INABURRA PARENTS & FRIENDS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 2 August 2016 at 7.30pm in the Drama Studio, Inaburra School

Attendees and apologies: See Parents & Friends Attendance Book. Quorum for meeting was reached.

Chair: Barbara Curtis, President (BC), Parents & Friends
Secretary: Chris Yee

1. The minutes of the previous meeting on 10 June 2016, were accepted as a true record of that meeting.

   Motion: put forward by Maree Staples, seconded by Debbie Alvarez.

Special Item

2. Meet the teachers: Mr Bowden introduced and interviewed several new teachers.
   • Natasha Childers (Mathematics)
   • Melissa Schipp (Year 3)
   • Katrina Harte (Science)
   • Hayley Simpson (Science)

Some points of interest:
   • All the teachers did not start out their careers/studies heading towards becoming teachers but found that they had a passion for teaching and mentoring.
   • All teachers noted there was no “silver bullet” for encouraging more females in the fields of science and mathematics. University courses appeared to have small number of female students but that was slowly changing.

General business

3. Principal’s Q&A: Mr Bowden gave the following updates:

   3a. Inaburra Building Project: Mr Bowden noted the building project was continuing at good pace; the builders were knocking out the existing framework and the superstructure for the rood was almost ready. While the building was obviously impacting the neighbour’s skyline, there had been no major complaints (and the building was compliant with all regulations).

   3b. Business trip: Mr Bowden will be attending a business trip in Bangalore in October.
3c. Planned school trips: there would be two major school trips in the October holidays:

- Visual Arts tour (including London, Paris, Florence). Mr Collins will be joining this tour.
- Year 9-10 Mandarin trip to China. Mr Coote is joining the tour as it will be an opportunity to take the year 5-6 students on a tour to a sister school next year.

4. Head of School reports:

Mr Coote noted the following:

- The school just held their annual Grandparents Day.
- The ARIA award winning acapella group The Idea of North held a workshop for the school singing groups.
- 99 students from years 2-6 would be attending the school Band Camp. Mr Coote would visit the camp every day but wouldn’t be staying over.
- 4 new students had joined the Junior school.
- Mr Coote was excited about the Stage 3 Passion Projects; allowing students to plan and explore topics based on their interests.

Mr Collins mentioned the following:

- Year 12 showcase nights were scheduled in the next few weeks.
- Trial HSC exams were coming up. Due to the noise of the building project, the school was trialling using the PAC stage and the back of the gym as alternative.
- The Year 10 students would be attending work experience next week.
- Half year reports will be sent out in the next few weeks.

5. Inaburra Trivia Night Event update: Jen Bosilkovski (JB) and Ruth Wernick (RW) gave an update on the Trivia Night:

- The Galabid Auction system went live on Monday 1 August; there were already $6,000 in bids. A couple more items would be added in the next few weeks.
- Were able to add 5 extra tables in the room since the initial booking.
- A cheese station will be available in the room.
- Need 1-2 parents to help bake items for the dessert station.
- Hired an MC for the trivia group that is run at the Como Hotel.
- Club Menai will not let the planning team to come in more than 2 hours (4:30pm) before the start of the night, unless the P&F was willing to pay another $500. JB and RW stated they have 6-8 helpers but may need more helpers to get the room ready in time.
- Balloon Pop: 100 balloons filled with prizes.
- Hired a professional 1920s band.
- The night would allow for more time to socialise (than was available in previous years).

Barbara Curtis (BC) stated the Junior School auction artwork was almost done.
6. **Father’s Day breakfast (Friday 2 September).**
   Barbara Curtis mentioned:
   - The Father’s Day breakfast was traditionally only open to Junior School parents but will now be open to the Senior school as well.
   - RSVPs will be handled by online booking to allow the P&F to cater numbers.
   - Cooking for the Father’s Day breakfast (Bacon & Egg rolls) will start at 6am; help needed.

   Melissa Frost will be running the *Father’s Day gift stall* on Wednesday 31 August.

The meeting closed at [8:50pm]

**Next meeting:** Friday 16 September, 9.00am for 9.30am start at The Project Y Hall (between Café Y and Menai Library). Topic: Inaburra Build Project update, Trivia Night Event wrap-up

Signed as a true record of the meeting.

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**President**