

St Raphael's School Education Board
Tuesday 7 February 2017 at 7pm

Attending: Damian Howard, (Principal)
Fr Benneth Osuagwu
Jeremy Richards (Chair)
Tracey Pace (Secretary)
Andrew Aquilina (Grants/Funding)
Liliana Varvarigos (Fundraising)
Sally Di Martino (Fundraising)
Carol Coloe (Building/Landscaping)

1. Apologies: Filippa Brugliera (Treasurer)
Paula Moussa (Marketing)
Andy Purdon (IT)

Tonight's meeting started soon after 7pm

2. Minutes of the previous meeting confirmed accurate by Damian and Jeremy.
3. Special welcome to Fr Benneth
4. School Report (Damian)
 - Opening Prayer: A reflection on the upcoming anniversary of Kevin Rudd's "Apology Speech to Indigenous Australians"... of particular note and relevance for a new year "...embrace the possibility of new solutions to enduring problems where old approaches have failed..."
 - Parent Communication:
 - Ideas from the SEB on what would be great to see communicated and a discussion also on the "how" it is communicated.
 - Work books coming home or snapshots of work on iPads.
 - What is being taught (and how) so we can help consolidate the learning e.g. certain methods used to solve math equations – perhaps a short video link or a written example?
 - Vision for St Raphs in 2017
 - New leadership team
 - Open days coming up – suggestion also made to ideally incorporate an "open evening" for working parents
 - Before/After School Care program – Camp Australia up and running in the school hall.
 - Important for families to be aware of Camp School Excursion Fund (CSEF) for those holders of Concession/Healthcare Cards. Qualification for these payments also assists the school with access to funding.
 - Works completed over the holidays
 - Flooding over Christmas-New Year break – has required painting and repairs;
 - Air-conditioning replacement in several learning spaces
 - Maintenance budget to be reduced – may also mean more frequent Community Action Days are required.
 - Playground redevelopment – welcome to their representative, Carol Coloe:
 - Creation of a "Building Fund" – 100% tax deductible donations to this Fund.

- Playground/landscape redevelopment will require targeted fundraising for 2017/18
- Parking around the school – Council to confirm potential “Kiss and go” zone to replace the No Standing areas on Breen Street. Also undertaking an audit of Breen Street in general – uneven footpaths, muddy nature strips etc.
- 5. Treasurer’s Report (Jeremy for Filippa)
 - Summary of fundraising for the 2016 year – approx. \$36,000 raised.
 - Current bank balance \$7,880
- 6. Grants (Andrew)
 - Utilising “Funding Guru” to identify available grants;
 - Landscaping – playground major priority for grant applications also
- 7. Fundraising (Liliana)
 - Sub-committee meeting to be arrange in the next week to map out known events for the year
 - Next event: Welcome BBQ & Car Show – 3rd March
- 8. IT
 - Update to website – ongoing
 - Upgrade to wifi required in the hall
 - Likely replacement of all mini macs which sit behind IWBs. Also laptops and Chrome books are nearing the end of their usable life.
 - ICT Policy to be issued to all students/parents
- 9. Other business: Invitation to welcome other parents to come along and join the School Education Board. To be mentioned again in next Newsletter.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, 7th March at 7pm