



## **Domremy College Parents & Friends Association**

**11<sup>th</sup> May 2009 – Minutes of General Meeting**

### **Attendance**

Patricia Heffron	Diana Hoban	Cheryl O'Keefe
Lyn Moyce	Ann-Maree Holms	Andrew Colantuono
Liana Rinaldi	Joy Hamilton	Melanie Rozznyoi
Felicia Cammoren	Gina Bonaccorso	Bianca Rodrigo
Robyn Glover	Gilda Pussich	Michelle Wagner
Reed McNaughton		

**Apologies** – Lyn Ashcroft

**Confirmation of Minutes** 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009 – Diana Hoban / Cheryl O'Keefe

### **P&F President's Report.**

Welcome all attendees and guest speaker Michelle Wagner to term 2 P&F Meeting. Apologies to Michelle for not having her presentation more widely advertised. Unfortunately there was a mix up with P&F contribution in the school newsletter resulting in very minimal information being published regarding P&F Meeting. Also had issues with the Christmas in July Social evening being promoted – as requested in the newsletter. Robyn undertook to have this resolved.

Update on progress for Christmas in July Social evening. Pleased to report that Club FiveDock have waived the room hire fee. Invitation will be sent home to all parents week of 18<sup>th</sup> May.

**Guest Speaker Presentation;** Michelle Wagner Domremy Curriculum Co-ordinator presented to parents information regarding assessments. In particular; What assessment are all about. What it mean for both students and parents. How assessment has changed since parents were at school. When do schools assess and how might parents support their daughters' with assessment. Presentation has been loaded onto the Internet -

[http://www.domremy.nsw.edu.au/Files/PandF/school\\_reports.pdf](http://www.domremy.nsw.edu.au/Files/PandF/school_reports.pdf)

### **Principal's Report**

- Cocktail evening for new parents was well attended as was Mothers Day Mass, 400 in attendance
- Musical in October – “Thoroughly Modern Milly”
- Domremy Day – Bishop from St Joan of Arc will be presiding. Girls will be requested to wear school uniform to attend Mass and then change to casual clothes for the rest of the day.
- Interviews have commenced for Year 7 2010
- Seasons Program – Parent night on Loss and Grief – will be presented by School Counsellor
- School Funding – Applying for funds for refurbish Art room (moving Kiln) and improvements to Language & Science areas.
- Uniform update – Rita has arranged for adjustment in the summer uniform to give extra length for larger sizes and is reviewing school bag with supplier.

**School Bus problems** - Gilda encouraged parents to complain direct to Bus Companies with issues as direct approach is usually met with more positive outcomes.



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**Automated Attendance System:** Gilda distributed information regarding Automated Attendance System using Biometric, i.e. fingerprinting. She was interested in initial feedback from parents. Generally the meeting felt that uncomfortable with this form of "big brother watching" and questioned privacy issues. It was agreed that to further investigate the system with the involvement of a number of parents.

**Cyber Safety** – Seminar is scheduled to be held for new and interested parents who may have been unable to attend last year – this will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**Movie Night** – Will be investigating the merits of holding a fund raising evening at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Twilight movie which is coming out in November.

**"Degree in a Day"** - information was presented on The Degree in a Day courses run by Sydney University and a request for Gilda and Robyn to investigate how Domremy can be kept informed of this and other events like it and that that information be circulate to the parents and senior students. "Career Central" is also a very useful resource and if subscribed to by the school would enable parents and students to access information regarding Career Days, Workshops, University Open days etc. Although this information might be given to the students – it was agreed that as parents we would like to also receive this type of information as often students aren't forthcoming.

There being no further business the meeting was concluded at 8.40pm

**Next Meeting – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August – Guest Speakers** College Counsellor Anne-Marie Polidano, presenting on Seasons program and Patrick O'Reilly, the Principal of the Southern Cross Vocational College, Burwood.