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Parish Council meeting 2 May 2024.

There are no minutes for this meeting. The Acting Chair was an apology and no minutes were taken.

Pastoral Worker Report May 2nd 2024.

Sacramental Program

Confirmation program well underway. There are 8 students enrolled.

A company called 'Gen Bryant' has been employed for the first time to run the reflection day, parent/child workshop and the Confirmation mass. The company is run by young people in their 20's and provides a band to energise the children with upbeat hymns and a message that being a person of faith is fantastic!

I am also attending St Kevin's school 2-3 times a week to teach a Grade 6 boy about First Eucharist so that he may receive this sacrament and go on to receive confirmation with his classmates.

I received a phone call from a mum and year 8 son. Apparently they were referred to me by another family who knows my teaching. The son has expressed a lot of interest in faith and God and so they will be meeting with me regularly to talk about all things fabulous – Jesus, God, Love etc.

Baptism meetings continue each month- usually 1-2 families per meeting.

Safeguarding

As part of the roll out of the new policies, our Parish is holding a Safeguarding Networking Meeting on Thursday 16th May in the Gathering Space.

Unfortunately the WWCC through Services Victoria have been ridiculous as the system keeps glitching. I am attempting to assist 2 parishioners get WWCC but have no success due to the system. Not working. I have filed a complaint and hopefully Services Victoria will get back to me.

Home Visits & Nursing Home visits.

I continue to visit 3-4 nursing homes a week. i have 6 households that I try and continue to do outreach – I try to visit at least 2 a week – I think this is very important to make the elderly and sick feel included and part of our parish.

St Kevin’s School – Principal Report 02/05/24

Enrolments for 2025 and Tours

We have been very busy with tours and ‘Prep Information Night’ this week.

Parents are visiting (touring) twice and three times before they select a school for their children.

Story Dance and Drama Time

This Friday is our last ‘Story Dance and Drama Time’ for semester one and we look forward to working with the preschool students.

PBL

On Monday 15th April, the staff were involved in a Professional Learning day as a continuation of our journey as a Positive Behaviour for Learning school. This day was facilitated by Jo-Ann Patrick from MACS. The three foci for the day were Systems, Practices and Data. Staff reviewed all PBL systems that we have in place, such as our Expected Behaviour Matrix which outlines positive behaviour we value at school and the Behaviour Flowchart the staff use to assist with managing inappropriate behaviour. Staff spent time evaluating data on all types of student behaviour. The data we collect on student behaviour, informs us of what we need to focus on for teaching and supporting our students. The final aspect of the day was looking at the Practices we have in place at St Kevin’s for monitoring,

encouraging and acknowledging student behaviour. On this day we worked on a Staff Agreement for ‘Active Supervision’ within the yard at recess and lunchtime. Staff were required to identify what ‘Active Supervision’ in the playground looks like, feels like and sounds like. It was a great day for all staff to reflect on what we have done so far as a PBL school, but also to review the practices we have in place to support all of our students at St Kevin’s.

Cross Country

Mr Paoli (LSO Physical Education) is supervising and coaching Year 3-6 students interested in training for Cross country/Running Club. Students arrive at school at 8:15am Tuesday morning for cross country / running club training. This is an optional extra-curricular activity.

Staff Update

Cathy Pondeljak has settled in very well in the bursar position at St Kevin’s. We have interviewed for an Italian assistant but have not employed anyone yet. We have readvertised and we have had about 6 applications.

St Kevin’s Memorial Service

On Tuesday 23rd April, 2024 all Year Six Students attended the annual Manningham ANZAC Service at Templestowe Memorial Park. It was a reverent and powerful service and the School captains laid the wreath in front of the Memorial statue. We also had a Service at school on Wednesday morning. This

was led by Mrs Gerosolimo and Year 5/6 students. The students participated well, and all were very respectful.

Professional Learning

St Kevin's, St Charles and St Greg's had a great afternoon of reflection and learning on the 28th of March.

Maintenance of Adventure playground

We have had retaining walls erected and equipment adjusted during the school holidays. Next step is to order tan bark and restock the areas around the equipment.

Sport Sheds

Parents have assisted with installing shelves and there will be a working bee to move all the sports equipment into the sheds

St Charles Borromeo School – Principal Report 02/05/24

School Tours

Many school tours are coming in- steady flow. We have just enrolled a Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 student (for the current school year).

Open Days

Our Open Days have been finalised and are currently being advertised:

Tuesday 28th May 9:00-10:30am

Thursday 6th June 9:00-10:30am

Wednesday 12th June 9:00-10:30am

Tuesday 18th June 9:00-10:30am

Tuesday 13th August 9:00-10:30am

Godly Play

Our staff have been working with Prue (MACS RE Learning Consultant) who has introduced and modeled Godly Play.

STEM Incursion

Our students thoroughly enjoyed having a portable dome at school where they experienced 'Space.'

Principal Morning Tea

Each month I have morning tea with any interested families who would like to come along for a chat about our school.

ANZAC Day liturgy

Our community came together to pray and remember- led by our school leaders. Our school leaders also represented our school at the Manningham ANZAC Day service.

Kinder visits

I have been visiting local kinders and daycare services. Several are keen to attend an excursion at our school and also have our students visit their centers. Some wonderful relationships are being formed!

Meditation Mondays

Each Monday morning, we welcome our families to come and join their children in morning Christian Meditation

St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Action Report to PPC Meeting, 2 May 2024

John Costa (Convenor)

1 Camino Presentation online, 7:30pm - 8:30pm 27 April: Live audience 19, subsequently viewed video 9 Views. Audience reported appreciation for excellent content, particularly photos and videos, from Lawrence Ceconello, and his comments as a pilgrim on physical, emotional and spiritual impacts. The start of the presentation was disappointingly disturbed by an inexperienced participant un-muting themselves and attempting to chat socially with the presenter during the Chairperson's introduction. There were also some time-wasting technical glitches with the presenter's computer in blending slides and videos. However 6 hours of editing and online publishing immediately following the Presentation resulted in a smooth published product. Two independent participants from Ivanhoe Parish (MMOC) emailed appreciative messages immediately after the live presentation, and had themselves been pilgrims on the Santiago Camino walk, with one now planning another.

2. "So Many Good Works" presentation by Lynne Tull, St Vincent De Paul Call Centre Leader scheduled for similar online broadcast from 7:30pm – 8:30pm on Thursday 16 May. It will consider both the Values that drive their work, and the many varied activities/initiatives that result to support the most disadvantaged amongst us. Out promotion campaign for this event is about to ramp up and will include a very brief customised (approx. 40 second) video promo just before the end of weekend masses, with different version for the following week including the Presenter. Registration is also online. Support of PPC members with promotion would be appreciated.

3. Our next SJA Committee Meeting (online later today) will look further at 2nd Collection issues associate with the new Archdiocese collection program due to start in August.

That meeting will also consider further planned SJA activities / initiatives.

4. Ahead. A reminder than SJA will undergo a comprehensive review early in 2025.

Parish Priest Report 30/4/24

Good afternoon,

Some thoughts about parish life for the past month:

1. Clergy Days
 - a. Workshop Day all clergy: all about new versions of the Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct and a new National Code of Conduct. A worthwhile day! The best parts were the case studies (based broadly in real parish events). When something superficially 'simple' happens (like a photo is taken at a youth gathering) it is important to think through a lot of perspectives to discern the breadth of what is at concern. We need practice at doing risk assessment and post-event reviews.
 - b. Those Ordained under ten years: Isaac and I went along. An interesting day looking at managing change in a parish and in one-self.
2. Spirituality Sessions / Staff Retreat: St Greg's: / Leadership Capacity Day: St Kevin's: I include these because it is useful / important to know that our schools spend time actively developing their spiritual lives. It is easy to look to the limitations identified in reviews (cf. a review done by Prof. Haldane a little while ago of RE in schools) and in looking to think all is wrong. But in reality, we have great strength and depth to the faith lives of our principals, REL'S, staff and we are blessed to have them guiding our children into faith.
3. Marcellin: I celebrated a St Augustine House Mass (Yrs 7-12) on 18/4. I met children there who come from our parish. The children don't evaporate when they leave our schools – they are still well cared for – building links to them in their new lives – that is the hard part. But they remember.
4. Holidays: I will be away 27/5 to 17/6 inclusive. I will (probably because I'm me) check emails ... irregularly as I shall be travelling (domestically). Isaac will be my substitute for most Masses in my absence.
5. Support Group: has met twice. We have been working to be clear on the process for Alpha so it can become routine for the parish and on how / what best to do to usefully do a survey that might help us get a focus on how to grow even further in providing a deeply meaningful Spiritual experience in our Eucharist and other liturgical things. Sounds simple – but asking the right questions so we get answers that go beyond "we need more youth" or "better music" is actually quite difficult.
6. Alpha: we are running a full Alpha course starting 30th May, with 11 sessions and retreat. Know anyone you'd like to invite along? Or like to come yourself? Or willing to help and haven't been asked? Let Tiziana know.
7. Landings: We will not repeat Landings at the present time. We only have the leadership capacity to support one of Alpha and Landings and Alpha has a broader catchment pool. We will reassess this as we move forwards.
8. Pastoral Care Visitation: we hope to have a gathering of all those visiting people in Aged Care or in homes in the near-ish future. To support and to provide opportunities for discussion of the challenges that can arise when providing care to people who are vulnerable, but also who are often confused in mind. My own example was being dumped without discussion into a talk about marriage with a couple in their eighties: it would have been better for me to have been briefed properly before, or for me to have said: no, not till you've briefed me properly.
9. ANZAC Day: all went well for having the Veteran's / ANZAC Day Catholic Mass on 21st April: 15 veterans came. And then on ANZAC Day itself we had 45 people come to Mass (50% over a normal Thursday).

10. RCIA: I am looking for a leader / leaders for our joint St Kevin's / St Greg's RCIA team. We have some support people but we need someone with the right mix of skills to lead. Ana is willing to take it on but we need others to help lead.
11. We need a Chair for the PPC. Tiziana has been 'acting' chair for a year. Someone willing to put in time to help form the agenda / discuss directions / ensure meetings are well organised / take a bit of a lead in making our PPC the active/vital body you chose for it to be via agreeing to our charter.

I think that's about all for now. See you on Thursday.

God bless,
Charles