



**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College Kensington
Parents and Friends Association
Record of Term 4 Meeting
18th October 2017**

Prayer: Led by Angela D'Angelo

Apologies: Emma Trassari

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

- Minutes of AGM Meeting on 19 October 2016 were confirmed as accurate.
- Record of meeting from Term 2 and Term 3 also reviewed (due to those meetings being guest speakers).

Confirmed by: Linda Sweet; Seconded by: Helen Murphy.

Matters Arising from Minutes:

- Noted that the task around weight of student school bags not yet finalised. Claire Pirola offered to have something documented by 2018 so this issue can be available to inform parents and end circular discussions.
- Noted that had commenced good input and discussion about refreshing the P&F and ways to be more inclusive for more parents. Included different style, social initiatives, and contacts in each year group, better promotion techniques and other. This initiative to be advanced in 2018.
- Feedback from parents present was that the 2 parent talks, by Dr Judith on resilience and Assistant Principal on Growth Mindset, were well received and beneficial.
- Accounting system and capacity to show receipts for payments by parents.

Correspondence: Nil

President's Report: by Helen Murphy (report on website)

Treasurers Report: Term 4 report to be ratified at Term 1 meeting in 2018.

Principal's Report: by Jenny Fowler was delivered (report on website)

General Business:

Thank you and acknowledgement were given to:

- Angela D'Angelo, Assistant Principal, for her work in the school during 2017.



- Outgoing parents/families for their contribution to the school and P&F over the years.
- The Executive members of the P&F for their work and contribution through the P&F in 2017.
- The school Executive for their work and support during 2017.

Election of Officer Bearers for 2018:

President: Emma Trassari
Vice President: Jenny Muscat
Treasurer: Fionella Torrisi
Assistant Treasurer: Helen Murphy
Secretary: Claire Pirola happy to carry it until others can be asked in early 2018 noting small attendance at AGM may not reflect full interest)
Assistant Secretary: Cathy Anderson

Close of meeting – 8.30pm

Minutes drafted by Claire Pirola, Secretary P&F.



**P & F MEETING
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
Wednesday 18 October 2017**

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4

Announcement : New Assistant Principal from 2018 Mrs Janet Cairncross

Thank you: The community thanks Mrs Angela D'Angelo for her leadership in 2017 in the role of Acting Assistant Principal. We wish Mrs D'Angelo our best wishes as she resumes her position as Director of Transition at Marist Catholic College Penshurst

Recent work and development of the College Campus

- New Carpet in the library
- Black Box Drama lighting upgrade
- A401 benches around perimeter of room removed
- Smartboards removed from 3 classrooms
- Repair of bamboo shade structure (caused by high winds)
- Painting of various locations including Black Box Drama,
- Hartzer Foyer, Hartzer Blue Wall, Corridor to Staff Room
- level 2, A Block Level 4 Classrooms, B Block doors on Quad
- Test & Tagging (TAS, Science Dept)
- Air Conditioning Maintenance, all units in school, filters cleaned. Air Conditioning unit in Server Room motor replaced.
- Electrical work replace power points, lights in various classrooms
- B307 Office Refurbishment (New door, window, carpet, painting)
- Decking installed around tree on quad



CATHOLIC LIFE AND IDENTITY

- Mr Sharpley and I attended a staff Immersion Experience at Bathurst Island late term 3. This was an amazing experience which has allowed each of us to have a deeper understanding of the work the OLSH sisters do on Bathurst Island in their support and work with the indigenous community. I was able to share this experience with the students at assembly and also connect with the recent student immersion that took place this year.



- OLSH and Marcellin College have been invited by the Rosebery Parish to send 10 students from year 10 to be involved in a three Sunday afternoon Leadership Program being facilitated by Mr Peter Buxton and several other members of the Rosebery Parish. Students self nominated their involvement. The program is designed to build student leadership capacity.
- The Australian Catholic Youth Festival Thursday 6 and Friday 7 December. Year 9 will attend Thursday and Year 10 will attend Friday. Staff will be supervising.
- The Christmas Liturgy will be on Monday 11 December for Year 7-11.

LEARNING AND TEACHING

- This term we will be running STEM workshops for our Primary feeder schools at OLSH. This is one part of a new program we introduced this year, titled *Building Connections*. We started the year with a meeting with all the Primary feeder school Principals and canvassed ways we could build connections. The program this year has been immensely successful with some feeder schools coming and having science sessions (run by our teachers) in term 1. In term 2 Mr Beck and our debaters visited many feeder schools and ran a debating workshop. Our students in Year 9 PASS were involved in the primary school Gala days refereeing in term 3 and this term we have already hosted 138 girls from Year 4 from our feeder schools and joined with CASPA to run a Dance workshop for the day. Our Year 10 Dance students choreographed and taught the students the dance routines. We are also excited about another initiative which sees us collaborate with Marcellin College and Our Lady of the Rosary. We are trialling a pilot program from Edustem run by the company Elevate. Ten students from Year 7 at OLSH and Marcellin along with 10 students from OLR will be involved in a two day STEM workshop. Two staff from each of our school will be trained before the workshop and co



facilitate with the Edustem staff. Our teachers involved are Mr Koutrabanous(TAS) and Miss Thompson (Science)

- Year 12 commenced their HSC on Monday. They have been well prepared and were very calm on arrival. Our new presiding officer is Mrs Anne Moller.
- NAPLAN results for 2017 were outstanding. OLSH was one of the top performers among the Eastern Region Secondary schools. Our students achieved some excellent growth in the learning.
- Year 11 will begin their HSC courses from the beginning of week 3.
- At the end of the year when students have finished staff will participate in a staff development day which will revisit our vision for learning and discuss ways to ensure this is a shared vision among staff, students and parents.

WELLBEING OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

- A Whole school Wellbeing plan has been developed. Students and staff have been involved in the consultation. This program will be launched with staff October 30 and with students and parents the beginning of 2018. The focus of this program is to develop resilience and overall well being and is underpinned by research around positive psychology.
- A Student Voice workshop on Well being was facilitated by Mrs D'Angelo, Mr Sharpley and Ms Braun (College Counsellor). This involved all the SRC . They provided input into how they see Wellbeing currently at the College and suggestions for the future .
- Music Monday started this term. Music is played during lunch through the PA. This was a suggestion from the SRC as a way for girls to relax at lunch.
- Thank you to the P& F for providing a beautiful morning tea for staff in acknowledgement of World Teachers Day. It was a lovely way to start the term.

CAPACITY BUILDING

- The five staff (Mr Beck, Ms Ellis, Miss Kuldan, Miss Solomonides and Mr McCoy) who have been involved in the Sydney Catholic Schools Aspiring Leaders course will present their action research projects at a showcase day at the Eastern Region office.
- Year 10 will begin their Year 10 into 11 Orientation Program Thursday 30 November to Thursday 7 December. This is a program that focus on academic care and as such provides an opportunity for students to participate in a sample Year 11 timetable, meet their teachers and be informed about the syllabus and the ways they can get organised over the Christmas holidays. It also will offer a range of workshops that cover wellbeing, study skills and life skills preparation. This is compulsory for all year 10 before they transition into year 11. The feedback from last years year 10's was resoundingly positive and they said it really helped in their transition into stage 6.

INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

- The Design Think Tank took place in the last week of term 3 with the architects. It involved staff and students. The feedback enabled the architects to modify their preliminary concept designs. The design have now been costed and our application for approval from Sydney Catholic schools is being processed. The scale of the works involves the revitalisation and activation of the atrium space in the Fyfe building as well as the refurbishment of the canteen to include a self serve area. The College is currently investigating a cashless service that can be used by students in the canteen.



On behalf of the College Community, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the P and F Office Bearers for 2017

- President : Jenny Muscat**
- Vice President: Helen Murphy**
- Secretary: Claire Pirola**
- Asst Secretary: Katrina Picthall**
- Treasurer: Emma Trassari**
- Asst Treasurer: Fionnuala Torrissi**

Jenny Fowler
College Principal



OLSH College Kensington Presidents Report for 2017

Welcome everyone and thanks for coming to our last meeting for 2017 and our AGM. It is hard to believe two years have passed since I took up this position.

Firstly, I would like to thank the outgoing executive for assisting me through my time as President – Helen Murphy, Emma Trassari, Fionnuala Torrisi, Claire Pirola and Katrina Picthall for all the laughs that we have had together. Also to the parents who have attended the term meetings and contributed to the many discussions held. Your opinion is valued greatly by the committee and the college.

Also a big thank you to Jenny and Angela and the school executive for their support and dedication. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful job that is done behind the scenes by the staff in the college office and admin block. A special mention goes to Sandra Moy for tending to all our P & F needs. To the teachers we thank you for going above and beyond for our girls. The P&F also recognised the staff at OLSH by providing a morning tea for International Teachers Day.

Last term our parent body provided assistance for one of the favourite days of the year OLSH Fest. A big thank you goes out to those that were available to help on the day and to make this event a success. It was a group of dedicated parents who cooked the BBQ and helped to serve and clean up. We have perfected the art of catering for large numbers. The atmosphere in the college on the day was incredible and well worth helping just to see all the smiling faces. The Carnivale was also a great night with the P&F decorating the booths and serving drinks. One family came both nights and declared our coffee the best ever.

For anyone that has contributed in some way to the P & F this year I would like to thank you for your time. I would like to make a special mention to Poppy and Hannah from the canteen and Brian the school caretaker for all the help they give for the organization of these events.

Later on in the term the P&F will be involved in the process of choosing a student from each year group to receive a scholarship on behalf of the P & F. This scholarship will be awarded at the Academic Awards..

Our P & F is a voice for parents to express any queries, concerns or to suggest new ideas for our school.

All positions of the P & F committee become vacant at the end of this meeting, when we hold elections for the new Committee. Being on the P&F executive does not involve a lot of work as we do not fundraise. It is very rewarding and I encourage you to consider a role on the committee.



Lastly we would like to wish all the families who are leaving OLSH this year the best of wishes for the future and to our lovely year 12 students success in their examinations and their further endeavors. To the rest of the OLSH community I wish you all safe and happy times for the remainder of the year.

The next meeting for the P & F will be held in Term 1, 2018

Jenny Muscat
President