Date: 8th April 2013  
Venue: St Joseph’s Primary – staff room  
Meeting opened: 5.30 pm  
Meeting closed: 6.20 pm

Attendance:  
Tony Boyle, Christine Mulherin, Joanne Monaghan, Linda Saunders, Sharon Borger, Jacqui Wall, Christine Curtis Narelle Chapman, Stacey Mazzarella, Kristen Lloyd, Kim Mainey

Apologies: Bobbie Smith

Chair: Tony Boyle  
Minutes: Chris Mulherin  
Prayer: Chris Mulherin

Previous Minutes

Moved:  
Seconded:

Business arising from previous meeting
No items

Agenda Items

Principals Report –
End of Term 1: Very good start to the year for the children and the school as a whole.

Groundsman: The school groundsman is finishing this Friday, due to the position being made redundant. He will be retained on a casual basis as required through the year.

Working bee: it is proposed that a working bee be held once a term.

Fan switches: all fan switches have to be replaced at the school. Tony Boyle is in discussions with Clipsal.

Student numbers: student numbers are relatively static at present; with around 330 children. The establishment figure is based on the number of students at the school. Tony Boyle is in consultation at the moment with respect to student numbers. The numbers are tight and a reduction in numbers of only a few children will have an impact. Tony Boyle confirmed that the school lost three teachers’ aides this year due to a reduction in student numbers. Tony Boyle mentioned that student
numbers for next year are looking positive. The aspiration is for 50 kindergarten students for 2014. The ideal number of students is 350.

School reports: the annual school reports have been completed and will be uploaded on the MySchools website in due course.

Family photo initiative: Linda Harrison confirmed that 29 families participated in the family photo initiative. A portrait package is to now be a raffle prize, to those families who participated.

Naplan results: Christine today attended an inservice for Naplan. She reiterated that it is one test on one day. All children are encouraged to undertake the test. No children are excluded, for diagnostic reasons. 11% of the students at the school are integrated students and they participate as well.

Sub-committees: Some people have nominated for the sub-committees. Narelle mentioned that care packages are required.

Treasurer’s Report: The Reconciliation Report was presented. Working balance $10,471.31.

   Moved: Stacey
   Seconded: Narelle

Entertainment Books: Funds from the Entertainment Book are anticipated. Tony had requested that a Book not be sent to each home. Any Books not required are to be returned to the School.

**Items without notice**

Swimming costs: Linda referred to the costs associated with parents sending children to external sporting events. Linda suggested that a Mufti Day might be held to assist the families. Tony said that the issue had been raised some time ago and that sports are considered to be a “user pays” system. Tony confirmed that at Polding/state level, funds are provided to assist students. Tony advised that seven children of the School have received the $150 funding to date. If a child reaches National level then fundraising initiatives are undertaken. The School has a policy regarding funding children for external events; sporting or otherwise.

Non-compliance with school uniform and hats: Narelle mentioned that there are children who don’t wear the correct uniforms etc. Tony said that the School tries to keep on top of the issue. Tony contacts the parents in circumstances of non-compliance. Sharon raised a concern that the new socks are too short and cannot be folded over. Christine will raise the issue with Lowes. Sharon mentioned that the sports shorts are not in small sizes. Christine will liaise with the Lowes representative. Christine confirmed that the sports shirt has been changed but no other uniform changes are envisaged.

Sporting calendar: A request was made for a sporting calendar to be issued at the start of the year. Tony said that regional and state events
are known in advance however short notice may be provided for local sporting initiatives.

Anzac Day: a very good response has been received to date. Stacey suggested that practice sessions could be held with the children. It was decided that this would not take place. Christine said that there is certainly an awareness in the School about the march. Tony has ordered the wreath for the march.

Request for funds: The School would like to purchase Lego for the children. The School’s special needs teacher has multiple pieces of carpet and the plan is to set up play equipment and Lego. The total cost for the requested equipment is approximately $3,000. The School now has a further 20 laptop computers and a trolley. Tony has negotiated an arrangement for a further $20,000 per year.

Moved that $3,000 be made available to the School:
Accepted: Narelle
Seconded: Kim
All in favour of the allocation of the funds

Woolworths rewards program: The program has commenced again.

MJR program: Christine confirmed that the process cost $850. The students will be provided with a glow in the dark sticker and a wrist band. Christine believes that changes are evident in the children as a result of their participation in the program. Christine will keep families involved via the newsletter. Christine would like all of the children at School to be involved. The aim is to have the routine embedded in the School.

Date of next meeting: Monday 6 May; 5.30pm

Chairperson: Jacqui Wall
Prayer: Narelle Chapman
Minutes: Kristin Lloyd