

SRG Meeting Summary

SJB 30.3.17- 12.30pm

Present: Carmel Hewitt, Therese, Scott, Vanessa, Amanda, Remy, Meena, Celeste, Nic, Fran, Melissa

1. Overview of Parent leadership meeting Tuesday night at St Cecilia's Wyong:

- Implications and comments discussed: All schools are on journey of change, moving away from traditional models of parent bodies; there were great ideas from other schools and each group is adopting structures that suits individual school needs.
- Future ready characteristics & transparency to community- this fits with PRG ideas on Facebook page. Promote our achievements and communicate, connect and reflect.
- Using strengths and/or parent skills.
- Soft skill focus- The 6 C's as a model to discuss and plan events. When using the framework based on our Mothers' Day event SJB managed to cover all 6 areas well.
- Other members to read "Future ready" booklet when have time

2. Parent meetings each term:

- Discussion around offering some meetings during day rather than all at night.
- As SJB have teacher led topic nights, the day meeting may be difficult due to staff teaching.
- Video of meeting may be an option.

3. PRG Formation, Carmel Hewitt:

- Last week's meeting was looking at developing our vision and themes, clarifying goals and processes. Today's focus is to create plan of action and provide further transparency.
- 2 groups separated to brainstorm each area- Vision Statement & Goals
- **Final Vision statement:**
- **"The PRG is a supportive and inclusive group that connects to the school and parish community and adapts to the changing educational, spiritual and social landscape."**
- **Final goals:**
- **The PRG will:**
- **1. In partnership with the school and parish, connect with families to support the learning and wellbeing of children**
- **2. Respond and adapt to the changing needs of our community**
- **3. Provide ongoing opportunities for families to engage with the school and parish community in a spirit of inclusivity that is sustainable.**
- **4. Collaborate with and support the school leadership in implementing the School Improvement Plan.**
- **Strategies/Processes:**
- Involvement and partnership in Sacramental preparation of students (parents think this happens at school, this is actually parent role)
- Facebook PRG page.
- Topic focused term meetings.
- Engaging new/all families via school app, newsletter, community events, tea/coffee, end of term gathering for new families (by invitation from PRG), parent buddy system.
- Using various technology options to engage all families that cannot attend events

- Creating invitations for parents to engage in alternative ways.
- Gathering feedback from the community via surveys, morning cuppa, Facebook discussion, activities/ events- participation
- Passing feedback on to school leadership team and vice versa
- Discuss how PRG can support leadership
- Reflect on the needs of SJB and parish community and events planned
- Utilise the family room to promote information- Notice board
- Connect with playgroup and ELC
- Develop a communications team to help distribute information

4. Dinner Dance:

- Grade reps to encourage class tables and attendance
- Create a new families table
- Reinforce to the community that the dinner dance is for everyone
- Use parent body voice to promote
- Promote via the grade, school and PRG Facebook pages
- Invite all families
- Locate all Facebook grade administrators and PRG grade rep to connect with these people

PRG Grade representatives:

- **Kinder** **Scott, Tunya**
- **Year 1** **Tara, Remy, Celeste, Meena**
- **Year 2** **Vanessa, Meena, Therese, Tunya**
- **Year 3** **Celeste, Julie, Leslie**
- **Year 4** **Nadia, Jen, Rebecca**
- **Year 5** **Vanessa, Nadia**
- **Year 6** **Jen**