Minutes
BRIDGIDINE RANDWICK PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Monday 7th May 2012 (Room DC5)

Opening
The meeting opened at 7.00pm with a prayer by the Principal.

Attendance
Allison Roberts (President Yrs 7&11); Michelle Hilton (Vice president Yr 9); Cathy Soden (Treasurer Yr 8); Susan Glassick (Secretary Y8); Kim Dobra (Class Representatives Coordinator Yr 8); Elizabeth Davis (Fund raising coordinator Yr 8); Kate Edmondson (Principal); Antoinette McGahan (Assistant Principal); Sheridan Horne (Yr 8); Melissa Hoad (Yr 7); Susana Machuoa (Yr 7); Catherine Molihan (Yr’s 7&9); Christine Murphy (Yr 12); Elizabeth Cummings (Yr’s 7&11)

Apologies
Anne Brophy (Yr 9); Patricia Cleary (Yr 12); Rebecca Cocks (Yr 10); Ikuko Lucantonio (Yr 8); Catherine Conrecode (yr 7)

Minutes
The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Term 3, 2011 were accepted by Cathy Soden and seconded by Kim Dobra.

Matters arising
No matters arising directly from the minutes.

School Photographs
The quality and presentation of the school photographs was highlighted and appreciation highlighted. Some problems downloading and the site informs downloads will be available July 1.

ACTION: Antoinette McGahan to confirm

Correspondence
• Invitation:
  You are cordially invited to attend an exclusive viewing of Positively Remarkable Women: 50 Portraits - including a lively panel discussion.
  Date: May 26th - Saturday
  Time: 4 to 6pm, panel discussion to start at 5pm sharp
  Venue: The Women’s College, The University of Sydney, 15 Carillon Avenue, Newtown

  Website: View venue and details by clicking on this link: (Exhibition and Panel Discussion on Positively Remarkable Women: 50 Portraits )

  Invitation from Visions Gym in Randwick for ‘Mums are Special in May’ – mention you are a Brigidine Mum and during May you will score some free sessions.

Presidents Report
Banking
Banking details are being changed and Authorites for bank accounts being finalised.
Meet and Greet
The Meet and Greet was a successful evening with 160 parents attending including 63 new parents to the school with girls in Year 7. New parents found it a very positive experience.

Volunteers lists were helpful and provide a number of volunteers for the events of 2012, especially for the annual music event. The purpose of activites discussed and the aim of P and F activities agrees to be focussed on Building Community.

It was noted that the system of booking, payment and name labels require review to make it easier on the night and to provide an efficient process.

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurers report tabled. The balance on 31.3.12 was $8325.84 comprising of roll over funds plus the Meet and Greet evening and the Uniform sale

Principal's Report

Attendance and welfare package
The package to monitor pupils attendance and SMS parents did not function as expected – refunds expected. Other schools have been consulted to find a suitable package and avoid further disappointment and ensure it enables the teachers to meet the requirements.

Punctuality to school remains a concern among a significant minority of girls.

Laptops
‘One note’ teaches girls how to manage and use a series of exercise books. The Teachers are developing skills sets to use computers effectively as learning tools.

The P and F voiced appreciation of the roll out process and congratulate the staff for the thoughtful and thorough implementation of the computers.

It was noted that the pupils school bags are heavier due to carrying books as well as laptops; the clarity of picture/maps not as good as books; and there were some hardware issues with some computers;

ACTION: Antoinette McGahan to discuss the issues raised with the IT department

Books
There will not be a book sale this year – T’s will manage second hand books.

Record Of Student Achievement (ROSA)
There are no school certificates anymore – All years 10 attend to the last school day. When leaving school to commence TAFE or work the ROSA provides a document detailing numeracy and literature tests. It is compiled by the school.

Pupils aged 17 who are leaving school are required to either work or attend TAFE, they cannot be at home “looking for work”.

Building plans
The school is powerless to change the garbage situation in the area outside of the school, but within the school there are plans for building improvements including room DC5 to become a Chapel; a new foyer to be added to the Delany building and refurbishment of the library.
Under consideration for improvements is the main quad recreational area for the pupils, the P and F are to consider support to this project.

**New school uniform items**
Cardigans and sleeveless jumpers are available but require ordering as they are not kept as stock at this time.

School uniform discussed and a minority of girls in year 8-9 are not demonstrating commitment to the school uniform, notably in the length of skirt and height of shorts waistbands.

The new school shirts can be worn outside of the skirts. Older style shirts are too long and need to be tucked in, however they may be tailored to sit at the correct length with small detail of a split on each side seam.

**Matters for future meetings and Closure**

**Internet access and facebook**
Parents are encouraged to review the security setting of facebook and other social networking settings so strangers cannot access the girls accounts.

**Enrollments 2013**
It is planned there will be 144 enrollments to be taken for 2013. Enrollments are affected by the economy and parent ability to send girls to other private or catholic high schools.

**Activities**
Volunteers were invited to coordinate the upcoming activities:
- Walkathon in Centennial Park – Kim Dopra and Antoinette McMahan
- TAS Evening – Kim Dobra and Elizabeth Davis
- Music evening – Sheridan Horne and Cathy Soden

Mothers day movie - currently unable to find an appropriate movie. Discussions with Ritz continue. The amount of interest in attendance to the movie night to be explored.

**Second Hand uniform sale**
A volunteer to organise the second hand uniform sale is to be found and clothing racks need to be sourced.

**Meeting closure**
Meeting closed 9.10 pm

**Next Meeting**
Monday 30th July 7pm DC4