

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION



Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 21st February 2023.
Held at the Marist Pavilion

MEETING OPENED: 6.34 pm

ATTENDEES: Alan Buckley (Chair), Deborah Garbutt (Deputy Principal), Carmela Spinelli (secretary), Rebecca Gaudio, Anne Mallaby, Megan Turpin, Tammy Madenyika, Kumbi Madenyika, Stephen Allen, Michelle Patane-Dillon, Liz McGee, Kim Fildes, Kate Wright, Lisa Emerson.

APOLOGIES: Michael Pepper (principal)

1. OPENING WELCOME & PRAYER: Deborah Garbutt

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion Minutes from the previous meeting were not available so could not be confirmed, this will be done at the next meeting.

Moved:

Seconded:

Approved:

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: N/A as not available.

Alan advised that the executive positions have not been filled and asked for volunteers to join. Alan advised he will be stepping down as chairperson at the end of 2023.

Chairperson - Alan Buckley

Vice Chairperson – vacant at the time of meeting however Michelle Patane-Dillon has accepted this position after the meeting and will be voted in at the next meeting.

Treasurer - vacant

Secretary - Carmela Spinelli nominated and was accepted and approved by those present.

Board Rep - Alan Buckley nominated and was accepted and approved by those present.

4. CORRESPONDENCE IN: Email from Deborah Garbutt thanking the P&F for all their support in 2022.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Not available.

Action: Alan to follow up treasurer information

6. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: (Michael Pepper)

Catholic Identity

- On Tuesday, 7 February we held our Opening Mass and College Assembly. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Gerald Holohan.
- Ash Wednesday Liturgies will be held in Homerooms tomorrow 22 February.
- The Year 11 Retreat took place on February 15 and the Year 7 Retreat was held on 16 February.

Education

- Our College Opening Assembly held on Tuesday 7 February recognising our highest performing ATAR and VET students.
- The Kelderman Award was presented to Thomas Hogan - highest achieving ATAR for BCC
- Mrs Maria Trovato presented Eliana White and Tristan White the BCC Ex-Students Association award for the highest achieving VET students.
- Fourteen of our Year 12s received an ATAR score of 90+, placing them in the top 10% of all ATAR students in WA. A total of nine students had an ATAR above 95.
- A number of our students were recognised for their outstanding achievement by the School Standards and Curriculum Authority (SCSA), with Bunbury Catholic College students being awarded one Certificate of Excellence, nine Certificates of Distinction and six Certificates of Merit.
- Maya Lubcke was also awarded a Certificate of Excellence by CEWA for her outstanding results. This award recognised Maya's achievement of a SCSA Certificate of Excellence in English (in top 0.1% of results of all WA students) plus her SCSA Certificate of Distinction.
- BCC's Year 12 ATAR courses of Biology and English were among the highest achieving schools in WA.
- Our College's ATAR courses that achieved a mean higher than the State mean were: Biology, Chemistry, Dance, Earth and Environmental Science, Economics, English, Human Biology, Literature, Math's Specialist, Modern History, Politics and Law, Psychology and Visual Arts
- Students in Years 7 -10 attended a learning session on Vaping - Wednesday 15 February
- Students in Year 12 attended Elevate Study Skills - Wednesday 15 February
- Students in Years 10-12 attended a presentation by UWA, Notre Dame, Curtin and Murdoch Universities - Wednesday 15 February

Community

- The celebration of our Marist Charism and strengthening our college's identity, aligned with our Marist founder, St Marcellin Champagnat, will be a key priority. Many of our 2023 student leaders and staff have already participated in a Marist Student Leadership Camp in Perth where they teamed up with students and staff from Newman College in Doubleview.
- Our Year 12 "Great Gatsby" Ball took place on Saturday, 11 February at the Lighthouse Hotel.
- Year 12s will attend classes on Tuesday 2 March, prior to departing for their Year 12 Retreat during the day.

- Year 11s attended their Summit Camp to Perth during Week 2 (8 -10 Feb)
- Year 7 Parent Information Evenings was held on Monday 6 February
- Year 7 Computer Rollout occurred on Monday 6 February
- Year 12 Parent Information Evening was held on Wednesday 8 February
- School Photo Day (Year7-11) & Professional Photo Shoot held on Monday 13 February with Year 12 School Photo Day held Friday 17 February
- College Production - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - Thursday 23 to Saturday 25 February at the BREC
- Year 8-11 combined Parent Information Evening held on Tuesday 23 February was well received by parents. A great range of presentations were available for the parents.
- Staff will be attending a combined Marist Schools Retreat on Monday 24 April at Newman College.

Stewardship

- We extend a warm welcome to new staff members who have joined our college this year. Rajiv Pragash (Mathematics), Jason Schuttloffel (Head of Year 7), Larnae Gurusay (Home Economics), Carola Penman (Science), Ted May (Mathematics), Louise Brookes (Canteen Manager), Katrina Scott (Administration), Stephanie Boyle (Education Assistant), Luke Crawford (Education Assistant), Alice Downes (Library Assistant), Jenni Thompson (Home Economics Assistant) and Selina Huntly (Arts Technician) and Craig Rodgers (Deputy Principal, Term 2 & 3)
- Six new outdoor tables and 5 new table tennis tables are currently on order from the Bunbury Regional Prison workshop, to be funded by our generous P&F. The outdoor tables are completed, and we envisage the table tennis tables will be ready in the coming weeks.

Enrolments for 2023.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Total
189	191	168	167	128	117	960

Deborah Garbutt (Deputy Principal) Addendum

We extend our sincere thanks to the P&F for their ongoing support, both financial and actively, as they strive to improve outcomes for all our students.

- The ongoing sponsorship of The Resilience Project
- Their financial contribution towards Perennial Health and its presentations to all year levels on the Dangers associated with vaping.
- The voucher given to a Year 12 student for her Anniversary Artwork.
- Coordinating the Wine fundraiser.
- Assisting with some of the cost of Teen Mental Health (All Yr 7s and new students)
- Sausage Sizzle at the Parent information Evening

Anniversary Functions on the website

- **23-25 February 2023:** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- **11 March 2023:** This starts off with the Community Mass at 4.15pm and then Family Picnic on Albert Oval at 5.15pm.
- **9 May 2023:** Wardandi Gift
- **27 May 2023:** P&F Dinner Dance - Lighthouse
- **6 June 2023:** St Marcellin Champagnat Day
- **11 August 2023:** College Feast Day
- **7 September 2023:** College Open Day
- **13-15 October 2023:** Art Ex
- **14 October 2023:** Ex-Students' reunion
- **28 November 2023:** Presentation Evening

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Alan Buckley

BBQ at Parent Evening

My sincere thanks to all who helped at the parent evening BBQ, it ran very smoothly and was well received by both parents and staff. Special mention to Ian Harvey who took care of all our shopping for the evening, was the first to arrive and the last to leave, a fantastic effort.

CSPWA (Catholic School Parents Western Australia)

I attended the term 1 CSPWA meeting via Zoom last Thursday. There will be a strong focus on providing support and guidance to P&F groups as they make the transition to school committees. The induction evening / information session for new members will be held on March 2nd and an online link should be available. The ongoing issue of affiliation was discussed and we will be making a concerted effort to increase the number of affiliated schools. The cost per child to affiliate is \$3.80 per year and the organisation provides strong support for our groups as well as undertaking lobbying on behalf of Catholic school parents at both state and federal level.

RREAC (Rural and Regional Education Advisory Council)

I have been reappointed to RREAC by the Minister and the appointment has been approved by cabinet. I attended a meeting via teams on Monday 20 February. Our focus for the year will be the opportunities for higher education in regional areas with an emphasis on the available support for students making this transition. I will be writing a discussion paper for the group on the importance of providing mental health support for regional students and will be highlighting the initiative's we have undertaken at BCC. The group will undertake a regional visit to either the Albany / Denmark region or Narrogin from May 29 to 31 which I will be attending.

8. WINE FUNDRAISER:

Wine fundraiser through Willow Bridge Estate, order start date is 11 February with cut off 17 March. The college will receive \$25 back per case, which is great.

Alan asked for volunteers to help pick up the wine orders preferably on the Saturday to have them at the pavilion ready for collection on Monday 3 April.

Action: Orders to be collected and placed the delivery to be organized

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Michelle and Alan advised that the Lighthouse has been booked as the venue for the 50th Year dinner dance. Alan asked the group if there were any volunteers to help with the organising of this event, especially for set up on the day. If you are able to assist, please let Alan or Michelle know.

Tickets need to be designed and Deborah advised the school has software that can be used for this.

Action: Tickets to be designed and band to be confirmed

b. Lisa asked if the Art Extraordinaire will be going ahead this year as several previous committee members are no longer involved.

Alan advised he will follow this up with Michael Pepper and send out a response once it is available.

Deborah advised the Ex-Students' reunion would be on Saturday 14 October 2023 to coincide with Art Ex. It is hoped that this would bring people to the Official Opening on Friday and encourage people to browse Art Ex during the weekend. The reunion would be in the gym, at this point.

Action : Alan to follow up Art Extraordinaire with Michael.

c. Deborah advised the year 7 disco will go ahead in term 2 and it was discussed that the sundowner that was held last year on the same night for parents was well received so will look at doing this again this year.

Action: organise sundowner.

d. Deborah promoted the canteen, and said help is needed, volunteers are low so if anyone can help out it would be greatly appreciated.

It was mentioned by new parents to the school that they were wondering how they could put their name down to assist with canteen as nothing was sent out until week 4 so this should be sent out week 1 in future.

CLOSING PRAYER: Alan Buckley

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday 2nd May 2023 @ 6.30pm

MEETING CLOSED: 7.19 pm.