Welcome
Sonia Prasel

School Prayer
Dear Lord,
Bless our school that by working together and praying together we may learn to serve you
and to serve one another. We ask this through Jesus and Mary.
St. Benedict’s pray for us

Present
Barry McLellan, Sonia Prasel, Yvonne Basille, Kirstin Hine, Joanne Robertson, Renee
Fitzgerald, Sandro Caruso, AnnMaree Hoy, Julia Martin, Karen Coppen, Cristina Katsourakis,
Jason Bodnar, Damien Dambrosi, Nicola Reed, Melina Van Der Weerd-Arceo

Apologies
Cassandra Lyons, Shirley Getley, Jackie Hough, Ginny O’Grady, Julia Caferella, Phuong
Huynh, Joanne Barnes

Minutes from last meeting
Monday April 18th 2013
First Cristina Katsourakis
Second Yvonne Basille

President’s report
Sonia thanked Annmarea and the subcommittee for a very successful day at The Burwood
Autumn Festival. Thanks to Phil Hine for the marquees, Renee and Clarke Fitzgerald and St.
Michaels P.S for the organizing of and loaning the snow cone machine. Cassie Lyons has
organised a book as a gift for St. Michaels to say thank you. Sonia also thanked the sub
committee for going through Annmarea with any ideas or plans as this has worked well.
-The left over books from the second hand book stall are being stored currently at Jason
Bodnar’s house.
-the suggestion was raised over the need for a second banner
-it was queried whether the left over lolly sticks would be sold after school on a Friday night.
The children would require prior notice.

Sonia thanked Joanne Robertson and Nicola reed for the running of a successful Mother’s
day stall.

A huge thanks to Jason Bodnar for the organizing of the first Mother’s Day breakfast. It went
fantastically due to his organization.

The Federal Election is being held on Saturday 14th September. Sonia requested that the
September P&F be brought forward a week so not as close to the day. Thursday
September 5th was agreed upon.

Anna Parente has agreed to hold the Grants Officer position. Barry will forward any grants
that come through him, to her. It was felt most come through local council and state
government and need to be followed up.

The poker night has been moved to June 28th as hall required for the Dance fever
presentation. P&F had already obtained the liquor license for the previous date. We will
need to obtain another. 3 events can be listed on one license. We will list Poker night, federal election and possibly the Art show. Barry is to chase the date.

Barry had spoken to the teachers about the idea of a school sleep over for Grade 3 or 4.
Teachers very keen. It may happen 2014.
Sonia requested that she be notified if people are speaking to Barry about P&F matters so he is not disturbed multiple times about same issues.

Annmaree has set up the foundations for the food handling requirements. “Streateater”.

Sonia discussed the school website. There is now a P&F email address which Sonia will receive correspondence and distribute. The email address can be used for communication and correspondence for the parents. It may be possible to send out reminders for events. P&F minutes will be uploaded with surnames removed.

Damien has volunteered to be social events photographer.

Woolworths have a promotion on coffee machines. The idea was raised of obtaining some for social events. Some concerns on quality of machines and agreed for more research to be done.

The Astronomical society holds educational events in schools where the children can use telescopes. It was suggested this be a great activity if the sleep over night occurs.

**Principals Report**

The children are really enjoying Dance Fever. The Poker night was moved for the display.

Thank you to all for the running of the Mother’s Day stall and Breakfast.

Emilio Parente presented a Cyber Safety night which was well attended.

The recent 5/6 school camp was again a success. The children will present some photos at Friday’s assembly.

Last year four teachers attended a program to improve the science curriculum within the school. This year four different teachers will attend.

An Open Day will be held on Tuesday May 21st. The prep numbers are so far looking promising.

An in-service day was held Monday 13th. It was run by John Marks. He spoke about “feedback”. There is good feedback but also constructive “cruel” feedback. He discussed ways to improve on the giving of this feedback.

There will be another Curriculum day to be held Friday June 14th. David Hornsby, an expert in literacy will present to the staff.

Naplan from 2102 has shown that the schools reading results are satisfactory but not so strong in writing. Maths results are not as strong. Naplan was held this week. Results are out in September

Cross country went well. Rhett Masters is holding early morning running sessions to increase the children’s fitness levels.

After 18 months of planning, the Masterplan has been presented to the Parish. Part one is to improve thoroughfares and the Church. It will cost a large amount. The plans are on show in the hall.

The school has been involved in Challenge 2. The initial process finished last year. It is now in a pilot stage. Mark and Barry have trained in it and will be training others at other schools.
**Treasurers Report**

Attached

Cristina is going to make some change to what funds go to which accounts, so that the P&F account stands alone. eg. Tuckshop deposits payments are solely the Tuckshop account.

Discussion was held over whether the account balance should be invested for short periods, especially over the school holidays, to earn interest. Cristina is going to investigate what CDF offers.

**Tuckshop**

Yvonne Basille has totally handed over ordering to Joanne Barnes.

Lion supply drinks to tuckshop. They are increasing prices but have offered to freeze prices for St. Benedict’s if we sign an exclusive contract for two years. No decision was made.

It was discussed whether we should offer other products eg. yoghurt sticks. We can only use frozen products because of our class 3 food handling certificate.

It was again discussed about food group colourings, eg green for good foods, red for bad choices. If any changes are to be made they should be brought in gradually. It is important to support the parents who have kindly volunteered to hold the tuck shop role.

**Uniform Shop**

An order for beanies and scarves will be placed soon. Also, an order for polar fleece gloves. A notice went out today for an order of stockings and socks. Karen may order some raincoats with reflective strips on the cuffs and pockets, especially good for children who walk home.

Karen is now outsourcing the embroidering of the school emblem on the woollen jumpers as cheaper and quicker turn around.

**Maintenance**

It was discussed that the side sandpit near the driveway requires new sand. There were some concerns raised about its stability. Barry will have this assessed ASAP. It was discussed whether the sandpit should be moved across to the other side of the driveway due to concerns raised of a child falling from it.

**Fundraising**

Annmaree –
- congratulated Joanne and Nicola for the fantastic Easter Raffle. It was a great fundraising effort.
- discussed the “streateater” permit which will expand our ability to sell food at other events. The food must be prepared outside of the canteen.
- has developed a flow chart for the events for 2013
- Election day sub committee to be organised. Suggestions for stalls discussed.
- Poker night is now June 28th. The Poker man has been booked. Sandro is to send out a full sheet notice. Cassie is to coordinate the food. Someone is required to coordinate prizes for the night. A note requesting donations will be placed in the newsletter.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday 20th June
St. Benedictts PS staff room, 8pm