

Parent Committee meeting, May 5, 2015

Meeting opened at 7.05pm

Christine Figuero, as Acting Principal, led the opening prayer.

Apologies were called for and accepted.

Mrs Figuero gave the Principal's Report.

A council officer visited the school to investigate complaints of illegal parking and speeding in Todd Row. One resident has been particularly aggressive and has taken to parking his truck in the street just before 3pm. A meeting was held with Father last term to discuss parking across the church driveway that had caused disruptions. As a result, morning drop-off for Kiss and Ride is at the first gate, closest to the library. However, concerns were raised that some parents wait for their children to go through the second set of gates before parents drove away, causing a hold-up for cars waiting behind. It was suggested that Kiss and Ride could be change to Moore Street to avoid causing conflict with residents of the narrower Todd Row. Mrs Figuero felt this could be problematic because of the bus stop and the heavier traffic flow, but said she would discuss it with the council representative when they return to the school at the end of this week.

Early bird reading started last week. Years 4-6 are tutors. Year 3 students are allowed to tutor after reading to an older student first.

NAPLAN is next week for Year's 3 and 5.

Children now have to sit and eat for the first 5-10 minutes of recess as well as lunch to ensure they are eating and not throwing their food in the bin and also to prevent the risk of choking if they eat as they run around.

Last week Mrs Samantha Barros held a literacy information session for parents.

Thanks to the Year 6 parents who organised the Easter raffle that raised \$836.

Thanks to parents for supporting the Year 2 table-a-thon, which was held last week.

The Mother's Day stall and liturgy are to be held next Friday.

Mrs Figuero said she had received an invitation for parents interested in attending the 11<sup>th</sup> Catholic Schools parent conference "It Takes A Village To Raise A Child" to be held in Coffs Harbour on May 16-17.

Kindergarten 2016 interviews are underway.

General Business

The question was asked why there was no environment award during assemblies any more. It was stopped because it was felt that the whole playground was everyone's responsibility. Mrs Figuero said the cleanliness of the playground had improved.

The question was asked if fortnightly assemblies had stopped. The meeting was told that there are now three assemblies per term plus any special assemblies as required.

The question was asked if children could still borrow from the library while Mrs Lorraine Alexander is on holidays, as the children are not having library lessons in her absence. The meeting was told that some teachers have been taking their classes to the library to borrow books. It will be suggested to other staff at this week's staff meeting.

A question raised at the last meeting about the possibility of Monte's Canteen taking lunch orders via internet was raised again. The meeting was told that this was not possible.