St. Benedict’s Parents & Friends
Minutes of Meeting Held on
Monday 27 October 2014
In The School Staff room

Welcome
Annmaree

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
Annmaree H, Kirstin H, Barry McL, Cassie L, Jackie H, Shirley G, Jo B, Justine P, Mary B, Dave B,

Apologies
Jo D, Gen W, Nicola R, Phuong

Minutes from last meeting accepted as an accurate record
15th September 2014

Presented
Kirstin
Seconded
AnnMaree

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes
Nil

President’s report
◆ Thank you to all who assisted with the morning tea held for Olga and Voula. They both enjoyed the morning.
◆ Fr. Dave has expressed his disappointment that school and Parish raffle tickets were distributed at the same time. He would like the Parish to be involved with the fair. He would like to know before he goes on leave, in which way the Parish could assist the fair. Suggestions were to sell raffle tickets, any donations of preserves (costs would be reimbursed), cake stall donations.
◆ A power point in the convent is unable to be used on the day of the fair, as it is on the same circuit as the tennis courts and hall. AnnMaree will speak to Paul H about circuit load in the hall. A generator will be required for the fair.
◆ Barry will approach the teachers for a silent auction item eg Babysitting.
◆ Thank you to the organizers of the poker night, Brendan, Jack, Sandro and John. $2100 was raised so a very successful and well attended event.

Principal’s Report
◆ Barry also thanked those that that organised Olga and Voula’s morning tea.
◆ The Police visit was enjoyed by all the children.
◆ The Poker night was a great success. 64 men attended.
◆ Daniel is obtaining a further quote for the hall sound system.
◆ Jacob R is leaving St. Benedict’s this term. He is to commence a position on Manus Island.
◆ The Parish concert is being held November 30th, with Gary Pinto participating. The school choir has been invited to take part but Mary is unsure of children’s availability being the day after the school fair. A letter has been sent out to determine this.
◆ School Sports to be run Tuesday November 18th
Treasurer’s Report
◆ The Poker night raised $2,144.41 profit.
◆ Fair: $2,800 paid for rides.
$1,200 has been outlaid for raffle ticket printing and 3rd prize.
◆ Jackie has received receipts for drinks and cushion pillows.
◆ Jackie has requested outstanding receipts to assist her records.

Uniform Shop
No report

Maintenance
◆ The building of the mini golf course is progressing well. 6 holes completed and 3 to go. Dave is going to place a request in the newsletter for golf putters to be donated. Dave will contact Wattle park Golf course for possibility of donations of child size putters.
◆ 6 x Blackboards have been made for the fair.
◆ The lock in the tuckshop is to be repaired.

Tuck Shop
Slurpy Machine: the machine discussed at the last meeting is too big for what is required for tuckshop. It has 6 flavours at once. It is too costly after the initial offer.
The brand used by other local schools is Sno Flow. It has 2 flavours, fits on the bench and costs $2300 outright. It can be paid off weekly and is owned after 12 months. If following initial purchase, the flavours are bought from the supplier, they will service for free. Flavours are $49 (300 drinks). Three local schools use this product and are satisfied with. The decision was deferred on the slurpy machine until after the Fair. The cost must be balanced against ice cream sales also. Ice creams must be ordered as 150 minimum each time. It was agreed that if we go ahead with slurpys, ice-creams will no longer be sold.

Healthy Tuckshop: this is being held Friday. St. Benedict’s was granted $300 for “walk to school” to provide lunch for the children. The house captains are to make the salad rolls. Children will require usual snack.

Grants Co-ordinator
No report this month.

Correspondence
Nil correspondence

General Business
Fair:
AnnMaree has obtained some ideas for the preserves stall.
Cass has organised a donation of strawberries for jam.
St. Michael’s are happy to loan the snow cone machine.
Donations have started to be collected.
The date for raffle ticket selling in the Burwood shops strip is Friday November 21st. A permit must be obtained.
McIntosh First National has donated 4 boards. They will be placed in 4 local positions. A fair meeting will be held Friday 7th November in the hall after school assembly.
Requests for help at the Fair will be sent after the long weekend.
Prep Info Night
A form is to be prepared by Shirley for “indication of interest” for P&F, tuckshop, class rep.
A “Keep the date” form for the Welcome picnic, 13th February 2015, will be organised for this night.
Raffle tickets will be sold at this dinner.

School Disco
◆ The school Disco will be held Wednesday 17th December. It will be run as per previous years format. Damien D is confirmed for the music. Aldi are selling smoke machines for $30.00. If reusable and safe, P&F will purchase 2. It was also suggested to purchase a disco ball from Aldi but we decided not to go ahead with this.

End of Year Lunch
After discussion with Barry, it was decided to ask each family for a monetary donation rather than food. This will contribute towards the teachers’ breakfast that they attend on the last day.

New Business

Nil

Meeting closed 21.00hrs.

Next Meeting – 10th November at 8pm, in the Staff Room.