Parent Forum Meeting
Monday 31st October 2016

Meeting opened
Brendan Ryan opened meeting at 6.35pm.

Apologies
Claire Price, Kisa Baldwin, Shylie Sykes, Karen Anderson, Emma Butler, Melissa Toms, Kelly Yates

Present
Will Nardi, Dannielle Cracknell, Jan Cronly, Cherie Miller, Sheridan Hargreaves, Maeve Burke

In attendance
Brendan Ryan, Carolyn Waugh

Welcome & Prayer
Prayer

Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting
Moved by Maeve Burke, seconded by Dannielle Cracknell

Treasurer’s Report – presented by Will Nardi
Treasurer’s Report was tabled by Will Nardi. Opening balance as at 4 August 2016 was $7,715.64 and closing balance as at 31 October 2016 at $11,055.12. Profit and Loss statement as at 31 October 2016 represents a loss of $72.30 for the calendar year to date.

Moved by Jan Cronly, seconded by Cherie Miller

Brendan Ryan tabled a financial request for school resources to cover:
- World Teachers Day (Balcony Restaurant) approx. $400.00
- End of Year treat (TRAC swimming pool) TBC
- Departing staff gift (Bernard Spiller) $150.00
- Bamboo play equipment $150.00 TBC
- Family sports subsidy – Semester 2 TBC

All in favour – all present

Secretary’s Report
Incoming correspondence:
- None

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

Staffing 2017 Appointments
- Mr Bernard Spiller – departing
- Mrs Agnes Markham – 12 months leave replaced by Mrs Sam Daly, PE/Sport Coordinator
- Mrs Kate Keogh, Technology not returning in 2017 being replaced by Mr Reg Barber, Digital Literacy and Numeracy Teacher.

Parent Information Sessions
- ‘Anxiety in Children’ was presented by Angela Murray and very positive feedback has been received. We are hoping to run this again next year
- ‘Maths’ was presented by Carolyn Waugh.

Kindergarten 2017
- Orientation is being held on 14/15 November with 53 enrolments. This is the first year of having a waiting list in Kindergarten
- Waitlists in Years 6, 5, 4 and Kindergarten. Year 3 is now closed for enrolments.

Year 6 Canberra Educational Tour 2017
- Years 3-6 parents/carers were asked if they were in favour or not of holding a Year 6 Canberra Educational Tour in 2017. Over 100 responses were in favour and 10 responses not in favour. A note went out last week to the parents/carers of Year 5 students regarding their confirmation of attendance to enable booking of flights and accommodations.

School Fees 2017
- Typically, the increase is set at 5% per annum however the three Parish Principals met to review and agreed upon a 2% increase. Levies will not increase, only term fees.

School Administration Entrance/Learning Support Room
- The School is expecting approval from Tweed Shire Council in November, with the tendering process commencing thereafter.
- The renovation of the entrance and construction of the learning support room should be completed by early Term 1, 2017.

Location of the proposed learning support room
Assistant Principal Report – presented by Carolyn Waugh

**NAPLAN**
- Very pleased with achieving above the state average in the strands.
- Sound Waves will support spelling
- Increased reading resources exposes the students to quality readers as well as more readers -the school has spent over $30,000 in reading resources this year from Years 3-6.

**Infant Classes**
- Maths: in Year 2, the teachers produces video of students explaining maths strategies and this is being loaded on the Moodle.

**PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning**
- Carolyn Waugh and Maureen Lill visited Sydney for a PBL conference. This includes reviewing the language used with students, and revising the school’s policy for Behaviour Management, honing in on explicit learning across the school.

**SRC – Koala Initiative**
- Tweed Shire Council representatives Scott and Jenny have worked with the SRC to develop stickers – this will be in the form of a competition for each year and the winning sticker will be provided to all children in that year.
- Readers include such books as ‘Don’t Call Me Bear!’

**General Business**

**School Disco**
- The school disco is this Friday, 11 November – 5.30pm to 7.30pm

**Tableau**
- The Tableau is on Saturday, 26 November

**Announcing Teacher Allocation**
- All students are asked to identify who their friends are for class placement for the following year. The announcement of classes and teachers will be made in week 9 of Term 4.

**Meeting closed**
Brendan Ryan closed the meeting at 7.45pm