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### In Attendance

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Andrew Maxwell, Matthew Mooney, Natalie Minikin, Chris Knott, Marty McKenna, Mark Cooray, Jo Greenham, Jen McGrath, Nikki Slattery, Amy Weekly, Louise Story, Amy Pana, Luisa Lucchesi, Sarah Lethean, Melanie Hall, Sarah Begley, Jess Simons, Vicky Havelos, Amy Weekley

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### Apologies

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Fern Barrett, Sarah Styling, Niki Judd and Sheryn Hogan

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### Welcome

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Andrew Maxwell opened the meeting.

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### Term 2 Updates

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#### Marty McKenna

- Thank you

Marty thanked parents for attending PA meeting. Discussed that offering an online and in-person meeting was working well. Emphasised the importance of the PA and that it is a large draw-card for new families. Marty feels that all decisions made by the PA should try and be inclusive of all families.

- Health and Safety

Continues to be priority at St Cecilia's. The school has managed to find a balance between face-to-face events and online options. Marty addressed the significant 'flu and covid season this year. There has been up to 65 children absent each day during periods of this term. Staff have managed well.

- Successful returns

Parent helpers, parent functions, assembly, disco, swimming program, onsite support services and SRC have all been able to return. All of great benefit to the children.

- Parent teacher interviews

Intention is to return to face-to-face parent teacher interviews in the future. Hybrid model will be considered. School has responded to the advice from MACS to avoid major staff disruptions (through 'flu or covid illness) by continuing online if possible.

Mixed feedback about online interviews in 2021. Works for some families (Allows two parents to attend) but not for others.

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## Event updates

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- Foundation drinks: **Jen McGrath**

Hosted by McGrath family. Big turnout and great feedback.

- Colour Run: **Marty McKenna**

Held in the last week on term one. Very successful and enjoyed by the children. Mostly planned to reignite the community. Goal was to have 40% of student fundraise and 73% participated in fundraising. \$19,781 raised. 60% of funds retained by school, 30%+GST go to prizes, and 10%+ GST to admin. Marty said they were happy to have parents back at this event also. Money raised will contribute to the Landscape Master-Plan Phase One.

- Mother Day Breakfast: **Chris Knott**

Chris reported they made some changes to last year's model which worked well. The event broke even. Staff encouraged children to take turns when food was served which was helpful.

- Election Day BBQ: **Andrew Maxwell**

500 sausages along with drinks were sold. \$1400-1500 profit approx. Thank you to volunteers. Cakes sold out by 10.30am. Thank you to parents who baked goods to be sold. MM asked if a coffee cart may be a good addition next election. The group emphatically agreed.

- Coffee Cart

Will be onsite on Monday June 20th for parents to stay and chat.

- Mid-year function: **Jo Greenham**

Very successful and fun night. Jo thanked all the volunteers. 136 attendees.

No final tally but approx. \$2000 made. Andrew Maxwell said the hall looked great, parents embraced night and really enjoyed themselves. Marty McKenna expressed appreciation for Jo's enthusiasm and positively.

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## PA Positions for 2022

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### Marty McKenna

#### - General

Marty hoping to make PA more public and visible. One strategy being considered is to have a PA board with updates and faces of PA.

#### - Pastoral Care Role

Looking for a parent to fill Pastoral Care Role. This position is very aligned with St Cecilia's sense of community and helping others in need. Pastoral Care is a service offered to families who are experiencing a situation of unforeseen difficult circumstances.

The Pastoral care role will work closely with Kate Sutherland to organise and co-ordinate the parents response/help for families. Always done so with complete confidentiality.

#### - Building and Maintenance Committee

Looking for a parent or a few parents to form a sub committee. The committee organise parents to help on grounds work/working bees while also making recommendations and complete minor projects on the school grounds, gardens and playgrounds. School will have a wish list of tasks. Would liaise with Anna Clarkson.

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## STEM/ ART LANDSCAPING

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### Marty McKenna

#### - STEM/ ART room

Marty met recently with the architect. Drawings and plans are done however commencement is delayed by building industry issues (Securing builders and materials). Back half of library will be changed to a hybrid STEM and art space. Meeting Enrico next week.

## - Landscape Master Plan

Plans for 7 different landscape zones. Staff and now SRC having input. 'Welcome Garden' will possibly be starting November depending on availability of landscaper. Plans will open up areas for non-ball play, for kids to explore, sit and relax.

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## 2022 Fair Update: October 22nd 11am-4pm

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### Jen McGrath

#### - 2022 Fair Committee

Fair committee has met. Looking for more parents to volunteer, especially from earlier years.

#### - Fair Plans

- The fair will be bigger than last year. Longer hours and open to the community. Jen aiming to keep the fair simple and supporting local organisations.
- Rides will be on both ovals with possible extension onto Van Ness Avenue, allowing for more space. Permits awaiting approval.
- Chris Knott reported second hand book sale and wine bottle sale will be back.
- Discussion around possible live auction. Possibility for baskets to be created by each year level and auctioned. Looking for donations of high value items to auction.
- Parents to email fair committee if any questions

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## Upcoming Events

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#### - Buddy Mass: **Marty McKenna**

Traditionally held at the start of the year but has been pushed back to term 4. Will include a games, activities and sausage sizzle for prep and grade 6 families.

#### - Fathers Day Breakfast: **Chris Knott**

To be held week 8 term 4. Looking to volunteers to run this breakfast. A request will be added to the newsletter. Dad's to bring in a bottle of wine for auction at the fair.

#### - Dress up day/ Footy Day: **Andrew Maxwell**

To be held as on the last Friday before Grand Final Day. Historically, a fundraiser for the fair. Kids to bring in presents for the lucky dip.

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## Other

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### - Treasurers report

Luisa Lucchesi will be meeting with Dipal Dayaram (Business Manager) so PA financial reports can be made and tracked. This will allow fundraising to be channeled into projects for the school.

### - Future PA initiatives requiring payment: **Marty McKenna**

A reminder that all future events/ initiatives that require payment need to through CDFpay not through Trybooking. Parents organising events need to provide a flyer (with event details and close off date and time) to CDF support, they will create an event and let us know when parents can order online.

### - Grandparents day: **Marty McKenna**

Being held off due to COVID risk and risk of cancellation.

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## Meeting Close

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### **Andrew Maxwell**

Thanked PA for attendance. Looking forward to projects starting and enduring impact on school.

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## Next Meeting

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TBC. Early term 3.

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## **ACTION LIST**

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<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHAT</b>
Marty McKenna	PA role and maintenance committee roles to be advertised in newsletter.