MEETING OPENED 7PM

PRAYER LED BY CAROLYN WAUGH.

PRESENT: - SARAH GUINEA, ALICE WHITHERS, GILLIAN TAYLOR, KIRSTY MCKINIERNEY, MEL RAI gerne, NEL DARE, LOUISE SHIELDS, NARELLE SHARAR, NIKKI CLARK, CAROLYN WAUGH, BRENDAN RYAN, KATHRYN LESLIGHT

APOLOGIES:- REBECCA BIRD, CLAIRE DEAL


QUESTION RAISED AT THAT TIME AS TO IF ANY FOLLOW UP HAD BEEN ISSUED TO COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO COUNCIL ASSISTING WITH CARPARKING OR THE SOGGY WET GROUNDS ADJOINING THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS. KATHRYN LESLIGHT CONFIRMED SHE HAD ‘DUG OUT’ THE ORIGINAL LETTER SENT TO COUNCIL ABOUT THIS MATTER HOWEVER HAD NOT FOLLOWED COUNCIL UP ON THIS. BRENDAN RYAN ADVISED THAT WITH RESPECT TO CHASING THAT UP, THERE HAD BEEN SOME HESITANCE UNTIL WE ESTABLISHED WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE WITH RESPECT TO THE BUILDING UNDERTAKINGS THAT HAVE JUST RECENTLY STARTED. AGREED BY GROUP THAT THIS IS SOMETHING WE TAKE UP PERSUING ONCE THE EXTENSIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

MINUTES CONFIRMED AS TRUE & CORRECT: FIRST MOTION= KIRSTY MCKINIERNEY. SECONDED= MEL RAI gerne

TREASURERS REPORT: GIVEN BY NEL DARE

CLOSING BALANCE OF THE FORUM ACCOUNT AS AT 30 APRIL 2010 = $9475.63

NEL MOVED THAT THIS REPORT IS TRUE & CORRECT: FIRST MOTION= NIKKI CLARK, SECONDED =MEL RAI gerne.

BRIEF DISCUSSIONS WITH RESPECT TO HOW THE FORUM COULD SPEND MONEY WHICH IS RAISED - BRENDAN RYAN EXPLAINED THAT THERE WILL BE THE NEED TO PURCHASE NEW BOOKS FOR THE SCHOOL THAT THIS MONEY COULD BE CONTRIBUTED TO – THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST PREFERENCE. THERE ARE ALSO MATHS RESOURCES REQUIRED.

BRENDAN CONFIRMED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN CUTS WITH THE BUILDING THAT HAVE HAD TO BE MADE SO AS TO KEEP WITHIN THE BUDGET THAT THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN ALLOCATED. AS A RESULT OF THOSE ‘CUTS' NO LANDSCAPING WILL BE DONE WITH THE NEW BUILDING WORKS SO CONSIDERATION NEEDS TO BE GIVEN AS TO HOW WE COVER COSTS OF LANDSCAPING. MONEY NEEDS TO BE RAISED SOMEHOW OVER THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR TO PUT TOWARD LANDSCAPING.

NEL DARE QUERIED IF THERE IS AN ACCOUNT STILL TO COME FOR INSTALLATION FOR A WHITE BOARD AS SHE DOESN'T RECALL SEEING ONE – BRENDAN WILL CHECK. 2 NEW WHITE BOARDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PURCHASED FOR THE NEW BUILDINGS FOR WHEN THOSE CLASS ROOMS HAVE BEEN BUILT – THESE WILL BE INSTALLED WHEN THE CLASS ROOMS ARE UP & RUNNING SO THIS AT LEAST IS ONE COST THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN COVERED WITH RESPECT TO THE FITTING OUT OF THOSE NEW CLASS ROOMS.

SARAH GUINEA QUESTIONED THE COST OF THE WHITE BOARDS – BRENDAN CONFIRMED THEY ARE AROUND $6000 TO $7000 TO PURCHASE & THEN INSTALLATION IS JUST SHORT OF $1000. THE WHITE BOARDS PURCHASED WERE OBTAINED AS PART OF A 2 FOR THE PRICE OF DEAL.

BRENDAN RYAN ADVISED THAT THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR AIR CONDITIONING IN THE NEW BUILDING SO WE NEED MONEY TO PAY FOR THAT ALSO – THERE REMAINS SOME QUESTION AS TO WHERE THAT MONEY WILL COME FROM, WHETHER THE SCHOOL NEEDS TO TAKE A LOAN FOR THAT OR SEEK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM PARENT FORUM.

NIKKI CLARK PRESENTED AN OVERVIEW OF THE TERM 2 EVENTS – CAROLYN WAUGH WENT INTO DETAIL FOR THE GROUP OF THE TERM 2 EVENTS COMING UP WITH DATES OF THOSE EVENTS.

BRENDAN ADVISED OF THE SESQUICENTENARY MASS HELD IN LISMORE LAST WEEK – ADVISED OF THE REPRESENTATIVES THAT WENT BEING OUR 2 SCHOOL & 2 VICE CAPTAINS, BRENDAN RYAN, CAROLYN WWAUGH, NIKKI CLARK, KATHRYN LESLIGHT & JUDY HEATH.

FEEDBACK FROM SCHOOL PHOTOS. BRENDAN CONFIRMED THAT THE SCHOOL IS VERY HAPPY WITH THE MANNER IN WHICH PIXI PHOTOS CONDUCTED THE PHOTOS LAST FRIDAY. THEY GOT THROUGH THEM VERY QUICKLY & FEEDBACK FROM THE
CHILDREN WAS THAT THEY ‘FUSSED’ OVER THE CHILDREN & MAKING SURE THEY PRESENTED WELL FOR THE PHOTOS – EVERYBODY, INCLUDING PARENTS ARE REALLY HAPPY ACROSS THE BOARD.

BRENDAN ADVISED OF THE PEPPERMING ARTS PROGRAM & ADVISED THE SCHOOL WILL AGAIN BE PARTICIPATING IN THE FESTIVAL OF PERFORMING ARTS. NARELLE SERRAH QUESTIONED ABOUT THE SPEECHES FOR THE TWEED PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION – BRENDAN ADVISED THAT WILL BE AUG 12. CONCERN EXPRESSED BY NARELEE THAT THE FESTIVAL FALLS AT THE SAME TIME AS THE TWEED PUBLIC SPEAKING COMP & THERE ARE CHILDREN HAVING TO MEMORISE SEVERAL SPEECHES IF PARTICIPATING IN EACH EVENT WHICH IS ASKING A LOT OF THE CHILDREN. NARELLE ASKED IF THERE WAS A CHANCE OF CHANGING WHEN THE TWEED PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION IS HELD TO TAKE SOME PRESSURE OFF THE CHILDREN – BRENDAN CONFIRMED THIS IS SOMETHING OUT OF HIS CONTROL AS IT IS A TWEED REGIONAL THING & NOT SOMETHING THE SCHOOL HAS ANY SAY IN WHEN IT IS HELD.

BRENDAN ADVISED THAT STOKES WHEELER CONSTRUCTIONS ARE THE BUILDING COMPANY WHO ‘WON’ THE TENDER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SCHOOL. BRENDAN CONFIRMED THAT HE & BRIAN DID NOT HAVE A SAY AS TO WHO WAS APPOINTED, IT WAS A PARISH DECISION. CONFIRMED THE WORKS HAVE STARTED & APPEAR TO BE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY SAID THEY WOULD BE DOING. ADVISED THEY ARE RAISING THE LEVEL OF THE GROUND BY ABOUT A METRE, STAMPING IT ALL DOWN & THEN CONCRETING OVER THAT. ONE TREE HAS GONE & THERE IS SOME CONCERN FOR A SECOND TREE DUE TO POSSIBLE INSTABILITY OF IT (TERMITES?) – THIS 2ND TREE NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT & A DECISION FOR ITS FATE WILL BE DECIDED AFTER THEN.

ESTIMATED COMPLETION = SEPTEMBER 2010 FOR THE 4 CLASSROOMS (WEATHER PERMITTING) – THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL IS RUNNING CONCURRENTLY WITH THE COLLEGE. BRENDAN CONFIRMED IT IS A JOINT CONTRACT WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL.

KIRSTY MCKIERNEY ASKED ABOUT NOISE MANAGEMENT OF THE WORKS SO CLOSE TO THE LOWER CLASSES – BRENDAN IS MINDFUL OF THE NOISE & IS HAVING TEACHERS KEEP AN EYE ON IT. SARAH GUINEA CONFIRMED AT ASSEMBLY THIS MORNING THAT DESPITE THE TRUCKS WORKING THIS MORNING, WHAT WAS GOING ON IN ASSEMBLY WAS STILL VERY EASY TO HEAR.

KIRSTY MCKIERNIEY ASKED ABOUT THE PLAY AREA FOR THE CHILDREN. BRENDAN CONFIRMED THIS IS CHANGING ON A REGULAR BASIS HAVING TO CATER FOR CHANGES WITH THE BUILDING WORKS & TRYING TO ESTABLISH WHAT WILL WORK BEST FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

FIRST WEEK WAS ‘SEE WHAT HAPPENS’ – USED TRAIN STATION & BASEMENT FOR EATING & THEN WALKING CHILDREN TO THE PLAY AREA. FOUND THIS TOO DIFFICULT PARTICULARLY AT MORNING TEA WHEN YOU WOULD ONLY JUST GET THE CHILDREN TO THE PLAY SPOT BEFORE THE BELL WENT TO GO BACK TO CLASS.

THE SCHOOL HAS NOW SET UP TENT ON THE SLOPE UNDER THE TREES. SOME SUGGESTION IN THE GROUP ABOUT SITTING ON THE GRASS & EATING HOWEVER BRENDAN CONFIRMED THERE IS A SUN SAFETY ISSUE WITH THIS (CHILDREN WITHOUT HATS). AS OF TODAY, THE SRC (WITH BERNARD SPILLER) HAVE MADE PLANS & DECISIONS AS TO PLAY AREAS FOR THE CHILDREN.

JOSHUA NORTHEAST CAME UP WITH A FANTASTIC DESIGN FOR PLAY AREAS FOR THE CHILDREN. THIS WAS TESTED TODAY & WE ARE STILL WORKING ON IT – THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS WITH THE INFANTS & IS SOMETHING THE SCHOOL NEEDS TO KEEP WORKING ON TO GET IT RIGHT. COMMENT MADE WITHIN THE GROUP THAT THERE DOESN’T SEEM TO BE AS MANY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COMING DOWN TO THE PLAY GROUND OF LATE.

QUESTION WAS RAISED DOES THE COLLEGE USE THE SOCCER FIELDS – NARELLE SERRAR CONFIRMED THEY DON’T USE ACROSS THE ROAD HOWEVER THE HIGH SCHOOL IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE COUNCIL GROUND TO PLAY ON.

BRENDAN ADVISED WE HAVE BEEN VERY SPOILT OVER MANY YEARS WITH THE HUGE PLAYGROUND WE HAVE TO PLAY ON SO WE HAVE TO BE TOLERANT & ‘MAKE DO’ FOR THE SHORT TERM. COMMUNICATIONS REMAIN OPEN WITH THE COLLEGE WITH RESPECT TO USE OF THE GROUNDS – TUESDAY IS SPORT DAY FOR THE COLLEGE & WE SIMPLY NEED TO ADAPT WITH PLAYING ON THAT DAY IN PARTICULAR – COMMENT WITHIN THE GROUP THAT THE SCHOOL, PARENTS AND CHILDREN NEED TO LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE & MAKE DO FOR THE SHORT TERM.


PARKING – THE INTENTION OF WORKERS WHILE DEVELOPMENT IS HAPPENING IS THAT THEY PARK ON THE PARKING AREA ON QUEENSLAND ROAD (ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE ROAD TO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS). BRENDAN CONFIRMED THERE HASN’T BEEN A LOT OF CARS AROUND THERE TO DATE BUT THAT IS LIKELY TO CHANGE AS WORK GETS FURTHER IN.
SOLAR GRANT – THE FEDERAL G’MENT OFFERED SCHOOLS ANOTHER GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR A ‘SOLAR GRANT’ OF $55,000 – ORIGINAL FORCE CHASING A GRANT FOR OUR SCHOOL WAS CHERYL FORRESTER – WE WERE ‘FINALLY’ SUCCESSFUL (TOLD OFFICIALLY MARCH 2010) & TOLD THAT OUR GRANT HAD BEEN APPROVED.

WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT $49,000 WILL GO TOWARD SOLAR PANELS TO BE INSTALLED ABOVE THE LIBRARY – THIS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE END OF NEXT TERM HOLIDAYS. SCHOOL WILL THEN SAVE ON ELECTRICITY COSTS & BE ABLE TO SELL EXCESS BACK TO THE GRID. THE REMAINING $6000 WILL BE PUT TOWARD USING ECO FRIENDLY FLUROS.

QUESTION BY NIKKI CLARK ABOUT THE WORK BEING DONE – IS ANY PART OF THE SCHOOL GOING TO BE RENDERED UNUSABLE – BRENDAN CONFIRMED THE COMPANY HAS INSPECTED THE ROOF AND ASSESSED IT – THERE WILL BE NO ISSUE WITH PUTTING THEM ON TOP OF THE LIBRARY WITH NO INTERFERENCE TO THE OPERATING OF THE SCHOOL. QUESTION RAISED WITHIN THE GROUP AS TO WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH THE OLD TUBES – BRENDAN CONFIRMED IF THERE IS SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE WITH THEM, THE SCHOOL WILL LOOK AT OPTIONS.

SUPPORT A TALKER – BRENDAN ADVISED THERE IS A SCREENING PROCESS THAT TAKES PLACE WITH THE KINDY TEACHERS IN SUPPORT OF THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION. CHILDREN HAVE BEEN PUT THROUGH A HANDFUL OF SCREENING TESTS. PARENTS ARE INFORMED OF THE CHILDREN'S RESULTS. WITH SUPPORT OF SPEECH PATHOLOGIST, EXTRA HELP WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE STUDENTS IF/WHERE NEEDED (AS DETERMINED BY THE TEAM ASSESSING THE CHILDREN). THIS IS INCORPORATED INTO THEIR CLASS LEARNING PROGRAM & FACTORED INTO THEIR PLAY BASED ACTIVITIES IN THE MORNINGS.

PARENTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH THE BROCHURE & INVITED IN TO MEET WITH TEACHER TO DISCUSS RESULTS – THIS IS A NEW PROGRAM THIS YEAR & WILL BE AN ONGOING PROGRAM (TEACHERS HAVE BEEN TRAINED UP).

OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE: BRENDAN ADVISED THAT VIKKI LACK TENDERED HER RESIGNATION EARLY TERM 1 & STAYED AVAILABLE UNTIL WE FOUND SOMEBODY ELSE TO REPLACE HER FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL CARE. MAD SPORTS WERE SUCCESSFUL WITH THEIR ‘TENDER’ & 2 PARENTS WERE INVITED TO MEET WITH MAD SPORTS (KATHRYN LESLIGHT & ERICA WELLS). OWNERSHIP & RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE IS NOW COMPLETELY OUT OF THE SCHOOL & RUN ENTIRELY BY MAD SPORTS.

BRENDAN ADVISED IT WAS A VERY TIME CONSUMING & NOT A FINANCIALLY VIABLE OPTION FOR THE SCHOOL TO RUN THE AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM HOWEVER THE SCHOOL REALLY WANTED THE SCHOOL TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAM & NEITHER BRENDAN OR BRYAN LAYBUTT DIDN’T CONSIDER IT AN OPTION NOT TO HAVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE.


KATHRYN LESLIGHT ASKED IF THE CONTRACT HAD BEEN EXECUTED AS YET. BRENDAN CONFIRMED IT HAD NOT BEEN. THE PARISH WAS NOT HAPPY WITH THE CONTRACT THAT MAD SPORTS HAD WITH POTTSVILLE SO A NEW CONTRACT HAS BEEN SET UP & NEEDS TO BE APPROVED BY FR DAVID & BY MAD SPORTS – PARISH WANTED TO HAVE A CONTRACT IN PLACE SIGHTED BY A SOLICITOR FIRST, PROCESS OF WHICH HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

KIRSTY MCKINIERNEY ADVISED THE FEEDBACK SHE HAS RECEIVED IS THAT THE FEES ARE TOO EXPENSIVE AS THEY ARE BEIGN CHARGED $20 WHETHER THEY ARE THERE FOR ½ AN HOUR OR 3 HOURS. BRENDAN CONFIRMED THAT THE FEES CHARGED IS CLAIMABLE WITH YOUR CCB.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS – WORK & COUNTRY ARE SELLING LONG NAVY PANTS FOR THE BOYS WINTER UNIFORM. THEY ARE STILL PERMITTED TO WEAR TRACKSUIT PANTS HOWEVER THEY CAN WEAR THESE PANTS INSTEAD. THESE ‘DRILL’ PANTS TO BE WORN ALL DAY – DON’T NEED TO WEAR THE JUMPER WITH THE PANTS. (WHERE AS IF YOU WERE TRACKSUIT PANTS, YOU NEED TO WEAR THE JUMPER WITH IT). COST OF PANTS AT WORK & COUNTRY = $29.00. PURELY OPTIONAL – LEAVING IT TO PARENTS TO DECIDE.

PARENT REPS & PARENT ASSEMBLY. HAD A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES IN TERM 1 – BRENDAN REMINDED THAT PARENT REPS NEED TO ENCOURAGE AN OUTLET OF SOME DESCRIPTION FOR PARENTS IN THE CLASSES – THIS WAS SAID AT THE START OF THE YEAR FOR TERM 2 OR 3. SARAH GUINEA CONFIRMED THAT THE MOVIE DAY INSTIGATED BY EADIE SERRAH PREVIOUSLY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS & SUGGESTED THAT THAT SAME KIND OF THING COULD BE LOOKED INTO.
KATHRYN LESLIGHT CONFIRMED SHE WILL CONTACT AARON WILKINSON AT THE BALCONY RESTAURANT TO ARRANGE WHAT EVENING MIGHT BE BEST FOR HIM & BOOK IN A DATE & GET PROMOTIONS UNDERWAY TO THE MUMS OF THE SCHOOL OF A ‘MUMS NIGHT OUT’ SOCIAL EVENING.

SARAH GUINEA SUGGESTED WE HIRE THE Tyalgum Sports fields for a day school get-together – cost is $100.

ALICE WHITHERS SPOKE TO THE GROUP ABOUT THE PARENT ASSEMBLY – ONE OF THE MAIN THINGS THEY DO IS THE ‘FAMILY FAITH GATHERING’ – NOTICE OF THIS WAS IN LAST WEEKS NEWSLETTER & WILL BE IN NEXT NEWSLETTER – NEXT ONE IS 22/23RD OF MAY (JUST OUT OF KYOGLE) – IF ANYBODY WANTS TO GO, DOES NOT COST ANYTHING HOWEVER MAKE A Donation. ALICE HAS HEARD IT IS ABSOLUTELY GREAT FUN (MID SATURDAY TO SUNDAY AFTERNOON) – CONFIRMED THE WEEKEND IS ABOUT CONNECTING WITH THE FAMILY & THE FAITH – ALL ABOUT GETTING AWAY FROM LIFE & SPENDING QUALITY TIME WITH FAMILY. IF ANYBODY INTERESTED THEY CAN PICK UP A FORM.

ALICE WHITHERS PRESENTED A WHOLE LOT OF NEW BOOKS THAT THE PARENT ASSEMBLY HAVE SENT ACROSS TO US. ALL PART OF THE PARENT BORROWING FACILITIES

A DVD – “PARENTING TODAY” (WORKSHOP DVD). “WHEN TO REALLY WORRY” (MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS – DEPRESSION, ANXIETY). “REAL WIRED CHILD” – BOOK ON INTERNET SAFETY WHICH IS BECOMING MORE & MORE IMPORTANT FOR KIDS OVER 10YRS. IS A REAL EYE OPENER. “EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE” – A BOOK ON YOUR CHILD’S ABILITY TO COPE & HOW THEIR EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE CAN MAKE OR BREAK THEM. TEENAGERS ALCOHOL & DRUGS. “PARENTING TODAY” – ALICE CONFIRMED THESE BOOKS ARE FOR ALL PARENTS OF OUR SCHOOL TO USE & BORROW IF NEEDED – LET THE PARENTS WE SPEAK TO KNOW ABOUT THEM – CAN GET THEM THROUGH THE FRONT OFFICE.

NEED SOME IDEAS OF SOME EDUCATION NEEDED THROUGH THE PARENT ASSEMBLY – CREATE SUPPORT OPTIONS FOR PARENTS (IF THERE ARE ISSUES THAT ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ADDRESSED)... AGAIN IF ANYBODY IN THE GROUP IS CHATTING TO SOMEBODY & THERE IS A PROBLEM/SITUATION THAT WE ARE AWARE OF THAT WE WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION/DIRECTION ON, THE PARENT ASSEMBLY HAS ACCESS TO SOMEBODY WHO HAS ACCESS TO ALL SORTS OF INFORMATION & COME IN & HELP US OUT – SPEAK UP!!!

LOUISE SHIELDS ADVISED SHE HAD A POLICEMAN GO TO THE COLLEGE TO EXPLAIN DANGERS OF MOBILE PHONE USE ETC – SHE FOUND THAT EXTREMELY HELPFUL- HE SHOWED THINGS FROM ALL ANGLES (SHOWING PARENTS & STUDENTS-yr 9). SHE SAID IT WAS A REAL EYE OPENER. KIDS HAVE TOLD HER THAT ABUSE & BULLYING ON INTERNET, FACE BOOK & MOBILE PHONES IS ‘RIFE’. STORIES WERE TOLD ABOUT STALKERS WHO HACK INTO CHILDREN’S COMPUTERS & HOW THEY GET INFORMATION OUT OF – PARENTS PRESENT AGREED WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN GETTING SOMEBODY IN TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS SORT OF THING –

ALICE ADVISED SHE HAS A WHOLE LOT OF ‘MICHAEL GROSS’ LEAFLETS – ALICE ADVISED THAT SHE CAN COPY THEM (WITH LIMITED NUMBERS) IF PARENTS ARE INTERESTED – WILL PASS THEM AROUND THE MEETING FOR PEOPLE TO TAKE IF THEY ARE INTERESTED. WILL PASS THEM ON TO MEL RAINGER & CLAIRE DEALE (NEW PARENT ASSEMBLY REPTS) TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO PARENTS TO ACCESS IF THEY ARE INTERESTED.

THANK YOU FROM ALICE TO MEL & CLAIRE FOR TAKING ON THE PARENT ASSEMBLY RESPONSIBILITY – MEL CONFIRMED THE NEXT MEETING (HER & CLAIRE’S FIRST) IS IN JUNE – ALICE CONFIRMED SHE WILL GO TO THAT SAME MEETING WITH THEM AS THE LAST ONE THAT SHE WILL ATTEND.

TERM 3 RAFFLE – MONSTER RAFFLE TO TAKE PLACE IN 3RD TERM – MAJOR PRIZES NEEDED – STAGE 2A & STAGE 2J ARE THE CLASSES WHO ARE TO SOURCE THE MAJOR PRIZES – PARENT REPS TO GET A LETTER OUT TO THE PARENTS OF THOSE CLASSES ABOUT THESE MONSTER RAFFLE PRIZES & THE REQUEST TO GET STARTED ON SOURCING PRIZES.

SUSPENSION & EXPULSION OF SCHOOL STUDENTS – PROCEDURES - BRENDAW Dvised that MEMO CAME OUT TO ALL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT WHEN A YOUNG BOY IN BRISBANE WAS KILLED AT SCHOOL. BRENDAW Dvised THAT THERE WERE 3 OCCASIONS IN TERM 1 THAT SUSPENSION WAS USED IN THE SCHOOL – 1 FOR 3 DAYS, 2 FOR 2 DAYS. ON EACH OCCASION IN THE SCHOOL LAST TERM, THE PARENT HAD TO PRESENT THE CHILD TO BRENDAW & PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED THROUGH. PARENTS ASKED THE DETAILS OF THE OFFENCE THAT TOOK PLACE (IN CLASSROOM, OUT OF CLASSROOM?). WHEN ASKED, BRENDAW WOULD NOT PROVIDE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE CHILDREN WHO THESE SUSPENSIONS HAD BEEN ISSUED TO ‘BEING MINDFUL OF THE CHILDREN INVOLVED’.

BRENDAW Dvised SUSPENSION IS FOR MINIMUM OF 3 DAYS – LENGTH OF PUNISHMENT IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRINCIPAL. BRENDAW ASSURED PARENTS THAT THE SUSPENSION PROCEDURES THE SCHOOL PUTS INTO PLACE, HE HAS FOUND VERY SUCCESSFUL IN HIS TIME HERE & BELIEVES IT HAS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.

QUESTION BY MEL RAINGER AS TO WHAT IS WITHDRAWAL – BRENDAW EXPLAINED THIS TO THE GROUP IN LINE WITH THE DISCIPLINE POLICY. BRENDAW Dvised THE DISCIPLINE POLICY IS VERY CLEAR & IF THERE IS ANY QUESTION BY PARENTS OR STUDENTS, BRENDAW REFERES BACK TO THE DISCIPLINE POLICY.
KIRSTY MCKINIERNEY QUESTIONED ABOUT ‘HITTING’ WHICH RECEIVES A DETENTION & EXPRESSED THAT PHYSICAL VIOLENCE SHOULD RECEIVE A SUSPENSION AS THAT IS VIOLENCE – BRENDAN ADVISED IT IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TEACHER ON DUTY IN LIASING WITH CAROLYN WAUGH AS ASSISTANT DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OR BRENDAN. NEL DARE ASKED WHAT IF THE TEACHER ON DUTY DOESN’T SEE IT FOR THEMSELVES– BRENDAN ADVISED THAT IF THE TEACHER Doesn’T SEE IT FOR THEMSELVES, THERE WOULD NEED TO BE INVESTIGATIONS INTO WHAT HAPPENED. BRENDAN ADVISED IF A LETTER GOES HOME ABOUT DISCIPLINARY ISSUES, PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL.

MEL RAINGER ASKED ABOUT BULLYING – BRENDAN ADVISED HE WILL NOT SAY IT DOES NOT HAPPEN – SAID THAT THERE IS BULLYING WHICH IS MINIMAL BUT THERE IS ALSO BULLYING WHICH IS ‘IN YOUR FACE’. BRENDAN SAID HE BELIEVES THE SCHOOL MANAGES BULLYING QUITE WELL.

KIRSTY MCKINIERNEY ASKED ABOUT WHAT THE SCHOOL DOES FOR THE CHILD THAT IS INJURED. BRENDAN ADVISED WITH RESPECT TO THE CHILD THAT WAS INJURED LAST TERM, LOUISE SHIRLYS ROLE WAS TO TOUCH BASE WITH THE CHILD ON A WEEKLY BASIS UNTIL IT IS FELT THAT ALL IS OKAY. BRENDAN REMINDED THAT THIS HAS BEEN IN THE NEWS LETTER BUT FELT IT IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDED TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE GROUP AS WELL.

KIRSTY MCKINIERNEY ASKED IF WE ARE DOING THE BOOK PARADE THIS YEAR – BRENDAN ADVISED THAT WE NORMALLY TIE THAT IN WITH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – WE DON’T HAVE A LIBRARY THIS YEAR THOUGH SO IT WAS DEEMED THAT WE LEAVE IT – IF THERE IS ENOUGH TIME THROUGH THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, WE WILL LOOK AT DOING IT AT SOME STAGE THROUGH THE YEAR (JUST NOT AS PART OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AS IT NORMALLY IS) – IF WE CAN DO AN OPENING OF THE LIBRARY WITH A DRESS UP DAY (DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER), WE WILL TRY TO WORK THAT IN WITH THAT – THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO PLAY BY EAR. IF NOT THIS YEAR, IT WILL BE BACK ON AGAIN NEXT YEAR (MARCH 2011)...

NEL DARE MENTIONED REQUIREMENTS IN LINE WITH THE CONSTITUTION– AND THINGS THAT THE AUDITOR NEEDS – NEL ADVISED THAT ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION, OFFICE BEARERS CAN ONLY BE APPOINTED FOR ONE YEAR & AS A RESULT OF THAT THE FORUM NEEDS TO TAKE A VOTE ON WHETHER AN OFFER BEARER CAN BE VOTED IN FOR A 2ND YEAR, IF THE GROUP DESIRES THAT. BRENDAN CONFIRMED WE WILL DO THIS VOTE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

NEXT MEETING AUGUST, 2010.

MEETING CLOSED 8:45PM