



St Denis School P&F Association

St Denis P&F Meeting
Term 4 Monday 21st October 2024

Minutes

Chaired by: Gloria Osorio

Date & Time: Monday 21st October 2024 6.00pm

Minutes: Vanessa Lyon

Location: St Denis Primary School

AGENDA ITEMS:

Eugene	Prayer
Gloria	Attendance & Apologies Present: Eugene Potito, Gloria Osorio, Tegan Wyatt, Vanessa Lyon, Michelle Cianflore, Andrew O'Donnell, Natalie Scali, Evelyn Soh, Elaine Doran, Enzo La Pegna, Rebecca D'Olimpio, Tahlee Olds, Shannon Higgins Apologies:
Gloria	Actions from previous meeting NIL
Gloria	Approval of minutes of previous meeting – 29/07/24 That the minutes from the meeting held on Monday 29 th July 2024 be accepted as a true and correct record of proceedings. Moved: Michelle Cianflore Seconded: Vanessa Lyon No objections, motion carried.
Eugene	Principal Report Thank you for disco and colour run Colour Run <ul style="list-style-type: none">I would like to express my deepest thanks to our amazing P&F for organising and coordinating the St Denis Colour Run. What a phenomenal success it was! The event ran so smoothly, and it was a fantastic day of fun, community spirit, and generosity for all involved.We raised over \$22,000 – an outstanding achievement! Even more inspiring is the fact that half of these funds will be donated to MNDWA, supporting such a worthy cause. This speaks volumes about the heart of our school community and the kindness and compassion we are teaching our students. School Disco

- Again, another wonderfully organised event. Big thanks to the Year 1 Reps for their effort putting this together. The night was so much fun – lots of praise from teachers, parents and students!

Thank you to our P&F for your tireless work behind the scenes and for making this event not only a fundraising triumph but a joyful day that brought our whole school community together.

LEARNING:

Staff Professional Learning - Berry Street Training

- Our staff recently participated in Day 2 of the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) training, focusing on strategies to support student wellbeing and engagement.
- This session emphasised the importance of building emotional regulation and resilience in students through routines, positive relationships, and explicit teaching of self-regulation skills.
- We explored practical tools to help students identify and manage emotions, creating a more predictable and calmer classroom environment.

Staff Epilepsy Training

- This term will see staff participate in two sessions building their knowledge and understanding around Epilepsy.
- This training will also include learning to administer the relevant medication

Staff Professional development: Talk 4 Writing

- Our staff will be engaged in a two-day Talk-4-Writing professional development workshop, focusing on enhancing students' writing skills through an engaging and structured approach. The training explores how oral language, storytelling, and modelling quality texts can build students' confidence and creativity in writing.

Student Wellbeing Week (Last week of Term 3)

- I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Miss Murphy for her incredible effort in coordinating our Student Wellbeing Week during the last week of Term 3. It was a tremendous success, and the positive energy across the school was undeniable!
- The students absolutely loved the wide range of activities that focused on their emotional, physical, and mental wellbeing. The disco outside the technologies/music room was a crowd favourite at every break! It was wonderful to see our students fully engaged, smiling, and taking part in activities that reminded them of the importance of looking after themselves and each other.

Morning Gathering – Presentation of Year 6 Committees

- Parents (in particular, Year 5 families) are invited to a special Morning Gathering on Monday 18 November where students in Year 5 will receive their committee groups for next year.

Growth and Development Workshops – Year 5 & 6 students

- On Thursday, 24 October - Our Year 5 and 6 students will participate in Growth and Development workshops, designed to help them understand the changes they experience during puberty. These sessions provided age-appropriate information about physical, emotional, and social development, empowering students to navigate this stage with confidence.

ENGAGEMENT:

Footsteps

- The Footsteps dance program has begun for students in Kindy to Year 6. Our students will have the opportunity to develop their dancing skills, have fun, and

get active through this engaging program. We are particularly looking forward to seeing all their hard work come to life during the showcase performance at our end of year Christmas concert.

Athletics Carnival

- A big thank you to Mrs McNamara for her outstanding work in coordinating the St Denis Athletics Carnival. The day was an absolute success, running seamlessly from start to finish, and it was a true celebration of school spirit, teamwork, and athleticism. Her meticulous planning and attention to detail ensured that every event flowed smoothly, allowing both students and staff to fully enjoy the day. It was wonderful to see our students giving their best efforts in each race and event, with smiles all around, cheering each other on and showing great sportsmanship.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

- We are looking forward to the Interschool Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 30 October.

Keyed-up Music EOY Concert

- Monday 4 November at 3:30pm

Swimming Lessons (Year 1 & 2)

- Monday 4 November to Friday 15 November

PreK / Kindy 2025

Kindy:

- Parent Information Session - Wednesday 13 November
- Orientation – Friday 15 November

PreK:

- Orientation – Friday 22 November

Year 5 Surf Camp

- Monday 25 November – Wednesday 27 November
- Thank you to the P&F for their continued contribution

Year 6 End of Year Excursion

- Wednesday 4 December at Outback Splash

End of Year Christmas Concert

- 5:45pm school oval

ACCOUNTABILITY:

Maintenance jobs completed over the school holidays:

- Removal of the playground near Orchid Street.
- Cleaning and maintenance of sand pits.
- Shade sails back up as the weather starts heating up again.
- Remove of the Land Rover in the senior nature playground (lots of sharp edges, causes for concern with student safety)

DISCIPLESHIP:

Graduation Mass and Morning Tea

- Friday 6 December – looking forward to a wonderful send off for our Year 6 students. We will begin with a whole school Mass at 9:00am. Following this, Year 6 families are invited to morning tea in the school hall (coordinated by Year 5 parents).

Rosary

- Students will participate in the Rosary in the month of October (continuing to incorporate AUSLAN as Emily has been working with the students)

All Saints/Souls Mass

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 November – coordinated by the Year 2 class (9:00am – St Denis Church) Remembrance Day Prayer Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 November - coordinated by Year 1 class (8:50am in the Hall)
Gloria & Tegan	St Denis Feast Day Colour Run Debrief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The colour run was a great success • \$22440 raised • Year 1 fundraised the most, pizza lunch and icy poles will be provided by Montello on Main, 30th October • Groups that organise colour runs take 40% of fundraising, thanks to Gloria & Tegan for doing this themselves • MND have been presented with 50% fundraising last Friday • Very lucky with the generosity of people, anonymous donors and named sponsors
Year 1 Reps	St Denis School Disco Debrief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students had fun, a very successful event • Lots of helpers, Reps were very grateful • Thanks to Enzo for the photobooth donation • Changing location of merchandise in the hall worked well, this helps to alleviate students gathering around the doorway • New DJ was well received • Keep cost lower for parents this year, ticket sales \$5 • Reps to organise a document with all the planning for the disco
Gloria	Upcoming events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Graduation mass and morning tea, P&F has made a contribution to the graduation • Morning tea for World Teachers Day, 25th October • End of Year Raffles will not go ahead this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Going to skip this, asked for enough donations through the colour run, families do not need added pressure • Sundowner 2025 –Natalie Scali is happy to take this on again <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Week 3, 22nd Feb for sundowner
Gloria & Tegan	Class representatives for 2025 and allocated events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers are needed for class reps for 2025 • 2025 – classes will be allocated an event, which will stay with the year group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 1 Disco ○ Year 2 Sundowner ○ Year 3 Mother’s Day ○ Year 4 Father’s Day ○ Year 5 & Preprimary Elections ○ Year 6 Parent event ○ Footy Tipping ○ Mega prize raffle ○ Entertainment Book
Michelle	Treasurers Report Money outgoing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature playground • St Denis branded tents • STEM resources • Trikes for Kindy and Pre

	<p>Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father's Day - \$542.98 • Colour Run + \$10 791.14 <p>P&F SUMMARY 2024</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Opening Cash Balance</td> <td>\$15,889.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2024 Levies</td> <td>\$15,120.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Proceeds from P&F Events</td> <td>\$16,514.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P&F Contributions to School</td> <td>-\$21,649.69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Outgoings</td> <td>-\$1,443.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing Cash Position</td> <td>\$24,430.70</td> </tr> </table>	Opening Cash Balance	\$15,889.19	2024 Levies	\$15,120.00	Proceeds from P&F Events	\$16,514.54	P&F Contributions to School	-\$21,649.69	Other Outgoings	-\$1,443.34	Closing Cash Position	\$24,430.70
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Gloria	<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIL 												

Meeting closed at 6:36 pm

Next Meeting:

- TERM 1, Tuesday, 25th Feb 2025
- 6pm
- Venue: St Denis School