



OLOL Parent Group Meeting Minutes

Term 2, Week 8 2017

Meeting Held At: OLOL Library
Date: 14th June 2017
Commenced: 7.05 pm
Prayer: Read by Julie
Present: Keiran Byrnes, Carol Cividin, Julie Abdilla, Lisa Beullens, Katherine Fountain, Jennifer Herczeg, Marina Trimboli, Melissa Fahey.
Apologies: Karen Dalmati, Theresa Sultana, Janine Ballment, Megan Shawcross.
Minutes of the Last Meeting true and correct: Accepted: Marina

DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED
Matters Arising from Last Meeting - none	
<p>Presidents Report: Lisa - We have had a quiet term. The chicken strips meal deal went well. We raised about \$700 to \$800. We didn't have many helpers but it still went well. We are struggling to get helpers for lunchtime sales so we may have to cut days down. We will mix it up with different treats and see how we go. Hot chocolates are very time consuming. The Y6 committee are going to be doing a meal deal and other events next term so we will step back and not run a meal deal next term. We have the usual Father's Day activities in term 3 and we are also having a disco on Friday 15th September. We will not be having our usual shopping tour, instead we are going to organise a Hunter Valley wine tour. Date TBA.</p>	
<p>Principal's Report Developing our community as an authentic Catholic community At the moment we are participating in the Vinnies Winter Appeal. This will come to a culmination at the Sacred Heart Mass and donations of tinned food are being asked for to support the local chapter. As you know children have recently celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation. There are also a number of Year 4 children who have recently trained as altar servers. Learning at OLOL 3 school goals: To develop our understanding of God and Jesus and how we can be the living body of Christ Children have been very much unpacking the goal of understanding God and Jesus. The children's responses have been displayed outside of Year 6. Their responses include being like Jesus and following in his footsteps, trying to understand the messages of the stories Jesus taught us, teaching others about Jesus, praying with family and friends, love one another just like Jesus, never see a need without doing something about it and having a strong and deep faith. 90% of students will reach grade expectations or above on the OLOL Writing Progression Tool with a particular focus on structure. Last Friday we had our Staff Development Day to continue the learning for staff in the area of assisting children to improve their writing. This included focussing on learning intentions and success criteria so the children really know and understand what a quality piece of writing is for their grade level as well as really help children to recraft their writing to improve the piece of work in terms of its message, structure and surface features. To develop visualisation skills of all students through a focus on space and measurement as measured by the progress of a sample group of students on the growth point framework. Stage 3 teachers have begun the project with professor Peter Sullivan called Stage 3 Geometric Reasoning. Year 5 and 6 students have done a pretest to see what their current understandings of 2D and 3D shape, angles and position. Teachers have attended a day with Peter Sullivan where we have all tried out the rich tasks. Over the next few weeks students will be taught the series of lessons before a post test will be administered to see the impact of the learning.</p>	



General:

Funding for Catholic Schools

Key Concerns:

1. Changes to the SES and Capacity to Contribute equation
2. Lack of clarity
 - Different modelling and data - what's correct?
 - Online funding calculator - is the information accurate?
 - Will Catholic school systems still be able to distribute funding based on our own determination of need?
3. Misinformation to parents and families
 - Release of the online calculator
 - Flaws in base data (eg in the way system support costs are distributed to schools in MySchool)
 - Not recognising Catholic schools as a system, and different to independent schools
4. Media campaign
 - Reported fee increases

Key messages:

- No desire to increase fees, and families should not be expected to absorb the type of fee increases reported in the media over the last two weeks
- The Catholic system doesn't have 'rich' or 'poor' schools. Even though some of our schools are in higher SES suburbs, this does not mean that our families can pay higher fees.
- Catholic systemic schools want to provide a low fee paying option for families seeking a Catholic education for their child, regardless of their suburb's SES.
- Being part of a system of schools means that we can distribute funding to students who most need it, and make up from shortfalls in the model e.g. further resourcing for students with disability; support for refugee students.

Catholic schools

Enrolments

Enrolments for 2018 are well underway. Over 40 families have come for enrolment interviews and letters of offer have been sent in the mail late last week. It is important that if there are any families who have not yet lodged their application they do so quickly. Kindergarten Parent Information evening and Kindergarten Orientation will happen during Term 4.

Peer Review

Peer Review occurred earlier in the term. This is a process for ensuring that our school is compliant with all New South Wales Education Standard Authority requirements. (NESA replaces NSW Board of Studies). The process of Peer Review allows all schools to view, assess and provide critical feedback on the curriculum that will form a point of focus. This year OLOL presented curriculum documentation in the area of English and HSIE for Years Three and Four. The feedback given to OLOL was very positive.

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Mid Year reports go home Wednesday, 21st June. An explanation of the elements of the reports is in the newsletter this week. Parent Teacher interviews will take place on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday, 28th June. As per usual we ask that all parents attend so that we can continue the conversation about how your child is progressing and how we can further support them in their learning. You can book a time via the online booking system.

Wakkakirri

Rehearsals are well underway. Costume and prop making are under construction. There has been a very good response to prop and costume making afternoons and I know Mrs Willemse and the team are very appreciative of the support. Performance night is Tuesday 22nd August

Dance Fever

Dance Fever has continued throughout the term and the children have really been working on their moves. As you know this program will culminate in the performance at Homebush at the Dance Fever Inter School Challenge on Thursday 29th June.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be here from June 23rd to June 28th. A variety of books will be available for



purchase. This is a great way to support your child's reading and support the school.	
Treasurers Report: Current balance is \$7,125.78. We should be able to pass some money over to the school soon.	
Publicity - Theresa is working on the wine tour	
PRC Report - Justin Coulson was the latest speaker. He was very informative and many parents from school attended. The next meeting is in Term 3. Jennifer will advise details on FB chat closer to the date.	
Correspondence - Thankyou letter from the Year 6 committee for the \$200 Parent Group donation.	
General Business - Old showbags from previous fetes - Julie asked if we could use the old showbags and toys for the Spring Fair and disco? Carol and Keiran agreed that we can. Julie and Lisa will look in the storeroom and see what can be used. The showbags and toys belong to the school as they paid for them to be used at the Sping Fairs.	

Meeting Closed: 7.37 pm **Next Meeting to be Held:** Term 3 week 3, 2nd August 2017