley Jazz Club – Stage 2
- RE Test – Year 6
- ICAS Writing/Spelling
- School Athletics Carnival
- Murwillumbah Performing Arts Festival
- Semester 1 Reports

General Business

Mum’s Night Out (Term 1) - Feedback
12 Mums attended, very lovely night – thanks to those ladies who attended.

IGA Fundraiser
Last Saturday the IG fundraise was held at the new store on Tweed Valley Way. Thank you to the parents who volunteered on the day

Playground Update
Show of hands for playground development sub-committee. Jan Cronly to contact sub-committee members and arrange for an initial meeting.

Bus Safety
Kelly Yates has been in contact with NSW Transport regarding young children standing on buses. All students should have seats on every bus ride. Kelly is seeking to have legislation amended in consideration of overcrowding for designated school buses on non-urban routes. If any other parents wish to have their concerns raised, please contact Kelly Yates. Kelly to advise follow up strategies.

Parent Assembly
Parent Assembly being held on 16th and 17th May.

Parent Partnership Grant
Every school in the Diocese has been given $1,000.00 for the Parent Partnership Grant. Karen Anderson recommended the idea of the Flexi-School Parents app, which is an online banking facility for use by families for payment to school payments such as canteen, excursions etc.

Meeting closed
Claire Price closed the meeting at 8.15pm

Next Meeting
Monday, 27th July