



PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 4 March 2025 - Term 1

Meeting Start: 6pm

Meeting End: 7.30pm

PC Member Attendees:

No.	Attendee Name	Committee Position & Other Position/s
1.	Jo Lightbody	Chair
2.	Jodi Roth	Community Building Team Representative
3.	Emily Park	Treasurer
4.	Tahlia McRae	Secretary
5.	Bernard Cumming	Principal
6.	Michelle Perry (virtual)	Vice Principal
7.	Rachel Mills	Parent Engagement Coordinator
8.	Rachel Brown	Marketing
9.	Katie Taylor	Parent Representative
10.	Rebeca Razbusek	Parent Representative
11.	Jemma Policarpo	Parent Representative
12.	Karina	Parent Representative

Parent / Non Official Role Attendees:

No.	Name
1.	Hollie B
2.	Carley Dess
3.	Michelle
4.	Natalie Hoppe

The first meeting of the year began with a Prayer prepared by Jodi Roth.



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ITEM 1	New Parent Council introduction	
	Jo, Emily, Tahlia, Jodi & Rebecca were introduced as new members of the parent council team.	
ITEM 2	Minutes from Last Meeting	WHO
	<p>Scholastic Book Club Sales:</p> <p>Help needed and some additional explanations for parents.</p> <p>Staff leaving:</p> <p>Updates on Karen Stephenson leaving and Alison beginning alongside Sue.</p>	Jo
ITEM 3	Parent Council AGM Principal Report 2025	WHO
	<p>Thank you to those who were able to attend the Parent Council Meeting tonight.</p> <p>I thank the new committee for volunteering and look forward to a great 2025 with some changes.</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Two new priests have started, Father Alex and Father Vincent. Please make them welcome.</p> <p>Staff Discussion</p> <p>We welcome our new teachers: Abbie Field in Kindy Tiarn Moore in Year 2 Nathan Marzinotto in Year 3 Owen Griffiths for PE Judy Stapleton in the library Welcome back Lucy Mills</p> <p>450 students enrolled this year.</p> <p>Mass</p>	Bernard.C



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	<p>Mass is being held at 12pm now as a trial so as to not cut into critical or prime learning time for the children. We're happy to try new things and work with Father Alex and Father Vincent on what works best for all.</p> <p>Shrove Tuesday</p> <p>Minnie Vinnies held a successful Shrove Tuesday for students and sold pikelets, raising money for Project Compassion.</p> <p>Sport Update</p> <p>Cross country will be at the end of Term 1.</p> <p>Carey Street update</p> <p>Street open after being closing for a significant portion of 2024, and we have full use of the paddock back.</p> <p>Seesaw</p> <p>The Seesaw app was discontinued due to data privacy concerns. Parents can post questions in their Facebook groups or email the school.</p> <p>Uniform</p> <p>A lot of feedback from many families on the new uniform and ways it isn't working. Potential to move away from Lowes. This is a work in progress, and I don't want to rush it, but there will be further changes to the current new uniform.</p>	
ITEM 4	Review of Events so far	WHO
	<p>Tears and Cheers morning tea for kindy parents after school drop-off on the first day was very well received. Parents loved the gift bag and the opportunity to connect with other parents and the parent council.</p> <p>Welcome BBQ had a good turnout despite the rain. The jumping castles being undercover were a success, and the children had a great time. Few sausages left over. Snow cones were a hit. Made everything free for families.</p> <p>It was a great idea to have stalls for the first time, and I hope to continue including families in new ways moving forward.</p>	Jo



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	We need to encourage more help from families for these types of events.	
ITEM 5	Support for Cohen	WHO
	<p>Cohen in year 2's family is very appreciative of the support from the school. Meal Train is full for the term; thank you.</p> <p>If you want to support, please drop off petrol or supermarket vouchers to the school office. Thank you for your support.</p>	Rachel M
ITEM 6	Resources for the school	WHO
	<p>Parent Council wants to spend some of the saved money on the school. Ideas brought forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soccer goals and balls. Children need to be responsible for bringing them in and out. • Portable basketball hoops • Boardgames for Boost • A cyber safety expert to speak to parents and children (Rachel to send info) • Find a big box for chess pieces to go with the chess board in the car park area and dice for snakes and ladders, so items won't go missing overnight. • See if Rebel Sports will work with OLR with an account for when families buy items there they can give back vouchers to the school. • Buddy bench was discussed, but the preference is for a friendship circle or round table, preferably in the shade or with a tree. We want to make sure all children feel included. • 3D printer or items for robotics • Wool donations • Sensory garden <p>Find out if the teachers have a wish list for the classrooms and if the parent council can help.</p> <p>Explained rules surrounding the parent council being unable to buy anything that becomes a structure in the school. Bound by guidelines.</p>	All



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	Can younger children be involved in Dance Troop at lunch? This was brought up. Will speak to the teachers.	
ITEM 7	Uniform clarification	WHO
	<p>Uniform changes were discussed.</p> <p>The logo is to be removed from all shorts and skorts as it is not what was agreed on.</p> <p>Looking into changing girls' skort as many complaints from families on the look and fit. Children don't like it.</p> <p>Families can buy generic skorts or shorts as logos not coming back.</p> <p>Miscommunication with Lowes on uniform designs and colours, looking at other suppliers.</p> <p>OLR is taking all family feedback on board to make changes to the new uniform and they will be rolled out this year. Pictures in the newsletter to come. We want to provide many options for families.</p> <p>The new uniform will be enforced from Term 1, 2027.</p> <p>Plenty of old uniforms at the second-hand uniform shop if needed; \$5 for a jumper.</p>	All
ITEM 8	Feedback on new communication methods at the school	WHO
	<p>Families raised concerns about feeling very disconnected from teachers this year. Messages they have sent don't seem to be reaching the teacher.</p> <p>There are teething issues always implementing a new system. This will work. It is best for data safety for all involved. Teachers will message families and classes through Compass. Reach teachers directly via emailing the office. Your email will be forwarded. In the subject line put the class and teacher's name.</p>	All
ITEM 9	Upcoming events and fundraising	WHO



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	<p>Bunnings locked in a date with us for Sunday, 17th August. Will need parent volunteers.</p> <p>Changing of Mother's Day gifts to be more suited to mothers and not just \$2 shop items that get thrown away. Looking into succulents.</p> <p>Changing up discos this year to be purely for dancing. Closing off playground and grass area. Will have a glow disco in May.</p> <p>Give back event in November this year. Slime, food trucks and fun for families on a Friday afternoon.</p> <p>Snow cone day for the children coming in summer in Term 4.</p> <p>Trivia Night will be 29 August; reach out for donations now.</p> <p>Bandana Day to show support for Cohen Thursday, 30 October.</p>	Jodi, Bec
ITEM 10	Cleaning procedures	WHO
	<p>The boys' toilets near the year 1 classrooms always have a putrid smell. Due to a cleaning issue and the urinal being unable to flush properly.</p> <p>OLR is looking into fixing/removing the urinal.</p>	Bec, Bernard
ITEM 11	Open to the floor	WHO
	<p>OSHC</p> <p>The same organisation has run OLR's OSHC forever. Would it ever be put out to tender? Looking at another company is always an option if their contract isn't to be renewed next year.</p> <p>Families need to email Bernard with any feedback regarding OSHC.</p> <p>Families' feedback currently shows a lack of trust in the current company, Gosford Regional Community Services. Many families have left over the past 3 weeks.</p>	
ITEM 12	Treasurer Report	WHO



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	<p>\$19,792.43 in the main account and term deposit.</p> <p>Term deposit is available from mid-March and won't be renewed as interest was terrible.</p> <p>Tears and Cheers Morning tea spend: \$341.80</p> <p>Welcome BBQ Spend: \$1302.05</p> <p>Bought a gift for Louise Foyle and Karen S as farewell.</p> <p>Total spend for 2025: \$1,936.79</p>	Emily
ITEM 13	Closing and next meeting	WHO
	<p>Thank you so much for coming, looking forward to a great year.</p> <p>Next meeting is Tuesday 20 May at 9am.</p>	