Meeting Opened: 5.45pm

John welcomed all the new families to All Saints’ College and the new parents to the meeting.

Father Paul opened the meeting with a prayer and blessing.

Motion “That the minutes from the P&F Meeting dated 22nd November 2011 be accepted and endorsed as read”

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence

In: Funding application from Library
    Information from Eagle View Escape

Out: Invite to Cocktail Party
     Hon. Paul Toole – apologies for error on Cocktail Party invitation.
     Mrs L Million – Kew School – copy of drug and alcohol booklet

Treasurer’s Report: Mr Gavin Douglas
    Treasurer’s report presented as tabled

Head of College Report: Dr. Peter Miller

• China visit and Sister School agreement – We have a new sister school in Lianyangang, Jiangsu province. We are looking to develop a long term and meaningful relationship with the school

• Enrolment numbers for 2012 - another significant increase to start the year. The Junior School is the largest it has ever been (>155 students) and the Senior School is back to 280 students.

• Staffing
  o Farewell to both Roslyn Cox and Paula Elbourne. Ros and Paula have been a great team overseeing the enrolment process for all students. This has included a significant step up in our marketing and promotion of the school. They will be greatly missed and we appreciate the enormous contribution made.
  o New Registrar commences on Monday 13 February. Mr Michael Hissey has had an impressive career as a music educator in the independent school sector. He and his wife have recently relocated to Bathurst. They have grown up children.
  o Elizabeth Sergeant is on sick leave until further notice. We hope she is able to return to work soon.
  o The new Senior School Secretary is Belinda Thompson. She will complete this role in the front office with Scott Anderson more regularly featuring on the front desk.
  o A restructuring of the support staff has resulted in the loss of the position of Property Manager. Gavan Carter officially finishes at the end of February but he is to have some elective surgery next week which will see Gavan on sick leave from Thursday 9 February for the balance of his employment. I am grateful for Gavan’s work here and contribution to the life of the school.
  o Greg and Michele Thornton will finish at the end of this term. Michele is likely to finish before then. Greg’s new job at Sapphire Coast Anglican School starts at the beginning of Term 2. The new DT teacher is Mr Brendan Gibson (a Bathurst local coming from Endeavour High School).
• 2013 European Study Tour promotion has commenced - September 2013. Information evening to be held at school on Monday 23 April at 7:30pm.

• Head of College function – 7pm this Friday evening at the HoC residence. Wet weather back up is the dining room.

• Dr. Miller presented a slide show of our sister school agreement and his visit in December 2011 to Lianyangag, Jiangsu Province.

• Heather Cozens asked about the boy’s side of Barton House regarding the leaking and the possums. Dr Miller stated that finance is looking at this and Cath Dundon, Head of Barton House also has a few ideas to assist in making this area more presentable.

• John would like to make mention of all the hard work Ros Cox and Paula Elbourne (volunteer) have done in the registrar’s office. Thank you ladies.

**Senior School Report:** Mr Stewart Ross

• **2011 HSC RESULTS.**
  o Outstanding results — 85th in the state.
  o 25% of students achieved an ATAR of 90 or more – 41% achieved 80 or above.
  o Amanda Burbidge Dux. 99.25 also placed on Premiers All-rounders
  o Students achieved 38 Merit listings across a wide range of courses. This is more than 50% above that which would be expected on a state pattern.
  o 22 of the 31 courses students presented in were above the state mean. Ancient Hist for example was 13.3 above the state mean.
  o The following course (17 out of 31) had at least half (and in some cases all) of the ASC candidature in the top two bands: Anc Hist, Biology, Chemistry, Drama, Eng advanced, Eng Ext 2, French continuers, Hist extension, Legal Studies, Maths, Maths Ext 1 and 2, Music 1, Physics, Visual Arts
  o A boarding boy was the top student in NSW for Automotive.

• **EARLY ENTRY**
What we can provide for student post HSC is important thing we do at ASC. Early entry in University is a growing method of Tertiary acceptance and our placements have improved over the last few years. In 2011 we had the largest number of students seeking this form of entry and 86% of these students were successful. We believe that this is in part due to the “standing” of ASC as a learning institution.

• **ART EXPRESS**
A student has been selected for Art Express in 2012. Her work “Leaving Campsite and Country” will be exhibited in the Art Gallery of NSW. This is an excellent achievement.

• **ASC PRESENTS.....ALANAH MISZUK**
Next week, Tuesday 14th at 7pm in the Library, Alanah Miszuk from the Board of Studies will be talking to parents about changes to the Yr 10 School Certificate. Support from the Yr 10 parent body would be appreciated.

• **CHAPEL PERILOUS**
Next week will see our first major drama production for a number of years. Students and staff have been rehearsing for many months and we hope this will provide the impetus for further
production. The Chapel Perilous is an HSC text and is not suitable for younger students – it contains adult themes.

**Junior School Report:** Mr Chris Jackman

- Pirate Ship – will be advertising for a working bee for this later this term. Upright poles have already been concreted in.

- The JS has started the year with more enrolments than ever before. 157 students from K – 6.

- Staff - We welcomed Sally Alcorn back from maternity leave last week. Sally with be job sharing with Jo Nicholls on Year 1. We also welcomed Frances Duffy to the staff as a full time class teacher for Semester one, teaching Kindergarten while Kate Bird is on leave.

- JS P & F Committee for 2012 – Stacey Whittaker (President), Donna Hope (Vice President), Kristina Sotter (Secretary) and Michelle Gough (Treasurer)

- JS P & F will have a page in the JS VIM this year each week.

- Picnic on Oval – Tuesday 21st February

**Junior School P&F Report:** Mrs Kristina Sotter

- Class parent list complete ex transition day 2 & 5 - suggest send out note encouraging volunteers.

- New P&F committee has met for the year to discuss term 1 activities and finalized signatories for Westpac account which has been approved.

- Fundraising Term 1 = Swimming carnival and JS Picnic on the oval - both in hand regarding support and donations.

- Notes out this week promoting Drinks in the Garden and the Cocktail Party - encouraging support from parents and class parents.

- JS P&F have organized a permanent page in VIM each week - updating JS community.

- JS P&F have organized a link on the school website which will list agenda, schedule and minutes and new Gmail for the JS P&F. Spoken to Bob Poole to set up.

- JS P&F have asked permission for a key to the canteen.

- JS P&F to speak to P.Campbell and J.Michael regarding Trivia Night sponsorship.

- Morning Tea on Tuesday was a success and apparently best yet...all P&F committee attended

**Art Show Report:** Ms Susan Douglas

- Next Art Show Meeting will be 23rd February in Library.
• Working on weekend of 31st March to re-spray boards

• Hanging system on brick wall

• Art work from all Junior School Students again in 2012

• John asked when the information packages will be sent out?

**College Council Report:** Mrs Margaret Gaal

• Changes to School Council in June 2012; more details to follow.

• School Council has noted that ASC enjoys having an active P&F and the only college with OBU.

**General Business**

**Drug and Alcohol Booklet:**

• Booklets published and ready for launch on Saturday night at Abercrombie House.
  o John acknowledged the efforts of Stewart Ross who identified and pushed P&F to publish this booklet. Thank you Mr Ross.
  o Chris Jackman asked why this booklet was only being handed out to parents with students in Years 7 to 12, when the booklet refers to 12 years old students.
  o Chris would like all Year 6 parents to also receive a copy.
  o John Morris welcomed Chris Jackman’s suggestion; the meeting in agreement, parents from Years 6 to 12 will now receive the booklet.
  o Families that do not attend Abercrombie House will have their booklet delivered next week.

**Abercrombie House Function:**

• Paula Elbourne asked why was there is two functions within two nights of each other? John explained that Dr. Miller organises one for new parents and staff and the P&F function is held for all members of the school community including parents and school council.

• Paula asked that we consider combining these two events, as she felt it was difficult for boarding families as they are not spending much time with their children over the weekend.

**Application for Funding: Library**

**Motion** “That P&F spend $7500.00 over a 3 year period (from 2012 to 2014) for library books benefiting the school”

• This matter now to proceed before School Council for consideration and approval.

**Year Parents**

• Liz Moller has nearly completed the year parents list. We are currently still looking for year parents in Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11.
Fundraising:
- Denis Frost has a community member wanting to donate to agriculture department.
- John suggested to Denis that formalising this agreement for sponsorships needs to be done. Denis to speak with John and discuss further.
- Gavin Douglas suggested getting Boarding P&F involved.

Chris Jackman commented on how well the swimming pool cover was keeping the water in the pool warm for the early morning swim squad.

Mr Stewart Ross gave a brief talk on Bean House as Mr Patrick Sinclair was absent.

Meeting Closed: 7.15pm.