ALL SAINTS’ COLLEGE PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION MEETING  
TUESDAY 8th February, 2011  

New Junior School Library

Meeting Opened: 5.50pm

President extended a warm welcome to Brian Plummer representing Boarding P& F and all new faces.

Motion  “That the minutes from P&F Meeting dates 23rd November 2010 be Accepted and endorsed as read”

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence

In:  
Email from Anna and Gavin Krebs
Bathurst Regional Council brochure – regulations for swimming pools

Out:  
Email to Gail Hewitt – Bathurst Council re banners over William Street
Email to Mrs. Wendy Muffett – tree planting
Email to Anna and Gavin Krebs

Treasurer’s Report: Mr. Gavin Douglas

Treasurer’s report presented as tabled
Available funds as at 8th February 2011 ................. $56967.54

Senior School Report: Mr. Stewart Ross

2010 HSC RESULTS.
• Outstanding results – best non-metropolitan school – 33rd in State.
• 41% of students achieved an ATAR of 90 or more
• Olivia Coleman Dux. 99.1
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• Four students on Premiers All-rounder’s list (Olivia Coleman, Claire Anthes, Katrina Kelleher, Jake Thornton)

• 29 students achieved 73 Merit Listings (Band 6)

• 25 of the 27 courses students presented in were above the state mean.

The results show the dedication of our staff and the support the cohort gave each other during the year.

NEW SENIOR STAFF

• Mr. Mark Whitfield is teaching Agriculture and Science replacing Mrs. Ferguson

• Mrs. Zoe McGirr is our new Drama teacher replacing Mrs. Fitzgerald.

• Mrs. Gillian McAllister will assume the role of Head of Girls’ Boarding replacing Mrs. Isbister

• Rev’d James Hodson is the new Assistant Chaplain replacing Rev’d Pailthorpe

• Mrs. Michelle O’ Brien will take the role of Dean of Year 7.

DEPARTMENT RESTRUCTURE

• We now have 5 academic departments in the Senior School:
  o English & LOTE
  o Mathematics
  o Science (Science, Agriculture and PDHPE)
  o Creative and Performing Arts (Visual Arts, Music, Drama and DT)
  o History & HSIE Geography, Business Studies, Legal Studies, Economics

• The role of Directory of Studies will be combined with Head of Senior School.

• One Girls’ boarding and one Boys’ boarding.

TIMETABLE CHANGE

• Period 0 for Yr 11 (Letter tabled)
A PARENTS GUIDE TO TEEN ALCOHOL AND PARTIES

- A number of booklets have been received. This was the other Parent handout I mentioned last year. Where to from now?
- “Parent’s guide to teen alcohol and parties booklet”, Stewart has 200 copies.
- Letter sent to all Year 11 parents today regarding the changes in timetables and the 8am classes for many students. Copy of report tabled.

**Motion**

“To mail out ‘Parents’ guide to teen alcohol and parties’ booklet to all parents with a copy of the President’s letter.”

**Junior School Report: Mr. Chris Jackman**

- Two big projects for the year.
  - Ship and sandpit under shade cloth
  - Extension of fence around vegetable garden
- Intend on seeking financial support from Whole School P & F along with funds raised by Junior School P & F to support these projects. Materials to be purchased and labour will happen in working bees.

**Vegetable Gardens**

- Top caps glued on and looks fantastic. The children have been eating the produce.
- Sale of vegetables from vegetable gardens raised over $800.00.
- Crushed granite was purchased from profits to put around vegetable gardens.
- This is a self funding project.
- Country Fruit donated extra fruit and vegetables for sale.
- Chris thanked whole school P&F for their support with the vegetable gardens.
- Transition – second step has been concreted in.
- Old fence around the Transition playground is going back after completion of library.
- Relocated cubby house in Transition yard.
Head of College Report: Dr. Peter Miller

General matters

- **2010 HSC Results** – 33rd in NSW thanks to teamwork consisting outstanding application by students, great support for each other, excellent teaching and a fabulous learning environment for students.

- **Bruce Clydsdale Testimonial dinner** – Saturday 26 February. See Reception for acceptance.

- **P&F Office space** – this is available. We need to look at the set up.

- **New buildings** – these are now completed and occupied.

- **Holiday maintenance works** – much time and attention has been given to upgrading boys’ boarding with extensive repainting and carpeting. Also, work in the kitchen (tiling and painting).

- **New Staff** – a special welcome to Zoe McGurr (Drama) and Mark Whitfeld (Ag) as well as Gill McAllister (Marsden House – Girls’ boarding). Meet Mark at the “School Farm” on Friday after the swimming carnival.

- **Student enrolments** – The Senior School has grown by 20 students this year. Girls’ boarding is especially strong with 62 girls involved. Nearly 30 boys are in boarding. This demonstrates traction for the meet and greets held in the second half of 2010. Ten are planned for this year (mostly in Semester 1). Thanks to the outstanding work of Ros Cox and [voluntarily] Paula Elbourne.

Future Programmes and Projects

- **Garden Maintenance Group** – interest from parents has resulted in the establishment of this group. Plans are under way to develop this further. Min McClelland is working with others to organise and assist in this.

- **Paint a pillar** – a working bee is planned for later this term. The aim it to paint the pillars on the covered way through the Senior School. Parents and students will be invited to bring a paint brush and work for as long as they are available. The date is to be set. More information later through Revelations.
All Saints’ College Parents and Friends Association Meeting
Tuesday, 8th February, 2011

• All Saints wine proposal – attached is a copy of a proposal from the All Saints winery (Victoria). Would the P&F like to be involved in this as an event?
• Dr Miller received a congratulations phone call from Tim Wright (ex ASC Principal) regarding the HSC results.
• Integrating Agriculture with School Farm concept – everyone welcome to have a look on 10/2/11 after swimming carnival.
• Heather Cozens asked why we did not advertise in the 100 year issue of The Land feature. Dr Miller thinks it was a cost factor and time restraints. Suggestion that regular readers of The Land notify Ros Cox (Registrar) if a special feature is coming up and let her know.
• Dr. Miller was asked had he heard any feedback on Mackillop College advertising campaign on Prime Television. No feedback had been received and Dr Miller felt that advertising on television is a huge expense. Ros Cox is looking into television advertising at present.

Junior School P&F Report: Mrs. Georgina Sanger

No Junior School Meeting until Thursday 17/2/2011.

Art Show Report: Mrs. Maree Crofts

• Co-coordinators position is still vacant
• 2011 Art Show will have a feature artist – Artist/quilter
• New Idea’s welcome
• First meeting in a few weeks – advertise date and time in revelations
• New members welcome to come along

Boarding P&F Report: Mr. Brian Plummer

• Thanks to whole school P&F for helping fund new kitchen in Watson; Kitchen will be installed by Kelso Kitchens on 29th Match 2011 with little disruption to students and staff.
• Both boarding houses are a work in progress.
• Kids have returned positive for a new start.
• Stewart Ross commented that the Clinic has reported that the boarders have settled in very smoothly and there is very little home sickness.
• City/Country program is working well. Brian Plummer commented that is a great program for parents of students that live a long way away.
• Paula Elbourne has been instrumental working on this program.

General Business
• Letter from Mrs. Anna and Mr. Gavin Krebs
• No information given to parents and students prior to commencement of Term 1 for early starts for some subjects.
• Some parents felt that the early start was not an issue.
• John Morris asked that Anna and Gavin Krebs take this matter up with Head of Senior School, Mr. Stewart Ross.
• Dr Miller commented that this issue could have been dealt with better. The change has allowed for extra subjects to be offered and more opportunities for students.
• All co-curricular subjects have been addressed and are no located in lunchtimes.
• Suggestion was made by Maxine Whitchurch that a strategy be put into place to improve the communication between ASC and parents. Dr. Miller has offered to sit down and discuss this ongoing issue with a group of parents.

Social Event – Abercrombie House 12/2/2011
• 160 people attending
• Great night should be had by all.
• Thank you to Maree, Kay and Lesley for organizing.

Fundraising / Data Organizer - Mrs Jo Michael
• New role, Jo is still working out how to best to utilize her role.
• New data base for business being created and will be maintained regularly.
• Jo will try and maintain a working relationship with business owners.

**Watering System**

• Dr Miller can see no reason not to approve this watering system if P&F are happy to have this project installed and completed.

**Motion:** “That the original quotation for the watering system at front of school be amended to an amount up to $4999.00.”

**Installation of Bubblers**

• Plumber is on sick leave – operation pending

• Dr Miller asked that we be realistic in managing time and money. The workies are unable to complete all tasks. We have to consider using companies outside of the school.

• John Morris asked Dr. Miller to look into what is happening with the bubblers.

**Year 7 Parent Contact**

• John Morris asked if any parent was interested in taking on the role of Year 7 parent.

• Maree Crofts to follow up to leads.

**Swimming Pool Blanket**

• We approved the swimming pool blanket in November, but due to an incorrect measurement, Gavin Douglas withdrew the application until a new measurement was available.

• Revised quote is $18152.00 inc. GST

• Decision was held regarding the safety of the pool fence and Council regulations.

• Margaret Gaal to organize building inspector from Bathurst Council to come and look into the pool cover and position of the roller.

• A few queries were raised regarding the leak of the swimming pool and if it is worth spending all this money on a cover. Dr. Miller stated that he has no idea
what is happening at the bottom of the pool but is committed to having a swimming pool on campus and a cover would be a great asset.

- Suggestion to empty the pool over winter and get a qualified person to look at the crack/leak.

**Motion:** “That P&F fund up to $16600.00 on purchasing a removable solar blanket to cover the pool”.

*I sustained from voting.*

**Council Rep. – Mrs. Kay Crawford**

- P&F representative on School Council is re-open for applications due to paperwork issues.
- Two people have already applied and once issues have been sorted their application will be current.

Maree Crofts asked that we are mindful of the jobs that D. Miller is asked to do. Things like plumbing etc. can be done by a committee member direct to the “workies”.

John Morris commented on how impressive the school grounds are looking. Staff should be congratulated.

Margaret Gaal reported that two Murray grey’s (steer/heifer) are up in the agriculture plot for students to look if Mr. Whitfield is present. Margaret Gaal to organize signs to make people aware of the dangers of being around cattle.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March 2011 at 5.45pm **in the Japanese Centre**

Meeting Closed 7.45pm