

Magdalene Catholic High School
Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting

10 February 2015

7pm

- Prayer
- Present: Sharyn Brooks; Paul Harrington; Kelly O'Keefe; Cathy McDonald; Isabell Potts; Greg Elliott; James McFarlane; Melanie McClafferty; Joe Trimarchi; Michelle Wright; Linda Maguire; Esther Hy; Kathy Foden; John Lo Cascio
- Apologies: Stephen Grabowski
- Minutes from previous meeting: seconded by Kelly O'Keefe
- Business arising
 - 1 Aqua Pole water refilling unit trialled successfully; discussion about installing more.
 - Perfectionism and stress research study – an online intervention that looks at overcoming unhelpful perfectionism (Chloe Yu Shu) – did not go ahead
- Principal's Report
 - Annual Improvement Plan 2015 priorities:
 - Catholic life and mission – major focus to support student's spiritual and faith development (understanding of curriculum in context of current world trends; understanding tolerance; religious and spiritual programs; promoting dignity of others, justice and Christian values (outreach programs); including students in scheduled Mass events)
 - Student achievement reports (reflecting a standard of what they can do; what they produce; what they are capable of doing; look at the meaningfulness of the report, subject grade descriptors developed; needs feedback from parents and students)
 - Changing mindset on how to improve student's education
 - Ongoing priorities (why we do what we do; why we exist as a school, focusing on how students can excel)
 - School hall discussed
 - Projected finishing time 2018
 - Potential uses - assemblies, presentations, masses, sport
- Treasurer's Report
 - unavailable; currently at Auditors
- Correspondence/Requests for support
 - Mel McClafferty put forward the: Brewarrina Excursion Proposal
 - Discussion regarding Magdalene's contribution to include fund raising by students to send 8-10 Year 11 students to Brewarrina as part of an initiative to raise awareness about the plight of the town (school with 5 teachers; 80% indigenous students); and explore cross cultural links – historical, socio economic, educational (numeracy, literacy, social justice)
 - Discussed various options of funding the project:
 - 100% fundraising by students
 - Initial set up from P&F (to be reviewed on annual basis); or
 - P&F to fill in shortfall

- General Business
 - Sausage sizzle for prospective Year 7 students and their families
 - Discussed possibility of Facebook page for the school
- Correspondence
 - Grab a Seat brochure for outside seating
 - Chocolate fundraising
 - Election tool kit for 2015

Meeting closed: 8.30pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 28 April 2015