St. Benedict’s Parents & Friends
Minutes of Meeting Held on
Monday 21 July 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

Apologies
Jo D, Shirley G, Jo B, Phuong H

Minutes from last meeting accepted as an accurate record
16th June 2014 Accepted Cassie L
Seconded Jackie H

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes
Barry will follow up Rhett M regarding “Hoop time” uniforms. Hoop time for years 3&4 is next Thursday 31st July.

President’s report
Thanks to Jo B for organizing and feeding the children on St. Benedict’s Day. Thank you also to Cassie L, Jackie H, Bridget, Zara and Aidan for helping with this.
It was noted at the June meeting that some classes had not had a function or a get together yet this year. Preps held a coffee morning this week. Louise discussed a function she was considering for the junior years, prep, 1, 2. Louise has looked into “the Fire Chief” in Camberwell which has a private room and drinks at bar prices. It was discussed and then decided to look into holding a function there for all year levels. The proposed date is Friday September 12th. Louise will send out flyers.

Principle’s Report
✦ The staff had an update on anaphylaxis. The Aides are also required to complete this programme.
✦ Italian Day was a great success.
✦ Thanks to all families who completed the Catholic School Survey.
✦ Prep enrolments for 2015 look promising with 22 students enrolled. This may change over the next few months.
✦ The Mass for St. Vincent De Paul was held last term and was lovely.
✦ Sexuality nights will be held this term. Sessions for years 3&4 will be held 9th September, years 5&6 on the 11th September. These are held every 2 years.
✦ Preparation for First Communion is underway. First Communion will be held 24th August.
Four Chinese students have joined St. Benedict’s for a month. The children are enjoying having them within the school.

The Instrumental Concert was held last term and the children performed well.

There have been 3 work experience children within the school

Thanks you to Cassie, Jo B and Jackie for assisting with the lunch on St. Benedict’s Day and to Mary B for organizing the day.

Treasurer’s Report

- Tuckshop has transferred $3,500 to the P&F account.
- Two further Entertainment Books have been bought.
- The Social night made $110 profit.
- P&F had approximately $13,000 in the bank which will be kept to cover Fair outlay.

Uniform Shop

No report

Maintenance

No report.

Tuck Shop

No report

Grants Co-ordinator

No report this month.

Correspondence

Nil correspondence

General Business

Father’s Day Breakfast:
It was agreed to run with the same format as other years. Mass will be at 09.00hrs. The breakfast and Mass will be on Friday September 5th. AnnMaree is to obtain the breakdown from Yvonne. A raffle will be run on for Father’s Day. We will apply to Graham Watt and Anna Burke for raffle items. Raffle tickets will be sent home and the raffle drawn at the Father’s Day Breakfast. Nicola, Jo and Maria will organize the Father’s Day stall.

Fete Update
Requests for donations are now being sent out. These requests will be staggered. A note for lollies/chocolates was sent out this week. Items will be placed in tubs in the classroom with a snow cone for children in the class who donate the most. The plastic tubs are missing. Does anyone know where they are. The fair committee will speak to the children at assembly this Friday to explain the donations and snow cone incentive.
It is important for businesses that donate to the school to be aware that the donation is tax deductible. Karen will write out receipts on behalf of the school. Personal donations can also be tax deductible as can go to the St. Benedict's Building Fund.

**Crafty Madams**
Crafty madams had a good turn out last week which was encouraging. People are working really hard behind the scenes. It would be terrific if the broader community became involved. Crafty Madams has its own Pintrest and Instagram page. Please follow on these.

**Grandparents Day** will be held Friday September 12th. Format TBA. Discussion was had about the sound system in the hall especially for Grandparents Day. Barry will speak to Daniel about options for this day.

**New Business**

No new business was raised.

Meeting closed 21.00hrs.

**Next Meeting** – 18th August at 8pm, in the Staff Room.