Opening prayer
Welcome by Leo Wallin at 7:50pm. Special welcome to Di Farmer and Shayne Sutton.

Attendances
Leo Wallin, Ann-Maree Scafe, Andrew Leis, Ann-Maree Nicholls, Damien Sullivan, Maree Gruber, Tim Goodsell, Katrina Harris, Megan Deldot, Nicole Cunningham, Shayne Sutton, Sarah Roxburgh, Frank Nardone, Nicola Granato, Diana Lopes, Julie-Anne Francis, Mechelle Fury, Sue Raymond, Kirsten Davis, Di Farmer, Philip Fraser, Louise Fraser, Samantha de Lore, Sandra Stork.

Apologies
Linda Trimble, Kylie Lonergan.

Minutes of previous meeting held in November 2009:
Accepted by: Megan Deldot
Seconded by: Nicole Cunningham

Business arising from previous meeting

- Voting - Year 7 Canberra Trip 2010 results - As mentioned in last year’s newsletter voting for the funding of the 2010 year seven Canberra trip was available via the website. Thank you to the families that indicated their preference. 67 people voted and of the 67, 74% indicated that they would like the P&F to fund the 2010 Canberra trip therefore the funding of up to $100 per student will occur. Based on Year 7 numbers, up to $3,800 will be funded by the P&F. This is dependent on how much the Year 6/7 Wine Drive Fundraising raises. Leo Wallin indicated that the low response rate from school families was disappointing.

- Bush Dance – The Bush Dance will be held on Friday, March 5. Thanks to Sarah Roxburgh for volunteering to plan it. She will need to organise the new social committee to help. Di Farmer offered the use of marquees, eskies, and tables.

- Social Committee Co-ordinator/Social Committee functions – Linda Trimble to contact potential Co-ordinator to organise Social Committee.

- Survey suggestions for 2010 – The following suggestions were considered for the attention of the School Administration. Linda Trimble to forward to Sr Ann-Maree and Damien Sullivan:
  - I would like the P & F to consider raising with the school the practice of requiring students in lower school years to change into their swimsers in the classrooms in a mixed gender situation. As a past student of a catholic school, this practice seems inconsistent with the provision of an environment for the development of appropriate behaviours.
  - bullying
  - environment
  - partnership with a school in the developing world
  - more involvement of the school community in parish activities
  - Review staff:child ratio in the Prep/Grade 1 playground during morning tea and lunch breaks
o Sell More healthy food in the tuckshop
   Tuckshop should be open everyday.

• Survey suggestions for 2010 – The following suggestions will be considered by the P&F:
  o Welcome Wagon: We were new members of the school community, and it would be great to
    have this service available to mid year families. I know many new comers that would
    appreciate this.
  o Top Pick Up Line: The area provided for students is small, and many people (parents as
    well) are walking onto the road to walk around students standing at the pick up line. In my
    opinion the pedestrian traffic at the top line needs to be diverted to minimise the risk of an
    accident
  o I would like to see all of the students have a school diary where students can record their
    homework and important dates and where parents and teachers can communicate.
  o Funding and organising shade covers over both pick-up areas to protect the children from
    the sun in the afternoons

• Student travelling to school independently- travel plan. Andrew Leis contacted a number
  of schools to see whether any had a formal policy to ensure students travelling to school
  independently arrive at school safely. None had formal procedures in place. It was
  considered that students safety travelling to and from school is the responsibility of the
  parents. No further action required.

Inward & Outward correspondence

Inward:
• Receipt from St Vincent de Paul
• Christmas card from P&F federation
• Letter from Shayne Sutton - Community Grants (Thanks to Patrick Silvie. A Community
  Gardens Grant was submitted via Outside School Care for $2,500 to redevelop garden
  space between Yr 4 and 7 area)
• Keep Australia Beautiful
• Mr Bojangles - school dances promotion
• Federation of P&F Association Letter
• 2010 P&F Levy Invoice
• Letter from Cathy Richards and place
• Email from parent requesting a long sleeve sports shirt as part of uniform (Passed on to
  School Administration)

Outward: nil

Treasurer’s report - Financial Position as at 31 January, 2010 is $70,000. Approved projects yet
  to be paid total $70,300. These include Classroom Furniture $20,000, Oval Refurbishment
  $10,000 and IT Equipment $30,000.

Principal’s report –
  - 2010 enrolment is 552 (361 families)
  - Welcome to new Staff and new families
  - Thank you to parents who organised first day Morning Tea and opening school Mass Morning Tea, Year 7
    parents for organising drinks for Parent Teacher Info evening
  - Year 7 Leadership Day held
  - Year level planning days commenced for staff
- Staff CPR updates completed, First Aid renewals/updates scheduled for March
- $3,901 Scholastic rewards and resources earned in 2009. Thanks to Book Club coordinators Ruth and Trish
- Today Ash Wednesday Mass (Yrs 4-7), Lenten Assemblies to take place over next 6 weeks, Parish Sacramental Programme underway
- ICLT Resource Update: 6 Interactive Whiteboards installed, 3 Flip Video Cameras purchased.
- NSP monies all been expended

General Business

- Shayne Sutton addressed meeting. She offered her help and support to the school. She is happy to donate $300 to kick off the Active School Travel program for this year. She offered $1,000 towards the cost of the fair (towards rides or raffle prizes). Her office is relocating in April to cnr of Love and Oxford Sts Bulimba.
- Di Farmer addressed meeting. She wanted to check in and offer help if it is required. Discussed Flying Start for Qld Children. Will run 2 parent advice forums this year.
- Oval Refurbishment – Landscaper employed over holidays to refurbish oval at cost of $5,400. $4,600 left to spend on benches, timber edging, mulch and planting. This to be completed at a working bee. Plans need to be developed. Thank you to Nick Eastman for donating his time and giving us such a great deal.
- Shade for the pick up/drop off line areas - Andrew to liaise with Shayne and her office about what assistance they might be able to provide.
- Welcome Wagon – Sam de Lore and Mechelle Fury are redoing end of year notes. System needs to ensure new mid year families get identified. Annette Sela to be given a gift for all her service in previous years.
- P & F involvement in the Peace Project – Meeting required with interested parties to negotiate how Peace Project will be managed this year. Leo Wallin to organise.
- Purchase of stages – over the holidays an opportunity presented itself for the P&F to purchase a set of stages - at a cost of $200 – all present in favour. Motion passed.
- School gardens (Sue Raymond) – How can we keep the school gardens looking nice? Need to consider ways of classes taking on areas/gardens as class projects. Possibility of a Garden Club run by parents? To be discussed further.
- Plant stall Convenor required for fair.

Group reports:
Environment – Vegie patches passed over to Prep classes.

Care & Concern – Projects for 2010 include Casserole Bank, Morning Tea register, Sts P&P feast day celebrations, Christmas Carols, Cake stalls to earn kitty for needs within Community, Peace Project, Clothing collection towards eoy, library project for City Heights Kindy in Phillipines.

Working Bee – Date to be advised.

Technology – Group has been involved in recabling the computer room. Volunteers required as project is fiddly and time consuming.

Meeting Closed: 9:55pm
Date of next meeting – Wednesday the 17th of March at 7:30 pm