



# OLOL Parent Group Meeting Minutes

Term 1, Week 3 2019

**Meeting Held At:** OLOL Library

**Date:** 12/02/19

**Commenced:** 7:05

**Present:** Keiran Byrnes, Carol Cividin, Janine Ballment, Melissa Laus, Patricia Fiorenza, Theresa Sultana, Katherine Fountain, Melissa Fahey, Ben Reardon, Ann Lamprou, Rebecca Singh, Tanya Kulpitakbhakdi, Ulisa Risal, Nerida Whybin, Srividhya Vijay, Jayleanne Nowak

**Apologies:** Jennifer Herczeg, Julie Abdilla

**Minutes of the Last Meeting true and correct:** Theresa & Janine

**Prayer:** Pat

DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED
<p><b>Matters Arising from Last Meeting –</b> Name change of the “Parent Group” which will happen at the AGM at the end of the year (as per the Constitution).</p>	
<p><b>President’s Report</b> Looking forward to a great year ahead, get involved, share your ideas.</p>	
 <p>Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills</p> <p><b>Principal’s Report Parent Group</b> <b>Date:</b> 12/02/2019</p> <p><b>Developing our community as an authentic Catholic community</b> The term has begun well. The children have come to school positive and ready to learn. Looking forward to a great year. The red carpet was a bit of fun that we had for the kids on day. The playground has been very popular with the kids and it has been a joy watching them enjoying running around, even rolling around and having a good time. Not all the work is complete and we will continue to develop the various areas of the school.</p> <p>We also repeated the effort for day 1 of the kinder students.</p> <p>Thank you to the parent group for extending the welcome to Kindergarten parents by organising the Cheers and Tears morning tea and the gift bags. It was well attended and it was great to have multiple people helping get things ready.</p>	



We have had lovely celebrations for the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes both at the School and Parish. At a school level we were able to commission our leaders. I was very proud of the children and their sense of reverence as we celebrated the Eucharist as a faith community.

### **Learning at OLOL**

As a staff we will continue to strive for school improvement and we will continue to try to raise the bar in the areas of Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy.

The children have been busy in these first two weeks writing letters to myself and Carol, trying to persuade us of what we need to buy or do to continue to improve our playground. These are a couple of samples. Carol and I will choose some letters and implement their ideas. Please note we did have a feasibility clause in our criteria.

In numeracy we really want to say thank you for parental cooperation in bringing children in before school officially started to do the Mathematics Assessment Interviews. We think this has been one of the most successful years as we have been able to get all students done with a minimum impact on class time. The purpose of these interviews is very much about knowing each child as a learner and where their next step is in the learning.

You might remember last year as a school we did some work with Professor Peter Sullivan around Geometric Reasoning and in particular angles. This year both Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be continuing this work about measurement so we can ensure rich tasks that provide real challenge.

As we begin Lent this year once again we will be involved in Project Compassion. The theme this year is “for a just future”. We will once again be involving the children in fundraising for Project Compassion raising money for our “goaty gift” action. We are focussed on educating the children about the stories of those less fortunate in class, at assembly and through our Project Compassion day later in the term. We are encouraging children to have a sense of sacrifice in order to help others.

### **General:**

#### **Parent teacher meetings**

Meet the teacher meetings will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February. The purpose is very much about you sharing with the teacher your intimate knowledge of your child.

We do value the partnership between school and home. Communication that is honest and mutually respectful is key to the success of the partnership. As you know the meet the teacher meetings are a scheduled time. However, as always if



you have a concern speak to the appropriate person who can assist you. The first point of contact would always be the classroom teacher.

### **Kinder Welcome BBQ**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 5:00pm. With the help of a number of parents we are planning a simple welcome BBQ with games for the children and a chance for new parents to meet socially. The leaders that were commissioned last week will be assisting and this is also a real opportunity for them to contribute to the school.

### **Catholic Schools Week**

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March Open Day. This is for prospective new families enrolling for 2019.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March Celebrating Mass and having open classrooms. A chance for parents to pray as a faith community together and to visit your child's learning space.

### **Parent as Educators**

We are very keen for parents to be involved in the school in any way they can. A reminder for parents, if you are able to volunteer you must participate in one of the Parents as Educators sessions every second year. This has important information about child protection and your responsibilities as a volunteer as well as we try to focus on one aspect of school to share with parents. This year Janelle Bawden will share how we explore scripture with the children in their Religious Education lessons. This year these sessions will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 8:40am and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm.

### **Attendance:**

OLOL Catholic Primary School is working in line with the CEDP system wide approach Every Learner, Every Day campaign to raise awareness about the importance of punctual attendance for every student, on every school day and to promote a healthy attendance culture. The reason I repeatedly speak about attendance is because it is closely linked with children's success at school.

### **School Uniform:**

We are encouraging all students to wear the correct school uniform. We ask that children wear full school uniform at all times and we ask for parents' support in ensuring appropriate haircuts (no coloured hair) and wearing of limited jewellery (one pair of studs or sleeper earrings only, no bangles, etc). The way the children wear their uniform does create a sense of pride in the school as well as it projects a good image for the school in the wider community.

The new school jumper will be on a pre-order basis only. Orders will be taken once a year. No further orders will be able to be processed after the cut off date due to manufacturing requirements.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to the executive of the parent group for their generosity in helping to



<p>organise the work of the parent group in support of and in partnership with the school.</p>	
<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> Current bank balance is \$7892.05</p>	
<p><b>Publicity Report</b> In the Know has been well received as per oral feedback, and it will be a regular publication this year.</p>	
<p><b>PRC Report</b> n/a</p>	
<p><b>Correspondence</b> We sponsor a World Vision child. We receive Christmas cards and letters about their favourite subject and other information like that. As we are a Catholic community, some of our fundraising goes to this cause. As a Parent Group committee we do a little bit of fundraising throughout the year, and all of the money raised goes back into the school.</p>	
<p><b>General Business</b> Meal Deals have been decided for this term- Pancakes 5/3. Hot cross buns 12/4 and a Hot Dog meal deal in Term 2. You have to have completed your parents as educators course before you can become a volunteer. As we don't have a canteen, this is a way that the children can enjoy hot food/ special treats, etc. We also do lunchtime sales- summer- ice blocks, winter- hot chocolate. This is not compulsory and you may only want to give your child \$1 for this once a week or once a fortnight- it is completely up to you. If you can spare time to help even just one hour once a term is a great help. You can contact Melinda Sammut if you can spare any time during the term to help out with lunchtime sales- Mel organises the roster. It costs \$1 for an ice block/ hot chocolate (seasonal) and the children love it. The children get very excited to see their parent helping at the school. Events happening during the Term (Semester)- Kindy BBQ, Mother's Day stall and breakfast. Need to bring a reusable bag for the Mother's Day stall.</p>	

**End of General Meeting - Meeting Closed: 8:15**

**Next Meeting to be Held: Week 7, Term 1 2019 (Tuesday 12/03/19)**