



St Mary Star of the Sea College P&F Meeting (AGM)

1 March 2017 (7.00pm) – Polding Learning Centre

Attendance: *Frank Pitt, Susan Adams, Scott Sutton, Jennifer Bean, Andrew Watts, Anna Tomasiello, Elizabeth Cavdarovski, Mary Hawkins, Angela Hunter, Alexie Bull, Rob Anderson*

Apologies: Catherine Sutton; Catherine Martin

Welcome & opening prayer **Dr Pitt**

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Accepted: Scott Sutton

Seconded: Frank Pitt.

2. Correspondence

Nil Correspondence

3. Treasurer's Report

Report attached.

Accepted: Scott Sutton

Seconded: Alexie Bull

4. Pastoral Care Report

No report provided. Susan Adams described the Pastoral Care program and thanked Catherine Sutton for coordinating the meals program in 2016.

5. President's Report

Report attached.

Accepted: Scott Sutton

Seconded : Jennifer Bean

6. Principal's Report

Report attached.

Accepted : Elizabeth Cavdarovski,

Seconded: Angela Hunter



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7. Election of Office Bearers

Vacation of the 2016 office bearers and election of office bearers for 2016.
A general thanks was given to the office bearers of 2016.

Position	Nominations	Acceptance
President	Scott Sutton	Accepted
Treasurer	Alexie Bell	Accepted
Secretary	Jennifer Bean	Accepted
Vice President A (Pastoral Care)	Elizabeth Cavdarovski	Accepted
Vice President B (P&F Events)	Mary Hawkins	Accepted

Rob Anderson generously offered to mentor the incoming treasurer, which was gratefully accepted.

8. General Business.

(1) Year 7 BBQ

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Year 7 BBQ was postponed and a new date is required to be set. The meeting agreed on Sunday 26th March. Tasks that need to be done include invitations to Year 7 parents and letters to Year 8 parents to request for help .

(2) Contingency funding.

Rob Anderson discussed the benefits of having contingency funds approved for the upcoming events to facilitate organization.

Motion: that the P&F Committee approve contingency funds for the Executive Committee members to spend up to the following amounts:

Year 7 BBQ – up to \$5,000

Year 10 End of Year function – up to \$4,000

Year 12 Graduation lunch – up to

Motioned: Rob Anderson

Seconded: Alexie Bell

(3) P&F items for funding

Alexie Bell raised two items for discussion for funding from the P&F.



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(A) Can the P&F provide funding to the student group that provides support to SKARF kids?. Dr Pitt acknowledged the value of the request and outlined the process to be followed: The girls should write a proposal and submit the proposal to Kerrie Gillam at St Mary's. The school will then approach the P&F Executive.

(B) Air conditioning in classrooms.

Dr Pitt advised that this matter is being considered in a broader planning context. The School Board has embarked on a Masterplan process which will consider heating and cooling solutions, power alternatives, and future space use.

The timeframe for this process is to go to selective tender as soon as possible and engage a consultant by Easter, with the completion of a draft Masterplan by August/September.

Key aspects to this process will include a stewardship approach (looking to alternative energy sources and innovative uses of space) and an inclusive and consultative process (students, parents and the wider school community will be consulted).

(4) Device Management

A request was made for the P&F to organize a guest speaker/hold a forum for parents on device management.

The guest speaker last year (Paul Dillon – drug and alcohol) was well received. Dr Pitt advised that Emma McGill is working with Edmund Rice on the issue of device management.

Action: Dr Pitt will discuss with Ms McGill the possibility of organizing a presentation to the girls during the day and a forum for parents in the evening on the management of devices.

Next meeting: TBA



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St Mary Star of the Sea College Parents & Friends Association Treasurer's Report 2016

It is pleasing to report on another successful year for the P&F in 2016.

We currently have over \$300,000 in our accounts, which gives us considerable scope to continue our help for the College and, of course, the girls.

There are two accounts, both with the Catholic Development Fund. In 2016, the Cheque Account earned interest of \$170, and at year's end held \$107,119.18, while the Term Deposit Account earned \$4,901 and now holds \$196,650.85. Further, the Parent Levy raised funds totalling \$141,502 this year, which allowed us to focus on supporting the College, without the need of continuous fundraising and its demands on P&F time & effort.

In 2016, we helped organise and support a number of significant events at St Mary's, including the Year 7 Welcome Barbeque (\$1,288), the End of Year 10 Function, and the Year 12 Farewell Luncheon, costing us a net \$6,853. Congratulations to the organisers, particularly Scott Sutton & Cathie Martin - great work!

Further support has been provided when opportunities have arisen, including ongoing support to the Science Dept for the annual Science Fair, College clubs and the Kullila Centre.

In conclusion, the P&F accounts are in a very healthy position to continue supporting the college. At year end we had \$303,770 in our accounts to invest in our daughters' futures. While the Executive does not aim to hold onto such large sums, the P&F is looking forward to deploying its financial reserves to continue helping the College & the girls with large & worthwhile projects. As examples, The St Mary College P&F helped fund the new College Cross, new gym equipment, new camping equipment, helped students get to locations as far away as Hawaii & Las Vegas as well as supporting student clubs and activities, as well as Sr Rita's fabulous pastoral care.

As always, the P&F welcomes any proposals from the College staff, students and parents for P&F financial support and encourages direct involvement by parents in the P&F.

After five years as Treasurer and with my youngest daughter preparing for her HSC later this year, this is an appropriate time for me to pass on this role to a successor. It also allows me to be around and help the new Treasurer settle in, ensuring a smooth transition. Finally, I would like to thank all the lovely people I have met through the St Mary College P&F, particularly those on the Executive - past & present, including Susan, Scott, Cathy & Cathie, with a final thank you going to Dr Pitt for his ongoing support for the P&F.

Robert Anderson - St Mary College P&F Treasurer 2012-2017

1. Cheque Account (in Dollars)

OPENING BALANCE:			138,931.16
RECEIPTS:	31/3	Interest	58.87
	30/6	Interest	25.26
	30/9	Interest	31.34
	31/12	Interest	54.89
	13/5	P&F Levy #1	47,162.00
	5/8	P&F Levy #2	46,621.00
	7/11	P&F Levy #3	47,719.00
	6/9	Yr12 Grad Lunch #1	13,545.00
	14/9	Yr12 Grad Lunch #2	5,107.00
TOTAL INCOME:			160,324.36
EXPENSES:			



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Cheque No.	Date	Description	Amount
751938	2/3	Yr12 Grad Lunch - Lagoon Deposit	1,000.00
751939	23/2	St Marys College: College Cross, Gym equipment, others	107,216.35
751940	18/3	Yr7 BBQ - Chicko's Chickens	363.80
751941	15/3	Yr7 BBQ - Packaging Direct	112.29
751942	16/3	Yr7 BBQ - Coniston Bakery	243.00
751943	5/4	Yr7 BBQ - Kieraville Butchery	340.00
751944	14/3	Yr7 BBQ - Scott Sutton - reimburse drinks, other costs	84.50
751945	18/3	Yr7 BBQ - Hasties Meats	145.00
751946	17/3	Student Grant - E.F. - Air Cheerleading in Hawaii	240.00
751947	15/3	Student Grant - O.M. - Air Cheerleading in Hawaii	240.00
751948	23/3	Student Grant - X.P. - Air Cheerleading in Hawaii	240.00
751949	21/3	Student Grant - G.B. - Air Cheerleading in Hawaii	240.00
751950	18/3	Student Grant - K.D. - Air Cheerleading in Hawaii	240.00
751951	7/6	St Mary College - Reimbursement of 2015 purchases	46,187.40
759152	20/6	Student Grant - H.R. - Dance Troupe to World C'ships Las Vegas	800.00
759153	22/6	St Mary College - Outdoor Ed Program: Camping Equipment	8,939.00
759154	9/9	Yr12 Grad Lunch - Tonitto's Cakes	540.00
759155	7/9	C. Sutton for Woolworths Vouchers for Sr Rita	1,000.00
759156	22/9	C. Martin: Yr12 Grad Lunch for Lagoon Restaurant Expense	23,800.00
	9/9	Yr12 Grad Lunch Cq Refund	165.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:			192,136.34
BALANCE:			+107,119.18

2. Term Deposit Account (in Dollars)

OPENING BALANCE			191,749.69
RECEIPTS:	24/3	Interest	1,290.76
	24/6	Interest	1,313.73
	26/9	Interest	1,151.22
	28/12	Interest	1,145.45
TOTAL INCOME:			+4,901.16
WITHDRAWALS:			
Cheque No.	Date	Description	Amount
		Nil	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:			0.00
BALANCE:			+196,650.85
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:			+303,770.03



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Principal's AGM Report to P&F March 2017

As we commence another exciting year at the college, I take this opportunity to thank the P&F for their excellent contribution to college life over the past twelve months. The P&F have worked actively to support parents through the food bank and provision of supermarket vouchers to families who are suffering hardship through illness or unfortunate circumstances. The P&F have also supported students through their sponsorship of girls who have achieved representative honours at a high level in their various sports and they have provided school uniforms for girls who have been in dire need. Finally the P&F have organised a number of fantastic events throughout the year including the Year 7 Welcome BBQ, the Year 12 Graduation Lunch and support with various college functions and initiatives.

I would particularly like to thank the P&F Executive, made up of President, Susan Adams, Treasurer, Rob Anderson, Vice Presidents Scott Sutton (Events) and Catherine Sutton (Pastoral Care) and Secretary, Jennifer Bean. The P&F Executive have been outstanding in their roles and wonderful support people to the college. Susan Adams, our President will complete her term at the AGM and, with her youngest daughter Harriet having completed Year 12, her time as a parent at St Mary's. I offer my thanks to Susan and the P&F team for their wonderful contribution in 2016.

The 2016 school year was an exciting and busy year, with the introduction of the MYP in Year 7, the five yearly inspection by BOSTES to grant our registration as an effective school and our accreditation to offer HSC courses, and the on-going development of our pastoral initiatives. The 2016 school year also provided beautiful opportunities to celebrate our faith through whole school Masses, liturgies during significant Church seasons and the celebration of class Mass in the chapel. We have also farewelled long serving staff who either retired or left at the end of the year. The end of year was a time of celebration tinged with a touch of sadness as we recognised the fine achievements of a number of our long serving staff.

The achievements of our Year 12 girls in the 2016 HSC were quite outstanding. We had 50 girls on the HSC Honour Roll, our girls achieved a total of 105 Band 6 results and 87% of the Year 12 cohort gained their first choice in early entry applications at the University of Wollongong. The girls also performed exceptionally well across the Year group, with girls gaining high numbers of Band 5 results and at least 25 girls gaining an ATAR of 90 or above. We are very proud of our Year 12 graduates of 2016 and wish them every success as they commence a new and exciting stage of life.

The College enrolled 190 Year 7 girls at the commencement of the 2017 school year. The girls were very excited to begin life at the college and they have made an excellent start. One of the more special moments was watching the Year 7 students present the Year 12 girls with leadership badges and the Year 12 girls present Year 7 with Bibles at the Opening School Mass.



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The school year has begun very smoothly for our Year 7 girls and indeed for all girls in the college and I look forward to a very positive 2017.

Each year the college selects a theme that reflects a particular aspect of our Good Samaritan/Benedictine tradition. We use the theme to provide us with focus and direction in staying faithful to the Gospel and to our mission. Themes over recent years have included, 'Into the Deep', 'Building a Better ...', 'Remember, Rejoice and Renew' and 'Epiphany'. In 2017 the theme will be 'For the Life of the World' and it will focus on developing a fresh understanding of who God is in our lives and what our responsibilities are as we seek to work toward building a better world. I will keep you updated on the various celebrations and initiatives that will keep our theme front and centre in the lives of our students, teachers and community throughout 2017.

From January 1 2017 the NSW Government has introduced the requirement that all students wishing to sit the HSC must achieve a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy. As a result the HSC will undergo wide-reaching reform to motivate and challenge students to achieve at their highest possible levels. Syllabuses will place more emphasis on depth of learning and analytical skills, which will provide students with the solid foundation of knowledge and skills that can be applied after school, in further studies and in the workplace. The changes provide the college with new opportunities to focus more strongly on further development of literacy and numeracy skills and will provide a focus for professional development in 2017.

The college has launched its new website and it appears to be proving popular with parents and staff. The website was developed throughout the course of 2016 and it provides increased functionality and accessibility to various areas for students, staff and parents. If you have not already had the opportunity to view the website I would commend it to you. The web address is the same as our old website.

Finally, I thank you for your great support throughout the 2016 school year and I look forward to working with you in 2017. We live in challenging and exciting times and we share the responsibility and privilege of preparing your daughters for happy, productive and stimulating lives.

I look forward to working with you in 2017,

Yours sincerely

Frank Pitt
Principal



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Presidents report:

Good evening everyone and thank you for coming to our AGM.

This is my last meeting as President and I would like to say thank you to the current executive for their continued support and work over the past 12 months. In particular I would like to say thank you to Catherine Sutton who has left the school and the committee. Catherine coordinated our meals program in support of Sr Rita for many years and we thank her for her dedication.

In reflecting on our last year we have continued to support projects both large and small, funded students in their representative sporting and dancing activities, provided resources to specific KLA areas and run our key events. A pretty standard year by all accounts, but it is not rocket science. Our role as a committee is always to financially support the college and to bring parents together at our key events as well as through our meetings.

I would like to thank Frank and his executive for their support and for attending these meetings and giving parents the opportunity to chat one on one about their daughters and the sharing vital information about the college.

Finally, after an 8 year association with the college I just wanted to touch on from my experience what I think St Marys does well that makes it such a good choice for my daughters.

1. I have previously touched on the pastoral care provided at the College. From Dr Pitt, his executive, House Coordinators, Tutor Group Teachers and Class Teachers the pastoral care is well managed and I felt that it was always the priority. We were very fortunate to have access to the Kullila Centre and it's wonderful staff.
2. The second is innovation and change. In the 8 years my girls were at St Marys we saw many changes in curriculum, technology, uniform and the schools physical environment. Whilst I think all of the changes or innovations in and of themselves improved my daughters' learning it is the way these changes were implemented and managed that has set them up for future. It showed them that change and constantly improving are an everyday and necessary part of life.
3. Finally, the college filled their lives with spiritual richness and understanding of what it means to be a good and decent member of the community. They engaged the girls in meaningful and relevant dialogue about living and practicing their faith in the world. Regardless of the way they choose to practice or not practice their Catholic faith the key values of the College and the Good Samaritan story are evident in the way they choose to live their life every day and I am grateful for that.

I wish the new committee all success for 2017 and thank the College for the opportunity to be part of this great community.

Susan Adams



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