Meeting opened 7:00pm

1. **Prayer**  led by Craig Deayton

2. **Attendance:** Craig Deayton, Jo Fitzpatrick, Jane Capp, Jackie Fleischmann, Sue McLeod, Adrian Merkel, Tridu Merkel, Christine Russell, Cheryl Sutton, Louise Bender, Jacqui Lawless, Sue Walker

3. **Apologies:** Mike Hangan, Pauline Howatson

4. **Agenda Items:**

**LITERACY PROGRAM AND RESULTS**

Principal Craig Deayton made a presentation on the literacy program and results.

Craig noted that the literacy program is designed for reading comprehension.

Testing was conducted in November 2010.

It is the expectation to see an improvement of 8 months/year school wide without intervention.

Testing resulted in the average improvement being 1.9 years and at a grade level:

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Further breakdown:

- Aboriginal Students 1.2
- ESL 1.4
- Girls 1.9
- Boys 2.3

The program has made a significant impact. Various statistical markers were looked at and all test results are being monitored to ensure intervention as soon as possible.
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW CHANGES

Louise Bender spoke about the changes to the current Parent / Teacher Interview format. This year the interviews are being held earlier and the children are encouraged to be involved in these meetings to set student goals for the term. The goal in change of format is to engage the child in their own learning, involving their parents as well. This change will be school wide with primary students being involved on a smaller scale.

Teachers will have protocols for the new approach.

There will be a name change from Parent/Teacher Interviews to Learning Conferences. Hopefully in 2012 structures will be in place to increase the interview times and would ideally to place before the start of the school year.

Basic numeracy/mathematics will be the next area focused on.

5. General Business:
   P & F Fundraising
   Craig asked if it possible for P & F funding to cover the cost of signage for the buildings at the New Town campus to make them easily identifiable. It was agreed a good idea. Will be discussed at the next meeting.

   Phone Policy
   Craig was asked about the mobile phone policy and the duration of phone confiscation. Craig noted on a first offence the phone is returned that day.

6. Confirmation of Minutes
   Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 21st February were moved by Jane Capp and seconded by Jackie Fleischmann.

7. Business Arising
   Jane contacted Mark Broadley from the Hobart City Council regarding the Safe Walking to School initiative. Waiting from Mark to come back from leave and he will be invited to the next meeting.

   Frances Harris reported that the New Town Parents Auxiliary has folded. The official documentation has been filed with the Secretary. Frances asked who will look after student events such as discos, mothers/fathers day stall etc. It was decided to give all events a rest this year.

8. Correspondence:  Incoming
   Invitation to Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents & Friends Federation Annual General Meeting “Sustainability”. Jane has sent apologies but open to any interested parents.

   Email from Della Stevens thanking the P & F for the lovely gift and kind words following her departure as Secretary.
Correspondence:  Outgoing
N/A

9. Agenda Items Continued:

VERTICAL HOMEROOMS
This topic will be carried over to the next meeting.

WALKING BUS ROUTES
It was discussed that a parent roster would be required. Expressions of interest to be called. A trial could be held in conjunction with the Walk to Work/School Day held in October.

10. Additional Items:
Jo noted that the next Fundraising Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th April at 7pm. Key focus will be the auction night. All welcome.

Entertainment books will be sent home on Monday 4th April.

Jane noted that there was not enough interest in the footy tipping but will try again next year.

Next Meeting:  Monday 11th April at 7pm

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm