Meeting Opened: 11.10am


Apologies: Ian Menzies, Ian Elbourne, Tony & Judy Elias, Greg & Lynne Woodlock, Kate Rogers, Doreen Keech, Carolyn Grant

Business arising from previous minutes:

- On-Line School Survey: Peter Miller & Kate Rogers are close to finishing, it will be sent to parents, students and staff. 20-25 questions using Survey Monkey.

Motion “That the minutes from the Boarding P&F meeting dated Sat 11th Feb, 2012 be accepted and endorsed as read”

Moved: Paula Elbourne  Seconded: Nigel Wass

Correspondence out:

Correspondence in:

President’s Report: Mr Brian Plummer Brian welcomed everyone, especially the mums on Mother’s Day. Thank you to John Morris and the whole school P&F for subsidising half of the audit costs.

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs Tamara Wilcox

Current Balance: $4,366.65 Cr (National Australia Bank), Tamara to look into account with better interest, Outstanding bill for installation of Air Conditioner to be received. Organise for A/C fee to be forwarded to Tamara.

All Reports after General Business

General Business

- Cancellation of netball & town leave bus on Saturday’s: Lengthy discussion and concerns raised over Duty of Care concerning girls walking or getting a lift to netball. Concerns also that parents were not notified of the changes and were informed by their daughters.
Peter Miller to send a letter to all boarding and day families, making everyone aware of the situation so parents in the wider community can assist with arrangements. Peter Miller to investigate the cost of providing sport transport with the view to future discussion on a sport levy.

- **Role of the Boarding P&F:** Nigel Wass said that in a letter to Boarding P&F attendants dated the 12th March, it was suggested that the Boarding P&F had no role in discussing certain boarding issues at their meetings. He quoted the P&F constitution which clearly states that all subjects pertaining to boarding are open for discussion in a Boarding P&F meeting. John Morris responded and spoke about the challenge to keep meetings positive. Brian Plummer added that he was a strong believer that if people have concerns they can raise them at a meeting, otherwise they will not be resolved.

- **Discussion on Future Audit Requirements:** With only 2 deposits and 2 withdrawals the cost of auditing is high. Tamara will investigate costs.

- **KooGah jackets & Identification:** Problem of losing jackets solved by names now being embroidered on the front for a small cost of $8.50.

- **Spring Fair 'Bottle Stall':** A letter to go out to all parents (Wendy to do) to encourage “home-made” (preserves, pickles & jams) etc for the bottle stall, help with organisation and storage from Naomi Miller and Heather Cozens has been appreciated.

- **Fundraising for 2012:** 'Charmed Soap’ drive discussed as well as raffling signed Nadal & Hewitt shirts.

**Head of College Report:** Mr Peter Miller

1. **Head of Boys’ Boarding** – this position has been advertised in the SMH and local papers. Initial interest is strong.

2. **Clinic furniture** – we have purchased some new items of furniture as the first step in the refurbishment of the facility. A large desk, cupboards and storage spaces are amongst the additions.

3. **Barton House (Boys’ area)** – plans for the relining of the ceiling in this space are under way. This is expected to take a couple of weeks with the boys relocated to an area in the vicinity of the Maths classrooms for the duration of this project.

4. **2013 European Study Tour** - promotion of this tour on 23 April went well. There is strong interest in the tour. Plans for fundraising are in progress in an effort to reduce the cost per student.

5. **NSW Parents’ Council Funding Review meeting** – the evening of Wednesday 16 May at Kinross. Please check the Parents’ Council Website for details.
6. **Chinese sister school visit** – I will be visiting Xinhai Senior High School later this month. I will be looking to develop the relationship further and identify key areas for development in the next 12 to 18 months.

7. **Festival of Art preparation** – thank you to everyone involved in this. Planning is well under way.

8. **Show Jumping Day** – this will be on Sunday 20 May here on the school grounds. Many thanks to the team of people responsible for its organisation.

9. **Year 12 Interviews** – I am nearing completion of the annual event involving individual meetings with Year 12 students. These meetings continue to be an invaluable opportunity for me to find ways of the school supporting and developing individuals as well as recognising patterns in aspirations of our students. Once Year 12 is completed, I will embark upon Year 11 interviews of the same purpose.

- **Head of Boarding:** Mr Eliot Sanger
- **WELCOME** - A very warm welcome to the All Saints’ Boarding community to David Hitchick and Wesley Benson who join the Watson Team this Term.
- **MATTRESS REPLACEMENT SCHEME** - 30 mattresses have been ordered as part of the scheme. These will arrive during the school holidays and be put into service at the start of Term 3.
- **COMMUNICATION** – Letters have been sent out to boarding parents to notify them of significant events and information that will impact the boarding community over the last few weeks, namely the resignation of the Director of Boarding and the Boarding @ Saints’ newsletter. I would encourage parents to stay in regular contact with their child’s HOH regarding matters pertaining to the welfare and management of their child.
- **RESTRICTED LEAVE WEEKENDS** - As announced in the Boarding @ Saints’ newsletter, the practise of RLW will no longer be in place at ASC.
- **YR 7/8 PASTORAL CARE PROGRAM** - This program continues throughout this term as we seek to raise and educate our juniors in their understanding of key values such as Integrity, Commitment, Responsibility and Respect.
- **ACTIVITIES** - Towards the end of last term included a whole house trip to Bathurst Ten Pin Bowl and the girls and a few boys involved in a Boarders Talent Night. This term it was wonderful to have a handful of boarders to attend the ANZAC Day march in Bathurst. These boys and girls represented the College with distinction, humility and respect. I would like to thank them for their commitment and for being outstanding ambassadors of the school.
- **PROMOTION** - ASC will be represented at the Boarding Schools Expo to be held in Dubbo on the 18th & 19th May 2012. We look forward to meeting with prospective families from our heartland whilst we are there. The Registrar, Director of Boarding,
Head of Senior School and Head of College will be spending time at the Expo looking to attract more families to join the ASC Boarding community.

**Watson House Report**

- **David Hitchick** has commenced his role as Assistant Head of Watson. He is an outstanding man and the boys are very pleased to have him in and around the house in this role. He is working in very well with the staff and providing much needed support for the HOH.
- **Wesley Benson** has commenced his role as Resident tutor. Wesley has been given the specific task of focussing on prep, providing assistance to boys who require it and encouragement to those boys who find a disciplined approach to prep is difficult to achieve.
- **SUPERVISED ACTIVITIES** - With increased staffing in Watson House we are endeavouring to provide more supervised access to physical activity such as organised games, the weights room, Bickerdike etc. We are hopeful that the boys will avail themselves of this opportunity and involve themselves in an increased level of physical activity.
- **SPORTS CABINET** - We have managed to acquire a cabinet in which we are storing sports equipment for the boys to use. It currently has a range of footballs, cricket gear, tennis balls etc for the boys to access. We are seeking to add this collection over time to increase the access to a range of activities in which the boys can be involved in their spare time.
- **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** - A number of boys have returned from a very successful Rugby Tour of Canada and are now throwing themselves into their rugby season with renewed vigour. We have boys involved in both indoor & outdoor soccer and with drama and the presentation Ball coming up, everyone is fairly busy. It is nice to see the boys getting out and being more active.

**Marsden House Report:** Mrs Gillian McAllister

- A busy start to Term 2- 1 new student- Candice Nolan Year 11 from Kandos- Candice has settled in well.
- Wed 25th April- ANZAC Day- Eliot and I took a group of boarders into town for the March and a service at the Carillion- photos and details on the website.
- First weekend this term was the Bathurst Show- we took a busload of students in for the day on Sat 28th April. We then helped in the All Saints’ tent as well as having a look around the show.
- Lots of success among the boarders for the cattle team and the Young Achiever’s Award- details are on the website, both in News and Life in Boarding.
- Last weekend last term we took the boarders to the Palm Sunday service at the Cathedral, 10 pin bowling and had a Boarders’ Talent Night.
- Girls are now busy with co-curricular activities- sport, music, dance & drama.
- Year 11 girls are getting excited about the upcoming Presentation Ball.
- Pastoral Care Program with Yr7 & 8 going well- most Tuesdays 7.30-8.15.
- I took a small group of girls to a recent Seminar at MacKillop on “Empowering Girls”- excellent presentation and all Year 7 attended; 1 x year 8; 1x year 9 and 2x year 11. The Year 11 girls stated that they thought it should have been compulsory to attend- they thought it was brilliant! (Discussion with Stewart about having the presenter here at ASC- very expensive!)

Thank you for attending

Meeting Ended 1.00pm  Next Meeting: 3pm on Sat 11th August followed by a Social Function that evening.