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St Kevin's PPC Meeting

6th August 2026

Agenda

- 1) Opening prayer
- 2) Apologies
- 3) Matters arising from July minutes.
- 4) Parish updates
 - a) Ana Saro
 - b) Gabee Leone
 - c) John Costa
 - d) Fr Anton
 - e) David Hi
 - f) Fr Charles
- 5) Other matters for discussion
- 6) Date of next PPC



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Minutes

The meeting opened at 2.30pm

Present: Fr Charles, David Hi, John Costa, Margaret Turner, Gabee Leone, Pauline Erickson, Adrian Teo and Claudia Raiola.

Apologies: Carmel Shiel, Fr Anton, Ana Saro.

Opening Prayer: Peter Sheehan

Matters arising from previous minutes.

Any matters from the previous minutes needing to be discussed by PPC members will be addressed in response to the presented reports of the day.

Parish Updates

School Principal: Gabee Leone. Full report available on website.

Gabee reported on recent school events, Grandparents and special person day, the premiership for the girls' soccer team and the celebration of 100 days of school. Gabee shared keynotes on staff members attendance at The Religious education Symposium. Gabee reported on the current task of working through planning and budgeting activities for 2027 and the difficulties that are faced.

Social Justice: John Costa. Full report available on the website.

John reported on the recent Catholic Social Services Victoria Dinner, SIA review of our current and potential future activities and planned SJA letter to PM re slavery in Australia. John advised of an invitation to participate in creation of an Aboriginal Catholic Ministry video to be shown in parishes. Fr Charles made the point that Aboriginal people need to be consulted and included in such a venture. John also reported on the support shown to Catholic Care through Balnarring Anglican Parish and to West Heidelberg Exodus Community through Balwyn Baptist Church.

Business Management Report: David Hii. Full report available on website.

David advised that a planning permit for the Columbarium has been approved and quotes for the construction will be obtained.

The carpet for the Sanctuary is happening.

St Kevin's is waiting on advice from the Archdiocese re the valuation of St Charles Borromeo site and advice on a company to be engaged for the preparation of a 10year master maintenance plan for the Parish assets.

Fr Charles

Charles advised of some parking/safety issues at St Kevin's. A reminder to Parishioners re these issues will be published in the Parish Bulletin for 8/9 August.

Fr Charles was pleased with the recent meeting of the three Parish Councils discussing moving forward together and the best way to go about it. He feels that there is a real sense of positivity in the interaction between the parishes in taking the steps forward.

The new Mass times for St Clement's and for St Greg's seem to be going ok.

Fr Charles sought Council opinion on him getting in touch with Archdiocese hierarchy to try to speed up their response to our valuation requests for the Charles Borromeo site. Council agreed it would be a worthwhile step.

The meeting closed at 4pm.

Next meeting 3rd September at 2.30pm



**Report to Parish Pastoral Council Meeting,
6 August 2026**

1. Catholic Social Services Victoria Dinner

On 10 July with over 200 others at Newman College I attended this significant CSSV milestone of 25 years since its formation as a state-wide body, and 45 years since its inception as peak body for Catholic social & community organisations. Chaired by executive Director Josh Lourenz (who had previously agreed to our request to present at St Kevin's) it provided an excellent opportunity for networking, reflection, and forward looking discussion on social services in the Catholic tradition. Guest speaker Bishop of Cairns Joe Caddy, added among much else that CSSV "also helped the Church to remember who she is". At our table amidst others I was very pleased, though surprised, to meet a struggling Muslim refugee from Pakistan, who had been kindly brought along (for the meal at least) by a supportive retired Parish Priest.

2. SJA Review of our current and potential future activities

Our last SJA Meeting started the process of reviewing all our activities, and considering others that might be possible ahead, also keeping in mind our joint parish members. Thoughts of PPC members on this would be appreciated! We will devote our next SJA meeting this month to furthering that discussion.

3. Planned SJA letter to PM re Slavery in Australia

Given recently highlighted appalling details of Slavery in Australia and other countries we also exploit through low-cost slave-labour for highly profitable commodities, and that while the facts are clear their profile is low, we propose to write another Letter to the PM, on this issue. Our SJA offering to the Parish Newsletter next weekend outlines the issues.

4. Invitation to participate in creation of an ACM video for showing in Parishes

Because of our past video-production (and other) support for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry I have been invited to join with others in production of a special video celebrating the 40th anniversary of Pope JP II's November 1986 visit to Alice Springs, featuring some of those he spoke with, for intended screening in Parishes, also to highlight the work of ACM.

5. Balnarring Anglican Parish Vicar's active support for Catholic Care

In response to our recent Parish campaign in support of Catholic Care's Sewing groups for Refugees to make their own family clothes a kind Parish donor recently provided some very suitable fabric, however the quantity was limited for the intended scale of production. Our wider search wonderfully resulted in a large supply provided to Catholic Care last Friday – from Vicar Keiran of the Balnarring Anglican Parish. This gesture impressively adds to that of Balwyn Baptist Church support for the West Heidelberg Exodus Community.



PPC 6 Principal's Report

05/08/26

Grandparents and Special Person Day

Last Friday, we celebrated Grandparents and Special Persons Day with a beautiful Mass, classroom activities, and a shared lunch. It was wonderful to welcome so many special guests to our school.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the day such a memorable celebration of faith, family and community. We are grateful for the love, wisdom and support our grandparents and special people bring to the lives of our students.

A special thank you to Ms Cesarin for organising the day, and to our leaders for their support and leadership throughout the event.

All staff helped make it such a special occasion for our school community. Your enthusiasm and teamwork are truly appreciated.

Girls' Soccer Team

Congratulations to our incredible 2026 Girls Soccer Team on becoming Premiers! What an outstanding achievement!

The girls will now play on the 18th of August at Petty's Reserve. We wish them the best and we will all be barracking for them.

Keynote from the Religious Education Symposium

A few weeks ago Eva Tomazos, Con Tomazos and Lil Cesarin attended the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Education Religious Education Symposium.

At a recent presentation, Professor Brother David Hall shared four key ideas that help us grow as people and as a faith community: Content, Character, Commitment and Love.

Content

Learning is an important part of our faith. By growing in knowledge and understanding, we come to know Jesus more deeply and strengthen our relationship with Him.

Character

Good character is built through our daily choices. We develop virtues such as kindness, honesty and respect by practising them consistently, learning from positive role models and reflecting on how we live our values each day.

Commitment

Growth requires change. As we learn and mature, we are called to have open hearts and minds, embracing new ways of living that help us become the best version of ourselves.

Love

Love is at the heart of our Christian faith. We are called to seek the good of others and to recognise God's beauty in people and in creation, rather than being distracted by the things of the world. As Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, true beauty is always connected to goodness and draws us closer to God.

As teachers at St Kevin's we are called to illuminate the mind allowing God to fill the heart with fire and love. When we love well, we are able to discern what is beautiful and are filled with God's grace.

100 Days of School

On Friday 7th August, our amazing Prep students will celebrate the exciting milestone of 100 Days of School with the theme "100 Days Brighter." Students will enjoy a special ceremony, exciting classroom activities, a Science Incursion and plenty of fun as they celebrate all they have achieved in their first 100 days of learning.

In such a short time, our Preps have grown in confidence, developed wonderful friendships and become enthusiastic learners. We are so proud of everything they have accomplished and look forward to celebrating this special milestone with them.

A special thank you to Miss Montalto and Mrs Mafodda for all their planning and organisation in creating such a memorable, fun and engaging day for our Prep students.

Supporting our staff while planning for the future

Currently, all Catholic schools are working through planning and budgeting activities for 2027 to ensure we are well placed to support our staff, students and school communities in the coming year. This includes looking at how we can accommodate the changes likely to flow from a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) with school staff.

We recognise the significant financial pressures many households are facing, and we are making a conscious effort to ensure these costs are not passed on through significant fee increases.

We will continue to keep our parent community informed throughout this process. As always, our focus remains on maintaining strong school communities and continuing to deliver a high-quality Catholic education for every student.

Message from Mary Oski Chief of Educational Excellence



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BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT – August, 2026

Columbarium (Wall Niche)

A Planning Permit has been issued by Manningham City Council for our columbarium. We will proceed to obtain a few quotes for the construction.

Modifications to the Sanctuary

The custom made carpet is expected to arrive this week. A meeting has been arranged on 6th August with the contractors to finalise the installation date and discuss all required rectification works.

St Charles Borromeo

The Right to Use Land and Buildings Agreement (RULBA) with Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) has been formally terminated. The Memo to terminate the RULBA is dated 30th July, 2026 and was signed last week. The effective date of handover has been backdated to Friday, 1st May, 2026. The parish is currently in the process of renewing insurance for the site for 2026–2027.

The parish has not yet received the valuation report from the Archdiocese and/or the valuer.

We are also awaiting a response from the Archdiocese regarding the firm to be engaged for the preparation of a 10-year master maintenance plan for the parish's assets.