

# Clarence Valley Anglican School P & F Association

## Minutes for 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009

**Meeting Commenced:** 7pm

**Present:**, Penny Burgess, Catherine Pattison, Celeste Masters, Mark Bathgate, Karen Dance, Gareth Leechman, Robyn Vicary, Amanda Howell, Tracey Ellaby, Sue Mackey, Shelley Middleton

**Minutes of Previous Minutes Read and Accepted:** Presented by Tracey Ellaby; Moved by Penny Burgess; seconded by Celeste Masters

### **Business Arising from Previous Meeting:**

- Allocation of P&F Funds. Junior school will spend \$1000 on literacy resources and \$1000 on technology.
- P&F Documents are now on the school website.
- Spring Fair. Decided that 7<sup>th</sup> November is not suitable because that is the day of the annual TAFE markets. Letters have been sent to bishop & registrar regarding the issue of limited access to their homes during the Spring Fair. Gareth reported that the issue is not a problem for the residents. September is not a suitable month due to sporting commitments for many families. Also discussed 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> December to avoid being so close to Jacaranda. Decided that the Spring Fair will be on *Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> November*.
- Trivia Night. Booked for *Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June*. Dave Mackey will compare the Trivia Night. Shelly and Penny will meet soon to continue organising the trivia night. Shelly has spoken to the year 12s who are going to organise a table/s. Penny and Shelly are putting flyers around town and a note in the CVAS newsletter. Overview: 8 rounds with in-between games (eg. heads and tails, famous faces, music round with song snippets, TV show themes); will have spot prizes (eg. wine, car detail, CD vouchers etc.); aiming for 20 tables; questions are based on school subject genres (eg. English, Science, Sport, Design & Tech, Geography), Robyn Vicary is organising supper. Still need some donations of wine as prizes. Judges/markers have been organised. Tim Grosser to do an electronic scoreboard. Need a data projector – available from senior school via Gareth. Need a roll of paper to cover the tables. Cakes to be supplied by Robyn, Tracey, Shelly, Karen.

### **Correspondence:**

Fundraising brochures

### **Principal's Report:**

Keith and Gareth have had a very busy start to the term.

A parent in the Junior School, Tim Serisier, recently passed away. His funeral service was led by Keith Peterson on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Exams are starting soon. Year 12s are going well with pleasing results.

Starting to plan for 2010 budget.

CVAS survived the recent flood quite well. Both the junior school and senior school were closed on Friday and the senior school was closed on Monday.

Students are coping well despite the recent disruptions to school life.

Keith reported that the junior school has returned to normal practise very quickly.

**Treasurer's Report:** Attached. Opening balance was \$ 19,267.21. Easter morning tea made \$ 170.20 and mother's day stall made \$776.15. There was also a re-issued cheque for \$188.55. Outgoing funds were for JS hockey equipment for \$483.19. The closing balance was \$20,402.11.

### **New Business:**

- Playground Committee. Keith thanked the committee for their enthusiasm and commitment. They have reached the stage of gathering quotes. Have applied for \$5000 grant through Bendigo Bank. Trying to apply for extra funding/grants. A quote was received from Playspace received today (27<sup>th</sup> May) for \$27198.64 - appears to be very good. Imagination Play have not done a quote as yet – scheduled for next Tuesday. Aiming for equipment suited to all age levels and for morning fitness/PE (ie. multi-purpose). Will use bark rather than rubber soft-fall under the new equipment because rubber soft-fall is very expensive. May fundraise for rubber soft-fall area in the future. The playground will progress in stages with the new equipment being the first stage. Proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> stage would include soft-fall area with hand ball and hop-scotch. Suggestion of putting in sun shade in the future. P&F motioned for Playground Committee to make the final decision re equipment – motioned by Penny Burgess, seconded by Karen Dance. Unanimous vote. P&F funding to be made available when needed and to start as soon as possible (preferably by next school holidays). Will stay within the current heritage colour scheme as suggested by council. Suggestion about sending a letter to bishop/dean's residence to advise them of the new equipment.
- Mother's Day Stall – suggestion of thank you gift to Judy Hackett for her dedication in organising and making the gifts for the stall.
- Flooding and notification of school closing. There is not a specific procedure for this type of event. The school puts announcements on 2GF. May need to look at reviewing the procedure (eg. email). Need to send out a note to parents re "in the event of a natural disaster, please refer to \_\_\_\_". Question about how school is evacuated – there are a variety of procedures to inform parents including radio, email and phone.
- School Hats (see previous minutes). Concern is that the school hat is not appropriate for sports (eg. cross country, netball) because it falls off. Suggestion about using soft/floppy hats similar to hats used at hockey. Penny to follow-up before next meeting. Another concern is that students in the senior school often don't wear their hats. Gareth will address this issue in senior school by giving each child a school hat - to be implemented over the next couple of weeks.
- Uniform Issue. Parents have voiced their concerns about the correct uniform not being worn by some students. Several parents have raised this concern. Guidelines don't say that uniform has to be purchased from the uniform shop, therefore some students have

incorrect uniform. Also discussed hair issues (eg. boys having long hair, girls not tying their hair back). Gareth reported that it is an on-going issue which is addressed as often as possible. Issue about not being able to exclude children based on uniform – would lose too many students which is detrimental to the school. Need to make sure that the uniform is accessible. Could let parents know that second-hand uniforms are available at the uniform shop. Also suggested having a uniform inspection in the senior school.

- Government Grants – The school has applied for 3 grants including: 1. 'National School Pride' grant for \$125,000 which was received (Tracey to email Maree re what the money has been spent on). Examples include painting, carpeting, air conditioning and resurfacing basketball. 2. P21 (Primary Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century) grant for \$400,000 for junior school. If received, this grant will include refurbishment of the junior school such as bus shelter. CVAS did not receive the grant in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, but may get the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. 3. Also applied for a \$2million grant for a language centre at the senior school which would include language labs and a performance area. This grant is aimed at lower socio-economic schools.

**Next Meeting Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm at Crown Hotel

**Meeting Closed:** 8.35pm