



# Newman Parents Consultative Committee

18.03

Monday 3 September 2018, 7.00pm  
Auditorium, Studio 1

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## Minutes

### 1. Opening & Prayer

Caterina Celisano opened the meeting at 7.00pm.  
Daniel Lynch led the prayer and reflection.

### 2. Attendance

#### Apologies

Mitch Bristow

#### In Attendance

Caterina Celisano, Anita Andreatta, Kylie Martinazzo, Jenny Hart, Linda Paterson, Mike Paterson, Neil Gulvin, Alicia Mason, Caterina Di Biase, Annelise Norgaard, Jane Keet, Kirstyn Jenkins, Nigel Jenkins, Stella Rapanaro, Catherine Gilbert, Carlos Uribe, Aira Carrero, Reagan Manolikos, Paula Di Trento.

Members of the Senior Leadership Team; John Finneran, Lisa Fogliani, Daniel Lynch.

### 3. Report from SLT

#### 3.1 Website Update John Finneran

- The need for a new website was raised 2 years ago after extensive feedback from the NPCC
- This resulted in an audit of all platforms of communication and how we communicate with our families
- New website has been designed in line with our new vision for learning – *Shine through Discovery*
- Consultative committee of staff, parents and NPCC committee have provided input/feedback
- The initial launch date was the first week of Term 3 however there was a delay due to resourcing
- The new website will be officially launched on Friday 7 September, with further information published in Newman News Term 3 Week 8

#### 3.2 Northern Suburbs Shuttle Update John Finneran

- To increase enrolments and better cater for our existing families, the College is looking at introducing a potential Northern Suburbs Shuttle Bus Service.
- After extensive research and a parent survey, it was found that a large number of families are living in our northern suburbs and would welcome this service
- The proposed service will run before and after school to transport children from and to designated stops.
- In Term 4 the new shuttle will commence at a small cost to families
- Communication to families will be published in Newman News Term 3 Week 8

### **3.3 The Arts Festival Update** John Finneran

- At the end of 2017 the decision was made to shift the focus of the event from commercial art to the celebration of the PK-12 Arts learning journey at Newman College.
- The event will also showcase the artistic endeavours of the STEM learning area.
- The changes to the event are due to resourcing (staff and parent volunteers)
- Artist in Residence Program – In Term 3 Andy Quilty has been working across the three campuses; enriching Arts curriculum and sharing Arts experiences and techniques with students in Years 2,5,6,10,11 and 12, Arts Staff and College community
- *A Night with Andy Quilty* community event (30/8/2018) was a great success with 51 tickets sold
- John encouraged all parents at the NPCC meeting to attend the *Parents of Newman Soiree* (12/10/2018) – An opportunity for our parent community to enjoy drinks, canapes and jazz music with friends, whilst celebrating the student works of the Arts Festival.

### **3.4 New College Policy, Enrolment of Students with Disability and Complex Social Emotional Needs** John Finneran

- Marist schools Australia has identified the need as to how we address and support families in need
- In 2017 the College commenced review in consultation with CEWA, MSA and relevant legal advice
- Intent of the College is to best support students with special needs, understanding funding and understanding need
- Triangular relationship with the student, family and the school imperative

### **3.5 Capital Development Plan** John Finneran

- Stage 1 commencing in 2019 – Building will take approx. 18 months
- Communication to families will not happen until early 2019
- C Block development is the first priority
- Accessible Learning Centre for Y3-12
- Bridge from Lavalla Campus to Founders Court (Marcellin Campus) to create accessibility and Nature Play at Lavalla Campus are also part of Stage 1
- It is the intent that Stage 1 will create vertical learning opportunities

### **3.6 Marist Cricket Carnival, Billets Needed** John Finneran

- One of our major community engagement events for 2018 will be hosting the Australian Marist Cricket Carnival, 4-11 December
- Five Marist Schools from around Australia will be coming to Perth to compete
- Historically billeting is part of the Carnival – Ideally two students per family
- John asked those present at the NPCC meeting to consider accommodating students and spreading the word to the Newman Community
- Having children at the Marcellin Campus is not a pre-requisite for billeting athletes

### **3.7 Deputy Principal, Wellbeing Secondary** John Finneran

- The role has been vacant since Simon Kanakis left at the end of 2017 to ensure that we could attract the best possible candidate
- In the interim Lisa Fogliani has managed this role
- New appointment to be communicated to staff Tuesday 4 September and communicated to families in Newman News Term 3 Week 8
- New appointment starting mid Term 4 2018

### **3.8 #celebrate: #challengyear12, Student Leadership Program, IDEAS Lab, CSPAF, Arts Festival** Lisa Fogliani

- As part of our Vision for Learning *Shine through Discovery*, we foster the pedagogical principle Celebrate
- A number of new initiatives have been put in place in 2018 to encourage students to excel in their learning and celebrate their achievements
- For example; Workshops for students, Makerspaces – where design thinking protocols come to life

4. **Gratitude Project** Denise Bendotti and Jon Laden Wearne, College Psychologists
- The Gratitude Project is part of the ASIP Wellbeing and Student Resilience
  - Part of the strategy is to address and promote positive mental health and wellbeing as a strength based preventative model
  - Question was put to staff and students – what makes you happy?
  - All Teachers and students have completed "The Gratitude Questionnaire" and will do so again towards the end of Term 4 (Pre-post test)
  - [The Science of Happiness](#) video was shown to all staff, students and at the NPCC meeting
  - It has been proven that expressing your gratitude daily will make you a happier person
  - Term 4 Week 4 staff will provide feedback from Gratitude Project
  - The Gratitude Project will continue to be embedded within the College community and teaching practice going forward ie it will not conclude in Term 4 Week 4 when feedback is provided
  - ['Say Thank You'](#), Denzel Washington video will be shared in the next newsletter

#### Stats

- 1 in 4 adolescents have a mental illness
- 1 in 7 primary school kids have a mental illness
- 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 5 boys suffer from an anxiety disorder
- 1 in 5 adults will experience mental health problems throughout any given year
- 65% of adolescents do not seek help for mental illness

#### 5. **Feedback Session** Facilitated by NPCC Executive

##### **Alumni**

What capacity does the new website have for Alumni and how can we use it to leverage our Alumni better?

- New Alumni page with online form for Alumni to send contact details
- Use this data to create Alumni database

##### **Nature Play @ Lavalla Campus**

Is there an opportunity for parents to get involved? i.e Primary Social Committee

- Initially will be developed through the Grounds Department
- Location - near the tennis courts
- Possibility to work with Primary Social Committee and other parents once the design has been created

##### **Seqta**

- Newman is using Seqta really well at a Y7-12 level
- Possibility for an information session for incoming Y7 parents on how to use/navigate Seqta
- Further support for families throughout the year i.e. workshops would be beneficial

##### **Year 12 Car Park**

- Very dark and dangerous for patrons
- Lighting needed

##### **Recycling**

- More focus needed
- Y11 initiative was launched in Term 2 on the Secondary Campus
- Further education for students i.e what can go in the recycling bin

##### **Dog policy**

- Situation is better but still needs improvement
- More signage needed
- The College has gone to extreme lengths to advertise the new policy; article in local newspapers, hired security, letterbox job, consultations with neighbors, social media
- The ideal preventative is to build a fence, however is on hold due to resourcing

**6. Other**

**Consolidating onto one Campus**

- John advised that this is part of our 20 year CDP plan, which would provide more efficient economies of scale.

**Development of Men's/Community Shed Project**

- Partnership and collaboration with the City of Cambridge Rotary
- Working with Rotary to support our students (particularly in timber and metal work)
- Shed to function similarly to our community NSA Clubs outside of school hours (this is not a curriculum program)

**7. Upcoming Events**

- Newman Parents Social Event, Friday 12 October, 7.00pm (in conjunction with the Arts Festival)
- Newman Parents Consultative Committee Meeting, Monday 22 October, 7.00pm

**8. Close**

Meeting closed 8.20pm

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