



Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents and Friends Federation

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STATE COUNCIL
MEETING

Sunday, 16 March 2008
Meeting Rooms
Stella Maris, Burnie
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

MINUTES

- Welcome and OPENING PRAYER – 10:15 am (Prayer to Saint Thomas Aquinas for Catholic Schools)
- ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

PRESENT

APOLOGY

NAME	REGION	NAME	REGION
Bill Button	State President	Brian Watson	Special Member
		Cathryn Watson	Past EO
D. von Samorzewski	State Secretary	Jeff Clifford	Special Member
		Angela Briant	IEU -Tas
Anthea Griffin	Special Member	Ange Kaufman	State Treasurer
Michael Hangan	EO	Martin Laverack	Nth Region President
Marissa Barry	Stella Maris, Burnie	Garth Cornelius	South Region President
Susan Jaqnic	St Joseph's, Rosebery		
Linda Smith	Nth West – Region Observer		

Acceptance of apologies

- PREVIOUS MINUTES – dated 13 Jan 2008, tabled and moved as true record of meeting.
Moved, Linda Smith, Seconded Michael Hangan, carried.
ACTION – EO upload to the Federation [website](#)

- BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Action List Reviewed as follows:

ACTION – DVS, BB, CW to send guide notes on spending P&F funds to BB and then BB will write letter to all school P&F Presidents (and attach newspaper). CW to send information to DVS. DVS will formulate letter to send to BB to finish.

ACTION – DVS – Seek TCEC to supply all their policies so we can support them in their work. When will the parent body be involved in the Significant Policy Issues and Enrolment Policy Review. (CC – Also ask Capital Projects Committee)

- CORRESPONDENCE –

In (attached at end of minutes)

- [Archbishop Adrian's acceptance to open the 2008 conference](#)
- [Invitation to Participate in National Parent Program re Bullying](#)
- The Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (www.radii.org) is running a series of conferences in capital cities on key aspects of the education of boys. <https://aben.conference.com.au/> (see handout)
Ask CEO for funding. ACTION DVS to book
- [IEUA SUPPORTS FUNDING CERTAINTY, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY](#)
- [ICPA](#) info on remote support funding
- [REFA](#) request (see handout)
- [Australian](#) Government's 2008 National Awards for Quality Schooling
- Minister for Education and Skills - David Bartlett [information](#) on the Tasmanian Academy, Tasmanian Polytechnic and Training Tasmania
- www.pathwaysfoundation.com.au parenting evenings (DVS - Chase up St Patrick's Ballarat)

- MacKillop College payment inquiry
- TCEC nominations – **DVS** – ask Archbishop about Parent / TCEC policy in relation to parent nomination. Have membership policy changed to include membership of Catholic parent body nomination.
- [School Summits](#) The Australian Government has invited Australian primary and secondary schools to participate in a series of **School Summits** in the lead-up to the Australia 2020 summit on 19 and 20 April.
- Teacher Registration Board 2007 / 2008 Annual Report received.

Out

Education Minister –
MacKillop College payment inquiry.
Conference

Motion

That the correspondence in and out be accepted outwards be confirmed.
Moved – Linda Smith, seconded – Marissa Barry, carried

6 REPORTS

- PRESIDENT REPORT

APC meeting – 17 Feb 2008, Taskforce Report, Government Funding, policy and Advocacy, Family School Partnerships, Membership & Development (Bill chairing) REFA Report, Early Childhood Education, Funding & Funding Models, Teacher Training, APC strategic Plan, (TCSPFF has meeting agenda /readings / notes)

NCEC – Parent Committee – Early Childhood Report see attachment 14
Release of the parent pack and fact sheets for WYD2008.
www.wyd2008.org/index.php/en/links

DEEWR / APC meeting 19 Feb and DEEWR – 20th in Canberra (Bill & EX attended) including DEEWR – ACSSO / APC Forum “Indigenous Education & Training- Closing the Gap”. See [attachment 10](#)

President / Secretary / EO met (15 March 2008) with St Peters Chanel’s with their Conference Committee to review prior to conference. President / EO where very impressed with how the committee had progressed and prepared for conference.

2.2 % increase State Gov funding to Tasmanian Catholic Schools
Meeting with State Education Minister (send [attachment 9](#) for agenda items)

7 - TREASURERS REPORT

Nil report as account details at auditors.

SECRETARY –

Executive Officer Position has been filled by Michael Hangan (Hobart). He is also Southern Region Secretary and Vice President.

ADMINISTRATION – EO

Michael wrote to all school principals advising them of his appointment, contact details, the role of the Federation, Partnership, 2008 Conference and request to join the school’s newsletter email distribution list. **Please note new postal address** for Federation etc and new website address. **PO Box 40 Moonah Tas 7009**

- REGIONS

Southern – see minutes (12 December 2007)

North – see minutes (3 March 2008)

North West – Linda discussed how schools are slowing working together in relation to P&F generally in the NW. Will investigate reforming region's executive. Possible AGM 4 - 6 weeks of after conference.

- 2008 Conference including motions on notice, guest speaker, agenda –
AWAKEN THE GIANT WITHIN - engaging parents through effective partnerships
Guest Speaker – Brendan Kelly
ACTION – EO Welcome to Country,
ACTION – DVS pre-conference editorial write up, including Brendan Kelly bio
ACTION – DVS more calico
ACTION – DVS Brendan Kelly BIO
Action - Anthea Re Judy Terry
ACTION – DVS Mars fundraising – Certificate of appreciation

- 2009 Conference + Golden Jubilee (see email from Cathy)

- 2009 – As this will be the 50th year possible dates were discussed.
Proposed date **ACTION – EO** Need to check the Archbishop's diary for 2009 **AND**
contact St Patrick's College principal, Simon Cobiac and TCSPFF Northern Region
22/23 November 50th Golden Jubilee
AGM for 2009 will be in April.

Ask Cathy about 1st Conference (archives) Theme

- Guest speakers ?
- Great, Grand, Parent, Child perspective of Tasmanian Catholic Education.
- **ACTION – DVS** Damian to liaise with Cathy re 2009 strategic Plan.
- **ACTION – EO** letter to St Pat's and Northern Region informing them of 2009 conference process.
The Archbishop is very pleased to open and attend St Patrick's on 21/22nd November 2009. It has now been confirmed.

- 2010 Conference guest speaker, **EO** will discuss with Archbishop

- STUG – **ACTION – DVS** Ask for 2008 meeting dates
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- TCEC – Nil report – **ACTION – DVS** Write to TCEC request regular detailed information from TCEC meetings, particularly in relation to items that relate to peak body issues.
- NCEC – NCEC – Parent Committee – Release of the parent pack and fact sheets for WYD2008. www.wyd2008.org/index.php/en/links and Early Childhood report
- CEO – Meeting with Dr Dan White and TCEC Executive Officer, Stuart Ellis in Feb.
- APC – as per President's report
- DEEWR – (was DEST) DEEWR / APC meeting 19 Feb and DEEWR – 20th in Canberra (Bill & EX attended) including DEEWR – ACSSO / APC Forum "Indigenous Education & Training- Closing the Gap".
- SRB – Nil Report
- TRB – Annual Report received.
- PARENT PROJECTS – Nil report
- ICPA – see report
- Parent Liaison Officer – (see article from Teacher magazine)
- BGA
- ReEvangelisation Project
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9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- LIFE Membership – meeting discussed life membership and possible candidates
- Award for past service to the Federation (Linda to case up MW region)
- Special member –

Motion That Anthea Griffin be appointed a special member of the TCSPFF executive for 2008.
Moved Bill Button, Seconded – Michael Hangan. Carried

- **ACTION - DVS** develop acronym follow chart
- **Action – DVS** letter about AGSRC to go to Education Minister re - formulation
- **ACTION – DVS – Develop 2020 Catholic Parent & Student Summit. Regional Bases.**
- LS sent email to Pip at ICPA re Affiliation Fees. 2008 ICPA conference in Hobart.
Motion That Linda Smith & Anthea Griffin attend the 2008 ICPA conference in Hobart.
Moved – Michael Hangan Seconded. Bill Button. Carried

- Southern region requests State Council seek the TCEC provide and explanation for the issue of the Capital Levy on all Catholic Schools and provide guidelines on how the levy will be distributed.
- Building levee - School Board determines the level to be charged in relation to building level, as indicated by Dr Dan White.
- **ACTION – DVS** request the CEO to provide an explanation of the guidelines of distribution of raised funds through the building levee.
- Development of MOU between State P&F ACSSO & TCSPFF
24/25 May joint meeting – Ross? Will discuss with at conference with Jenny Branch
- Parting gift for Cathy & Brian **ACTION - EO chase up**
- Mental Health First Aid kit – TJ (**ACTION - Anthea**)
- Northern Region plan for 2008 presented
- www.pathwaysfoundation.com.au parenting evenings. Information presented. Introduction letter at [attachment 13](#)
- Michael J. wanted to know what our Catholic schools are doing in relation to sustainability issues. i.e. carbon footprint, energy conservation, water / recycling,
Action DVS – letter to Dan about this
- Research grant application (as a school, region and Federation)
- **ACTION – EO send to DVS**
- ABC centres – implications on parents (Refer to NCEC meeting FEB – 6th Attachment)
- New TCSPFF website url www.tascatholicparentsandfriends.net
- New TCSPFF forum website
- <http://tasmaniancatholicsschoolparents.freeforums.org/>
- March Triangle (see photocopy) to be distributed within a fortnight
- Volunteer in School policy – How has it been implemented in your school? It has been noted that many schools have not been implementing 12.3 & 12.4 of the TCEC's Volunteers in Tasmanian Catholic Education Policy. See [attachment 11](#)
ACTION – DVS – Letter to CEO / TCEC confirming that this part of the policy is an obligation?
 - **ACTION – EO** to Contact schools over training

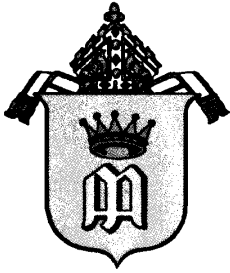
11. NEXT MEETING - 12 / 13 April – AGM / Annual Conference - Smithton

12. Meeting closed with prayer - 2:00 pm

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8 February 2008

Cathryn Watson
Executive Officer
Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents & Friends Federation
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Dear Cathy,

I am writing to confirm Archbishop Doyle's presence at the Opening of the TCSP&FF 49th Annual Conference, on Saturday 12 April 2008 at St Peter Chanel, Smithton commencing at 9.00 am. Archbishop Doyle will also celebrate Mass on Saturday evening and attend the conference dinner at the Smithton Country Club. Due to commitments in Rosebery he is unable to stay for the completion of the conference on Sunday.

All Liturgical queries regarding the Conference Mass should be directed to the Liturgy Co-ordinator, Mrs Cathy Murrowood on 6208 6257, fax 6208 6299 or email cathy.murrowood@aohtas.org.au.

If the Archbishop is to give an address, would you please advise me on 62086223, fax 62086293 or email archbishop.assistant@aohtas.org.au on how long he would be expected to speak, any particular issues or people that you may wish him to mention and any background material that would assist in the preparation of his speech notes.

To enable the necessary preparations to be made in sufficient time, it is important that you provide this information, **at least two weeks before the event.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danielle Previdi'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Danielle Previdi
Personal Assistant to the Archbishop
Archdiocese of Hobart

Attachment 2

From: Peter Cuttance [<mailto:cuttance@radii.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, 5 March 2008 7:34 PM
To: Sa
Subject: Invitation to Participate in National Parent Program re Bullying

The Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (www.radii.org) is running a series of conferences in capital cities on key aspects of the education of boys.

The conferences are being managed by Professor Peter Cuttance and have a major focus this year on issues of bullying & cyber-bullying.

We are planning to conduct a public evening presentation for parents associated with each of the five state conferences.

radii.org seeks to work with a range of community organisations, and in this case I would like to invite your organisation to participate in supporting these parent evenings.

radii.org will be able to manage the national series of parent evenings, but would like to discuss with you how you may be able to support the program by advising parents of this opportunity through your networks.

I have attached a 1-page overview for schools of the national program and plan to develop strategies for disseminating similar information to parent communities in March.

Please get in touch by return email if your organisation would like to be involved in this program.

Further information about the teacher professional learning program is available at <https://aben.conference.com.au/>

We plan to develop a page on the website that parent organisations may also wish to link to.

Regards
Prof Peter Cuttance
Director
radii.org
A Non-Profit Education Foundation Supporting Schools



PRESS RELEASE



6 February 2008

IEUA SUPPORTS FUNDING CERTAINTY, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

“The recent report by Andrew Dowling from ACER argues that the arrangements for the funding of schools in Australia require urgent reform” said Chris Watt, Federal Secretary of the Independent Education Union of Australia.

“The IEUA has long supported the need to reform the current federal government SES funding model,” he said.

“The previous federal government’s approach to the funding of schools was not transparent and has produced a system which is seen by most as unfair and inequitable” said Mr Watt “and it is a tragedy that a proper and open review was not conducted by the Howard government in 2007”.

“Consequently, we are left in the situation where schools need certainty for the next funding period, our members deserve security in their employment and there is simply no time available to review and develop a better model of funding before the next funding period” he said

“Forty two billion dollars is on the table for school education for the 4 year period 2009 to 2012, and there is a sensible and appropriate commitment that no school will lose funding under a the new federal government.”

“Additionally Labor’s statement prior to the election made the important commitment that Federal Labor ‘will only make additions to schools funding not subtractions’ “

“There is opportunity to address areas of significant need in education such as rural and remote, indigenous and low SES background students, all identified in the recent benchmark results, through targeted funding programs in the next couple of years” said Mr Watt.

“The IEUA will lobby strongly to support resources for the most needy students in our communities”

“Because the current SES funding model has produced significant discrepancies in funding outcomes, the IEUA calls on the Federal Minister Julia Gillard to commit to a major review of the funding of schools during the 2009-2012 quadrennium – a review which is open and transparent and which involves all education stakeholders” said Mr Watt

“The goal of such a review should be to ensure that Australia’s education systems are comprehensive and properly resourced to ensure that the MCEETYA Goals of Schooling are met, no matter where students live or which school they go to.”

“While teachers and students are being required to demonstrate they are meeting high benchmark standards of teaching and learning, governments must be able to demonstrate that the level of resources going to schools meet international benchmarks. We look forward to Labor establishing a transparent review of Commonwealth funding in order to give clarity as to whether this is happening,” said Mr Watt

Contact:

Chris Watt
Federal Secretary Independent Education Union
Ph (03) 9254 1830 0419 259 143

Attachment 4

Dear All

Just a note for you and any one you know who would be eligible for Assistance for Isolated Children
To claim AIC please phone 13 2318 for direct help with Centrelink
If you are 56 km away from your nearest school or more than 4.7 km to the local bus and 19 km to
your nearest school you are eligible for AIC.

As a guide line for term payments

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Payment per term is \$2,158.82 (non income or asset test)
Plus Additional boarding allowance or \$384.82 (income tested or drought declared areas)
also available if in a drought declared area and extra \$230.00 per term

Please don't forget the Student accommodation allowance for children in Years
11 and 12, we fought hard for this increase last year from \$1020.00 to \$1400.00
per child (for living away from home for full time students) some short term
This is a State Govt of Tas grant, please phone 62 337014 for a form before the end of
February.

Tertiary Living away from home allowance :

If your child is studying away from home for University on the mainland
as they are unable to do the course here in Tasmania, or if they are in Tas
studying but have to move to town there is a Tasmanian Govt Grant of \$1020.00
or accommodation allowance. Please phone 62 337014 for information and forms.

I hope you have had an enjoyable holiday, please email on to anyone you think
it may help, please check on website of www.icpa.com.au for more information

Attachment 5

Hello everyone

Rob Christmas has forwarded the following request (from John Halsey at REFA) to me and asked that I distribute it around the APC network for any feedback. Essentially it says that John is assisting a research project that is looking at what factors might encourage teachers to stay in rural areas for longer periods. He is seeking details of any rural schools that have demonstrated the capacity to retain teachers for reasonable amounts of time. John says:

“Last week I attended a meeting of the research team led by Prof Jo-Anne Reid (who is the ACDE rep on REFA) and comprising Prof Bill Green, Dr Simone White, A/Prof Maxine Cooper, Dr Graeme Lock and Ms Wendy Hastings, as an external consultant to the team's project. The team has won funding to investigate the nature of successful teacher education and recruitment strategies that make rural teaching an attractive long-term career option for new teachers. I am working with the research team essentially because of the research REFA has done into rural pre-service teacher placements and our national network.

”An important aspect of the research will be the identification of rural and regional schools where teachers seem to stay- in essence, what is happening to 'produce stayers'? As is widely known, teacher turnover is a big issue for many rural schools- before the kids get a chance to develop a relationship, their teacher is off to somewhere else.

”REQUEST

”**What I would really like to know are the names and contact details of schools or clusters of schools where it is generally considered teachers stay awhile.** What does 'awhile' mean you may well be asking? And, I realise that for some places, 3 months may be considered 'awhile'. Without wanting to be too prescriptive, think about 3-5 years as 'awhile'. If in doubt, nominate a school in and let the research team make the final decision.

”My thinking is that the networks associated with members of REFA like the CWA, APC, ICPA, ISCA, Frontier Services, ACSSO, NARSA, SPERA, RREAC, CEP and NRHA in particular may be able to help with the request I have put out. Any other member of REFA- please pitch in; the list is illustrative not exclusive!

”ACTION

”**Think about what I have been asked to do on behalf of REFA.**

”**Send me the following when you can asap and by 30 April if at all possible:**

- **Name of School/School Cluster**
- **Name of Contact**
- **Email and Phone Contacts**
- **Website if known”**

If you are aware of any rural schools that might fit the bill, could you please provide feedback to John Halsey through Rob Christmas at r_e_christmas@yahoo.com

Attachment 6

Dear Colleagues

Just to let you know that the winners of the 2008 National awards for Quality Schooling awards will be announced by the Hon Julia Gillard MP, Minister for Education, on Tuesday 3 June at a presentation ceremony to be held in the Great Hall, Parliament House, Canberra. I will provide more information about the presentation ceremony and professional exchange at which our award winners have the opportunity to present their work and achievements.

Best regards Peter

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Australian Government's 2008 National Awards for Quality Schooling
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Information about the 2008 National Awards for Quality Schooling is accessed via the **Teaching Australia** website www.teachingaustralia.edu.au

Attachment 7

From the Minister for Education and Skills,
David Bartlett:

Dear colleagues

At the end of last year I released the response to the consultation for the Tasmania Tomorrow initiative. This outlined a staged way forward for the participation of our senior secondary colleges commencing with Hobart College. I am pleased to announce today that an additional three colleges – The Don, Hellyer, and Newstead - and their communities have indicated that they will also be making the change to the new organisations in 2009.

The academy and polytechnic will therefore have campuses state-wide from 2009 and students from all regions will be able to access the full range of options from the beginning. All of the former college sites will initially have campuses of both the academy and the polytechnic. Elizabeth and Rosny Colleges and their communities have indicated they will be making the change in 2010. Claremont and Launceston colleges are currently in discussion with their communities about the best time to move forward.

Reducing barriers to learning is a key element of Tasmania Tomorrow. A shared services entity will therefore be established to coordinate services for both students and staff across the three new organisations.

This means there will be one entity responsible for enrolment and support services for students instead of nine. It also means staff will have one entity to deal with for HR and administrative issues, including ICT and facilities. Last week I announced the appointment of the chairs of the boards of Training Tasmania, the Tasmanian Academy and the Tasmanian Polytechnic as the first major step in setting up the new organisations. The CEO positions for the Tasmanian Academy and the Tasmanian Polytechnic were advertised in the Government Gazette yesterday (visit www.jobs.tas.gov.au) and will be advertised in the local and national papers on Saturday.

The current CEO of TAFE Tasmania, Malcolm White, will transfer to the position of CEO of Training Tasmania. Mr White has done an outstanding job as head of TAFE Tasmania and I know that he will continue to bring fresh ideas to Training Tasmania.

Once appointed, the CEOs will work with their chairs to lead the transition teams and commence the important task of establishing the new organisations from the ground up.

Regards
David

School Summits

The Australian Government has invited Australian primary and secondary schools to participate in a series of **School Summits** in the lead-up to the Australia 2020 summit on 19 and 20 April.

The aim of the Australia 2020 summit is to look at Australia's future challenges and find innovative solutions by harnessing the best ideas across the nation from Australians with experience, accepted standing, credibility and authority.

The Australian Government wishes to involve the whole Australian community in addressing these challenges. So, as the future adults of 2020, the Government is very interested to hear the ideas of all Australian school children. The outcomes from these discussions will be fed into Australia 2020 and the Youth Summit.

Schools Summits will be held by individual schools over a three week period, starting on the 17th of March 2008.

More information on the Schools Summits is available at www.australia2020.gov.au

Agenda

Meeting with Education Minister Hon. David Bartlett Tuesday 26 February 2006 at 4:00 pm

- Parent Representation on Teachers Registration Board
- Funding assistance increase for the TCSPFF
- The Funding submission from the Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission
- National Curriculum
- Shared Resources
- Family School Partnership
- Capital Funding
- Investing in our schools Programme (ISOP)
- COAG
- IT (Digital Education/Web Portals)
- Early Childhood Education
- Students with Disabilities Funding
- Trade Training centres in schools
- Summer school
- Reporting School results
- overall funding for education in relation to GDP
- alternative schooling for non academic students

**DEEWR-ACSSO/APC PARENTS FORUM
MONDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2008**

AGENDA

Venue:

House of Representatives Alcove
Parliament House

TIME	TOPIC	
8.45am-9.15am	Introductory Remarks: DEEWR, ACSSO, APC	Marg McKinnon President ACSSO President APC
9.15am -10.00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous education especially a briefing on the NT intervention and early results • Social inclusion and Indigenous students 	Tony Greer
10.00	The Hon Julia Gillard MP (actual time TBA)	
10.30am-10.45am	Morning Tea	
10.45am-12.30pm	<p><u>Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next quadrennium (2009-2012) • Capital/IOSP • 50% Education Tax Refund • Tuition vouchers • Social inclusion and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ students with disability ○ rural and remote students ○ students from low SES backgrounds • Early Childhood Education • Summer Schools 	Suzanne Northcott Adrian White Louise Hanlon Helen McDevitt Robyn Cooper Daniel Owen
12.30pm-1.00pm	LUNCH	
1.00pm-1.30pm	Reporting school results	Tony Zanderigo Liz Dowd, Mike Turner
1.30pm-2.00pm	National Secondary School Computer Fund	Shelagh Whittleston
2.00pm-2.30pm	Trade Training Centres in Schools	Katy Balmaks Carolyn Stanistreet (ATC's)
2.30pm-3.00pm	Family-School Partnerships	ACSSO Helen McDevitt
from 3.00pm	Afternoon Tea available	
3.00pm-3.20pm	<p>Curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ moves to a national curriculum ○ "core" curriculum and its relationship to other enriching subjects such as languages, art, music, physical education 	Marie Hird Madonna Morton
3.20pm-3.45pm	Wrap up	President APC President ACSSO DEEWR

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