ST HILDA’S PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION

General Meeting held on 23 February 2016

Summary of Minutes

The meeting was attended by 14 parents (including P&F Committee members) and three staff.

Key issues discussed at this meeting were:

- The Principal informed the meeting about the outstanding 2015 Year 12 WACE exam outcomes, recent and current capital projects around the School, and the rationale for the Year 12 curriculum being taught across three terms. The School’s Strategic Focus 2020 document was also discussed and copies were provided to attendees.

- The School’s new Business Manager, Lorica Storey, introduced herself and provided information on her professional experience and what she brings to St Hilda’s. The meeting was also informed about her areas of responsibility within the School.

- The School’s Director Communications and Engagement informed the meeting about the recently updated School Community Code of Conduct (available on the School’s web site). Also raised and discussed were issues associated with bus services supporting the School. Families joining the School from outside of the Perth area are also receiving direct support from Year Representatives to help them settle. Various student activities receiving parent and School support were also mentioned.

- The P&F President thanked the parent and School Council volunteers who helped make the 2015 Christmas at Bay View and 2016 Welcome sundowners the successes they were. Positive feedback in relation to these events being held at Bay View was also relayed. Future P&F meetings will include a guest speaker from the School’s staff to discuss topical issues; suggestions for topics will be canvassed through survey in the coming weeks.

- The P&F Treasurer summarised the 2015 financial position and performance of the P&F (including Auxiliary). Net assets of approximately $140K are held which will be predominantly applied towards future School donations for capital items.

- The Auxiliary President detailed the Auxiliary’s planned fundraising activities for 2016, including publishing a new cook book, running a virtual cake stall (for Arts Festival Day), entertainment book sales and mango sales (the latter subject to seasonal factors). The Auxiliary will be applying its fund-raising towards a contribution for a new school bus.

- The forthcoming P&F-sponsored presentation to parents by Paul Dillon at the PAC on 15 March from 6:30pm will precede his presentations to the Years 10 to 12 girls on 17 March. The session will enlighten parents of children of any age, with Paul discussing Adolescents and ‘risk taking’: Why do teens do the things they do and what can you do about it? Past attendees of Paul’s presentations could not praise and recommend the session more. Registration to attend can be made via the link in the Bay View and Chidley News bulletins.

- The 2016 P&F Quiz Night (QASH) was discussed, with 11 June being the preferred date. Agreement also reached to have a cocktail event on the same date, immediately prior to QASH. A sub-committee will be formed to make all arrangements.

- The 2016 Christmas at Bay View event was discussed, with agreement to hold it on 26 November. A sub-committee will be formed to make all arrangements.

- The idea of acquiring coffee machines to provide coffee/tea to Junior School parents at assemblies (for a gold coin donation) was discussed, with agreement to explore the feasibility (predominantly around storing the machines on a self-contained cart).

Next meeting - the P&F’s Annual General Meeting - to be held on Tuesday, 29 March 2016 in the St Hilda’s Staff Room at Bay View Campus, commencing at 7.30pm - all parents welcome.