**PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

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**Minutes FOR MEETING 25 July 2023 @ 6.30pm**

**Held at the Marist Pavilion**

**MEETING OPENED**: 6.33pm

**ATTENDEES**: Alan Buckley (chair), Carmela Spinelli (secretary), Michelle Patane-Dillon (vice-chair), Megan Turpin, Craig Rodgers (Deputy Principal), Michael Pepper (Principal)

**APOLOGIES**: Lisa Emerson, Kate Wright

1. **OPENING WELCOME & PRAYER**: Michael Pepper
2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**:

**Motion:** Confirm minutes from meeting held 2nd May 2023

**Moved:** Megan **Seconded:** Michelle **Approved:** Unanimous

1. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Nil
2. **CORRESPONDENCE IN**:

Emails responding to call for volunteers for the BCC ball and Year 7 Social

Emails received for volunteers for Art Extraordinaire (these were passed onto the Art Extraordinaire committee for their meeting held 16.05.2023)

Mad about Bows fundraising brochure.

Community Collective Planning Event brochure

Australian Charities & Not for profit Commission – passed onto Alan/Teena to follow up

Catholic Schools Parents WA 2023 Affiliated Member Notice

Letter from The Hon Andrew Leigh MP/Member for Fenner

Email advising CSPWA photo competition process and advising tickets for the Awards of excellence event.

Email received from Annabel Kanakis and Amy Hunt seeking financial assistance to attend the 2024 National Youth Science Forum.

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT**:

Responded to 4WD Supercenter Bunbury advising we will not be holding a sausage sizzle fundraiser at their store.

Emailed the P&F contacts advising the Year7 Social and BCC Anniversary Ball has been cancelled.

Email sent to Catholic School Parents WA for 2023 photo competition.

1. **TREASURER’S REPORT:**



1. **PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

**CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

After 22 years of dedicated service to the people and priests of the Diocese of Bunbury, the Most Reverend Gerard J Holohan DD confirmed on Friday 30 June 2023 that His Holiness, Pope Francis accepted his resignation as Bishop of Bunbury. Bishop Holohan has made a significant contribution to Catholic education in Western Australia. In his role of Chair of the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia from 2013 to 2022, he led the Commission through Incorporation as well as the introduction of CECWA’s Strategic Directions. On behalf of the Catholic Education Western Australia community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Bishop Holohan for his leadership and service to Catholic education in our state. Archbishop of Perth, the Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe SDB DD will serve as Apostolic Administrator of the Bunbury Diocese until a successor to Bishop Holohan is appointed.

Our NAIDOC Assembly was held on Thursday 20 July and we welcomed special guests, Francis Jetta, Lewis Jetta, Peter Jetta, Dance group Bindjareb Middars, MADALAH representative Charlie Mallard & other special guests, family members, parents, friends, staff and students of BCC. The assembly commenced with a Welcome to Country performed by Theo Kearing and prayer from Marcus Woods.

The CEWA Religious Education Assessment Practice will be held on Friday (28 July) for Year 9 Students. The actual test will take place on Tuesday 1 August.EDUCATION

**Student Learning**

Year 12 Students Flynn Smith (Carpentry) and Logan Turner (Electrotechnology) were presented with their World Skills Team WA Uniform last Wednesday night at Parliament House. The boys will be heading off to Melbourne in August for the World Skills Australia National Championships.

Our Year 10 ACES students had an early start last Friday as they headed to Perth for the Brain Bee Challenge, whilst our Year 12 ATAR Drama students attended an excursion at the BREC.

Our OLNA Testing is taking place this week:

Writing - Monday

Reading – Tuesday

Numeracy - Friday

Year 7 Students have created wonderful artefacts as part of their Ancient World History Assessment – Parents were invited to attend between 3-6pm on Thursday 20 July.

Our Hockey Students travelled to Perth on Monday this week for the David Bell Hockey Championships (24 July).

**Staff Learning**

The semester commenced for Staff on Monday 17 July with a Professional Learning Day which included a session on Supporting Children & Young People After Suicide as well as various other software workshops aimed at enhancing teaching and learning strategies.

**COMMUNITY**

The Ex-Students Association Hall of Distinction Nominations have now closed. Meetings are being held to discuss nominations received.

Ex-students Association Meeting was held on Monday 17 July – Ex-students Reunion has been scheduled for Saturday 14 October – 11.30am to 4.00pm and will coincide with our Art Extraordinaire weekend Friday 13 (Opening Night) – Sunday 15 October.

**STEWARDSHIP**

We extended a very warm welcome back to all Staff and Students to Semester 2 and in particular to Michael Chappell and David Walters who returned from LSL; Daryl Carew, who joins us to teach Accounting & Finance; new staff member Melinda Edwards and Practicum Student Shanu Nunn, who join our Science Department and also to those Staff who took leave at the end of last term.

We are currently working on our new BCC Logo and Stationery Suite with the Community Engagement and Design Department at CEWA. Consultation will also be held with our College Advisory Marketing Committee.

School Compliance Review – Wednesday 30 August

**Upcoming Events:**

Our Year 7 2025 Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday this week (26 July).

Our Year 7-12 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday this week (27 July).

Year 11 & 12 Engineering Students will visit Orontide on Thursday this week (27 July).

The SSWA Interschool Cross Country Event will be held next Tuesday 1 August.

Year 10 ACC AFL SW Carnival will be held on Wednesday 2 August.

Year 11 Student Leadership Assembly will be held on Thursday 3 August.

Australian Mathematics Competition will be held on Thursday 3 August.

Year 7 & 8 Lightning Carnival – Wednesday 16 August

Year 10 Retreat – Thursday 17 August

TISC Visit – Thursday 17 August

Year 11 SLC Voting – Thursday 17 August

College Feast Day – Friday 18 August

Year 12 EES Museum Excursion – Friday 18 August

Book Week commences Monday 21 August

Champion Schools Golf Competition – Monday 21 August

Year 11/12 Drama Excursion BREC – Thursday 24 August

Year 11 Film & Photography Excursion to Wellington Dam – Thursday 24 August

Year 7 2025 Interviews - Saturday 26 August

Book Week Guest Author Visit – Wednesday 30 August

Head Boy/Head Girl Speeches – Thursday 31 August

Peer Support Training – Thursday 31 August and Friday 1 September

Fathers’ Day Breakfast – Friday 1 September

Year 11/12 Film & Photography Excursion – Cinefest Oz – Friday 1 September

Head Boy/Head Girl Interviews – Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 September

Future Innovators Project Excursion – Wednesday 6 September

Open Day, Students in the Spotlight and Grandparents Day – Thursday 7 September

Year 11 EES JFNP & Boya Excursion – Wednesday 13 September

Leadership Assembly – Thursday 14 September

Music Showcase – Friday 15 September

Year 9 Retreat – Monday 18 September

Year 12 Assessment Free – Monday 18 to Wednesday 20 September

Student Leadership Council Formation Day – City of Bunbury – Monday 18 September

Year 9 & 10 Winter Carnival – Wednesday 20 September

Year 12 Final Mass – Thursday 21 September

Year 7 Activity Day – Thursday 21 September

Year 12 Last Day and End of Term – Friday 22 September

Year 12 Trial Examinations Commence on Monday 2 October

1. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:**

Thanks to Michelle and Lisa for all their hard work organising the ball. It is unfortunate that we did not get the numbers required to go ahead however the outstanding efforts put in by Michelle and Lisa are greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to all who have volunteered to assist with Art Ex his year, it is wonderful that the event will run in the school’s 50th anniversary year.

I attended the RREAC meeting on May 29th via teams. The focus for the year ahead will be pathways to Higher Education and post high school opportunities for students in regional and remote areas of WA. I will be joining the council on a regional visit to Albany in early August where we will conduct site visits and host a regional forum with key stakeholders.

I attended the CSPWA AGM on June 15th via Zoom and will serve as a councilor for the Bunbury Diocese on the council for another 12 months. I will also continue as the council’s representative on RREAC. The main focus for the council this year has been providing support for P&F’s as they implement the new TOR from CEWA. Council will also be looking at opportunities for funding youth mental health initiatives in schools and lobbying for funding to support this.

The CSPWA awards of excellence will be held in Perth on Friday Aug 11th and I will hopefully be attending.

1. **BOARD REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT: Nil -** Alan has not been able to attend a meeting due to conflicting engagements.
2. **GENERAL BUSINESS**
3. BCC Uniform Restyle – Michael Pepper

Michael advised the group that the school is in the process of sourcing a new style uniform and once these have been received they will be seeking feedback from students and parents.

1. Email received from Annabel Kanakis and Amy Hunt seeking financial assistance to attend the 2024 National Youth Science Forum.

Discussion was had and financial support will be provided however at the time of meeting the actual amount provided in previous years was not known so this is to be followed up and to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Alan to follow up amounts provided in past years

1. Treasurer position has been filled, thank you Megan for taking over this role, Teena Manning will do hand over.

Motion: Carmela nominated Megan Turpin for the role of Treasurer which Megan accepted.

Moved: Carmela Spinelli Seconded: Craig Rodgers Approved: Unanimous

**CLOSING PRAYER**: Alan

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**: Tuesday 17th October 2023

**MEETING CLOSED:** 7.33pm