

## SEPTEMBER MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** Monday 15 September 2025

**Start time:** 5:45pm

**Location:** School staff room (access via staff carpark)

**Participants:** Allison Ritchie, Dominique Jackson-Hope, Tegan Bassett, Jenna Lindsay, Kate de Bressac, Simon Hersee, John McQueen, Jenna Sales, Tegan Bassett, Genevieve Walsh, Linda Smith, Katie Lill, Brendan Kiely, Donna Sprague

**Apologies:** Emma Walker, Kate Bale, Natalie Henderson, Benjamin McEntyre, Clare Raatz, Lucy Sales, Renee Lisle, Rachel Elford, Leah Foot, Gillian Millard, Kate Burrell, Lauren Van Boxtel, Linda Woodhall

5 mins

**Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of Country**

**Opening Prayer**

**Apologies and Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

**Confirmation and acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting**

25 August 2025 minutes accepted by Genevieve Walsh / seconded by Linda Smith

## **Business arising from the minutes of previous meetings (20mins)**

### **Father's Day Stall report (Genevieve Walsh)**

The children responded positively to the stall. Some stock remains, and final figures are currently being finalised. Thank you to all involved in preparing for the stall and assisting on the day.

### **Trivia night report (Tegan Bassett)**

The event was a great success, raising approximately \$3500 and providing a fun night for all involved. Feedback will be gathered to help improve the event for next year.

Future planning will consider timing of year to avoid conflicts with sports presentations and to allow more space between this event and the Golf Day. Those that attended discussed the possibility of a greater amount of time being allowed to answer each question, easier questions and allowing more time to mingle after the completion of the quiz and awarding of all prizes. Thank you to all involved in making the even happen.

### **Aggies' Golf Fundraiser update (Lachie Bassett)**

The event is nearly sold out, with only 24 playing spots out of 144 left.

Event shirt design has been finalised. These will be ordered through Coast 2 Coast and the shirts include the SCF logo and all sponsor logos.

Sponsorship promotion will begin shortly on the SCF Facebook page.

All parents and staff are invited and encouraged to join the Golf Fundraiser's evening function. This commences at the end of play. Dinner and drinks can be purchased from the club and all are very welcome to then attend the presentation, auction and drawing of the raffle.

### **Boronia Street safety and shade structure progress (Brendan Kiely/Allison Ritchie)**

No new updates regarding street safety at this time.

The shade structure is expected to be completed during the upcoming school holidays

### **SCF Communications and logo update (Brendan Kiely/Allison Ritchie)**

The new logo has been approved by both the Diocese and Father Paul.

All external communications will need to include the SCF, school, and parish logos.

An Instagram account has been partially set up and will be linked to Facebook to ensure accessibility for families that use Instagram but not Facebook.

### **Educational Topic (20mins)**

#### **'Tell Them From Me' Survey Results (Brendan Kiely)**

The *Tell Them From Me* survey was conducted from 12 May to 5 June 2025, with responses received from 48 parents.

Parent feedback from the survey plays an important role in guiding the school's future planning and decision-making.

One key suggestion was to consider developing a marketing strategy that highlights classroom activities and internal achievements. While external promotion is strong, there is room to improve internal engagement and communication.

#### **2025 NAPLAN Results (Kate de Bressac)**

Kate shared this year's positive NAPLAN results with the SCF.

The data has been unpacked within teaching teams, with staff engaging in reflection and developing hypotheses around performance in key learning areas.

### **New Business (5mins)**

#### **Guest Speaker – \$1,000 Grant Opportunity**

A \$1,000 grant is available through the Diocese of Lismore to fund a guest speaker.

Suggestions are welcome for potential speakers and topics—one idea raised was Belle Smith from *The Root Cause*.

The group is encouraged to consider possible speakers and report back with recommendations.

A parent survey may also be circulated to help identify topics of interest and ensure the speaker aligns with community needs.

**Correspondence incoming and outgoing** - Nil.

**Reports:**            **Principal's Report** - Attachment 1

**Statement of Accounts from Treasurer** - Attachment 2

**Motion:** Dominique Jackson-Hope put forward a motion to donate the \$3500 raised at the Trivia Night to the school to purchase Chromebooks. Seconded by Jenna Sales.

#### **Matters for future consideration:**

- 20 Oct – Educational topic: Diocesan Anti Bullying approach – (*Bronwyn Shipton, Catholic Schools Office*)
- 20 October – Commence planning for 2026 SCF Activities
- 17 November – Planning for 2026 SCF activities
- School disco, colour run, Christmas disco/carols

**Date of next meeting: Monday 20 October 2025**

**Meeting ended: 7:03pm**



# **St Agnes' Primary School**

## **School Community Forum Report**

### **15 September 2025**

## **Creative Arts Spectacular**

What an absolutely magical matinee and evening we experienced at our Creative Arts Spectacular! Our talented students brought the beloved story of The Wizard of Oz to life in a performance that truly captured the hearts of everyone in attendance. The energy and enthusiasm displayed on stage was infectious, and it was clear that months of hard work and preparation had culminated in something truly special.

This spectacular success would not have been possible without the incredible support of our entire school community. Our heartfelt thanks go out to:

**Our Amazing Students** - Your commitment, talent, and joyful performances made the evening unforgettable. From lead roles to band performances, every single performer contributed to the magic on stage.

**Our Dedicated Staff** - The countless hours spent in rehearsals, costume preparation, set design, and behind-the-scenes coordination demonstrate your unwavering commitment to providing our students with rich, meaningful life experiences.

**Our Wonderful Parents and Families** - Thank you for supporting your children through the rehearsal process, helping with costumes, attending performances, and cheering enthusiastically from the audience. Your encouragement means everything to our young performers.

**Our Broader Community** - The support from grandparents, extended families, and community members who attended the performances created such a warm and appreciative atmosphere for our students to shine.

The success of our Wizard of Oz spectacular has filled us with excitement for future creative arts events. The confidence, teamwork, and artistic expression we witnessed on stage are testament to the incredible potential within our school community. We're already looking forward to planning our next Creative Arts Spectacular, and we know it will be another opportunity for our students to discover their talents, build friendships, and create lasting memories.

Thank you once again to everyone who made this event such a resounding success. There truly is no place like home, and St Agnes' School feels very much like home when we come together

to celebrate the arts!

More Creative Arts Spectacular photos to come in our Week 10 Photo Gallery.

## Deadly Display Competition

Robert Dwyer, our Member for Port Macquarie, visited the school on 12 August to judge the Deadly Displays for NAIDOC Week.

He was very impressed with the level of engagement and enthusiasm in all of the art displays and to separate them was no easy challenge.

### **Infants winner - 2 Love**

*The NAIDOC week theme of Strength stood out with, and the 'yarning' depicted with the photos and the individual words recorded from the children as well as the Flag artwork with both Torres Strait and the Indigenous Flags were wonderful, however what got them across the line for me was the collaboration of the artwork depicting unity in the handshake art work - Robert Dwyer*

### **Primary winner - 3 Love**

*The concept of the tree with the roots feeding into the trunk and the leaves was inspirational, and the standout from the competition was the "visions of the future" that were derived individually from the students. They were quite varied and moving - Robert Dwyer*

## Book Week Parade

Re-scheduled for Friday 19 September 2025 – 9:00am – 10:00am

## Fathers and Father Figure Celebration

To the SCF School Community Forum,

Thank you so much for the wonderful Father's Day stall! The children absolutely loved choosing special gifts for their dads, and it was clear how much effort and care went into preparing all the items. We'd also like to extend our gratitude to the school staff for the delicious Father's Day breakfast of sausages and orange juice, the fun games on the oval, and the beautiful morning liturgy presented by Year 1. It was such a special way to start the day.

We were thrilled to see such a fantastic turnout of fathers, grandfathers, and father figures. The morning was a true celebration of all the important men in our children's lives.

Thank you again for helping us create such a memorable and joyful event for our

school community. **Trivia Night**

To the SCF School Community Forum,

Thank you for organising such a fun and successful Trivia Night on Saturday! It was a wonderful evening, and the great turnout of 11 teams made it an exciting competition.

We especially want to thank the organisers—**Tegan Bassett, Jenna Sales, Dominique Jackson-Hope, Ben McEntyre, Michelle Gerathy, Trish Todd, and Donna Sprague**—for all their hard work in preparing and running the event. Your efforts created a fantastic night for our community. Hopefully we will see this as a regular event on the SCF yearly calendar.



Brendan Kiely  
Principal

## **St Agnes SCF monthly Treasurers report dated 15/09/2025**

Opening Account Balance as at 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025 = **\$25,483.07**

Closing Account Balance as at 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 = **\$27,233.95**

### **Cash to be deposited this week:**

Trivia night = \$1,565.5

Father's Day stall = \$2,115.2

Will receive = \$2,525 from compasstix for trivia sales

**Will bring balance to \$33,439.65**

### **A few of the events and expenses to note.**

	<b><u>Outgoings</u></b>	<b><u>Incomings</u></b>	<b><u>Loss/earnings</u></b>
<b>Golf Day **</b>	TBC	\$10,750	TBC
<b>Father's Day gifts</b>	\$3,113.80	\$2,155.2 cash (more in office from late payments)	TBC
<b>Trivia Night</b>	\$1003.90	Ticket sales \$2,525 On the night \$2,517.07	<b>\$4,038.17</b>

- \$503.90 yet to be paid for trivia night
- \$9,000 committed to the shade structure over the sandpit to be paid
- Of current balance \$1,711.73 allocated from fundraiser for cancer council for morning tea – yet to be paid
- \$4,000 from trivia night already allocated for Chromebooks (motion to pay this)

**Total unallocated = \$7,474.02**

*(\*\*above figure is not including golf day incomings as we will await outgoings and totals before accounting for this)*