Welcome and introduction of teachers for 2015 by Mrs Suellen Garey. Suellen Garey, new Principal to Sacred Heart, then introduced herself to all attending the Parents & Friends meeting. Suellen spoke about her 26 years spent teaching full time, she enjoys public speaking, literature, multimedia, health & wellbeing, she enjoys mentoring leaders, gifted education and also spoke about being a woman of faith.

2015 at Sacred Heart sees:
- 62 kinders,
- 36 new families,
- 402 enrolments in total and
- 98% of children are catholic.

School Improvement Plan
- Teaching & Learning – differentiation in maths and literacy, lowering the number of vulnerable children.
- Pastoral Care – Linking families with agencies for support

Formal meeting opened at 7.15pm with everyone joining in the school prayer.

Apology received from Juliana Johnston.

Business arising from previous meeting:
The P&F executive for 2015 were introduced:

- President - Juliana Johnston
- Vice President – Rebecca Capell
- Treasurer – Rebecca Molinaro with Vanessa Sharkey
- Secretary – Lynette Suchanek with Kellie Carroll
- Diocesan Parent Council Representative (DPC) – Eloise Critchley
- Social Justice Coordinator – Virpi Tuite
- Uniform Shop – Veronica Sjokic and Clare Butt
Rebecca Capell read out the President’s report on behalf of Juliana Johnston who could not make tonight’s meeting due to work commitments.

Welcome to everyone for 2015. This is a big year as we are celebrating our Golden Jubilee with a social night in June at Bayview Golf Club, as well there will be the school musical and for this reason we have decided not to hold the Fun Day this year.

Last year we spoke about changing our name as there is a stigma attached to the name Parent’s & Friends (P&F) around fundraising. Many people seem to believe that fundraising is all the P&F do so we are focusing on ‘Engagement’, with parent, children, teachers, the parish, and the community. Suggestions for names have been put forward and we will add them to an upcoming newsletter and ask for your opinion, after all we are here for you so your input is vital. Although we will be changing our main focus we will still be running some low level fundraising for the school.

These names were suggested at the P&F meeting in August last year.

- Family & Friends Engagement Network
- Sacred Heart Hub
- The Pulse
- Sacred Heart Community Link
- Connect Committee

Rebecca Capell addressed the meeting:

- **Golf Day** – for the third year running Luke & Sam Downs have offered to coordinate a Golf Day for the second last Friday of term 1 at Bayview Golf Club.
- **50 Year Jubilee dinner** – Social night to be held at Bayview Golf Club on 13 June.
- Chocolate Drive will be run again around the end of May.
- **Athletes Foot School Program** is up and running. Athletes Foot will donate $5 from each pair of shoes bought by anyone who mentions Sacred Heart. The Warriewood store has been given a preferred listing of School shoes especially approved for Sacred Heart students. **Action:** Bec to follow up with Athlete’s Foot to see if this donation is recognised in all Athlete’s Foot stores or only Warriewood and Warringah Mall.
- **Movie night** – The Pop Up Cinema held in November last year was very successful. It is up for discussion to run this again towards the end of 2015.
- **Kid’s Corner Shed** – The equipment purchased by the P&F last year is being enjoyed by the children. More equipment is in the P&F shed and will be rotated at the end of each term so the children will be able to enjoy new equipment. Students from year 4 have been given the responsibility to pack up the shed each lunch time.
- **Netting in the playground** – The netting has been installed and put a halt to many of the balls going over the fence into the church gardens which is out of bounds.
**DIOCESAN PARENT COUNCIL (DPC) REPRESENTATIVE** – Eloise Critchley addressed the meeting. Eloise and our Kids Matter representative - Fiona McCallum and Leonie Scarlett, will be writing a regular piece in the newsletter called Parent to Parent. Eloise gave a brief rundown of the DPC and its role.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR** – Virpi Tuite addressed the meeting. Virpi spoke about her role as Social Justice Coordinator, how she works with Chris McBryde on Mini Vinnies. Virpi is passionate about our sister school in Timor Leste (East Timor) raising awareness and opening the children’s eyes to see how different schooling is in other parts of the world. This year Sacred Heart hopes to raise money to purchase reading books and shelving. The books will be bought in Dili to save on freight. If anyone would like to join Virpi and assist with Mini Vinnies and Timor Leste then you can contact her via the school office or email: virpituie@bigpond.com.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**
(Rebecca Molinaro)

Rebecca Molinaro addressed the meeting. Rebecca welcomed Vanessa Sharkey who will be learning this role with the intention to take it up in 2016. Financial report was given out at the meeting. An independent audit of the P&F funds management will take place in the next few weeks.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**
(Suellen Garey)

Refer to above.

**Matters for future consideration**

- Air conditioning for classrooms,
- Awnings for some classrooms.
- Can we enter into a Solar Panel Scheme to offset the cost of electricity which would be generated should we go ahead with air conditioning.
- Will lunch clubs be starting soon, particular interest in a dance club – these will start in Term 2.
- Diversify our income – based on the idea from Athlete’s Foot can we approach local businesses like Officeworks or Cafe Brothers to donate an amount of money when anyone mentions Sacred Heart?
- Sacred Heart is a Sun Smart School which is an initiative of the Cancer Council.
- Sport – Is it possible to hold more skills sessions so our students are more prepared for the gala days?

Whilst a lot of issues have been raised tonight many of the above do not come under the banner of P&F committee but are matters for the school executive, however, the P&F will gladly contribute to any of the above if & when asked.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm