Present: John O’Brien, Belinda Meuffels, Kate Crocket, Shandell Parkinson, Monica McPherson, Alana Patrick, Peter Robinson, Trish McKinnon, Beth, Karen Faber, Jeannette Anderson, Brett Anderson, Rhonda White, Monique Wybenga

Apologies:

Meeting Opened 6.05M

Minutes of previous meeting read. Moved for acceptance Alana Patrick, seconded Shandell Parkinson.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Toilets were almost completed over the holidays, some finishing touches need for completion. Money from CSO Application to parish for funding is still being reviewed.

Playground equipment is almost finished, Larry still chasing some bolts. Cost at this stage is $880.00

School is implementing some new activities, running club thurs and fri mornings. Taking groups of children to the skatepark.

Re community involvement, Op-shop don’t have any jobs suitable. Sr Therese – very important. Kate suggested children could write historical stories with her. Belinda Cox suggested “Streets of our town” kids could photograph their community.

Anzac day –Lions club has folded, catering is needed. Could do it in conjunction with the Village Voice, as the village voice doesn’t have all the equipment needed.

Clean up Australia day – perhaps branch out down to the park – spread out in the town rather than just our own area.

It has been said that the wreaths for Anzac day are “tacky”, perhaps St Josephs could host a workshop making wreaths.

Year 6 graduation was brilliant, kids and families had a wonderful time.

FUNRAISING REPORT:

Letter of thanks to Bunnings has been sent.

Bunnings barbeque was successful, feedback from Bunnings in regard to performance and presentation was all positive. Will reapply for 2015. There are left overs, can be used at the family barbeque

Easter Hamper – request for eggs to go out in the next newsletter. Draw on the Last day of term 11.4

Mother’s day stall prep underway, any left over gifts we will hold a Christmas stall.

Shandell wants to hold a Hot Cross Bunn drive.
Belinda C suggested P & F or Parent helper shirts, similar to the teachers, purchase your own, or school to have them on hand.

Cookbook – Patsy has reminded John that they still have the cookbook available. Would be nice to add some of our own to it, photos of Kids preparing the dishes.

**CANTEEN REPORT:**

Carnivals and sports days, rosters needed so parents can get a break, and see their kids participate.

Ash Wednesday – meat free menu.

Volunteers – only two new names this year.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** See attached

Wappets accountants – letter has been sent to them to justify fees. Can we change auditors?

Chris Toohey from CSO has advised that canteen money has to stay in the school account, it will remain part of the P&F funds.

**PRINCIPALS REPORT:**

1. **Big Welcome**
2. **Chris Toohey - Internal auditor**

I have been advised by the Lismore Catholic Schools Office to keep canteen money in school account – under P & F name and still used for this – only thing to change will be it not going into the P&F account then coming back into School. I will not spend it and will still go through the same process. (Only two schools still doing this and need to stop – can be

3. **Letter that went home - Each stage’s parents organise and help on one of these nights with 2 members of the P & F**

**School Volunteer Expectations**

It is expected that parents in each stage grouping will assist the P & F in at least one after school activity a year. For parents in Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 this will be an event (movie night, Disco etc.) on a Friday Night in Term 3. Further information will come from our P & F.

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4. Establish Norms for our meetings specific to this group (ensures smooth – future meeting)
5. Thank you to Belinda Cox and her team for Bunnings BBQ
6. Great start to the year; Learning is great, extra support Karen for 7/10 of week / Amanda and I working in classrooms literacy on top of my teaching load (all hands on deck)
7. Running Club
8. Last year of national partnership – purchasing school sign, technology storage and more technology, Professional development, reading eggs, school banner, flags flying so we can see from road, teaching resources, Pool table for well-being (Money Gone next year)
9. Date for Family BBQ disco
10. Recipe book
11. Family Retreat 29 / 30th March

Date for Family BBQ disco

Furniture / Blinds for Early stage 1 stage 1

PARENT ASSEMBLY: No representative present.

GENERAL BUSINESS:
Parish funding – we need to show that the P & F are contributing to the planned refurbishments.
Fishing club to be approached, how can our kids be involved
Museum – volunteer opportunities
88.9FM – do they still do kid’s programmes
Retirement village – perhaps special mothers day/ fathers day visits
Master Chef – John as chief taster. Harmony day Cook Off – Kids cook on the day
Belinda Cox would like to do some Home Ec stuff with the kids

Meeting Closed 7.24

Next Meeting 13.3.14 6Pm

Minutes Accepted as True & Correct: _________________________________
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