



# Football Supporters Group

## Meeting Minutes

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<b>Date and time:</b>	29 May, 6:30pm
<b>Location:</b>	Think Studio 1 – St Paul's School
<b>Attendance:</b>	Amanda Carter, Janet Payne, Sally Handyside, Linda Bevin, Matt Hodgins, Craig Norton, Paul Carroll, Karl McLaren
<b>Apologies</b>	Simone Zylstra, Belinda Merchant, Lisa Smith, Chris Bevin

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### Welcome

Introduction and welcome to two new members – Sally Handyside who is taking on the role of Head of Football for the boys' season and Matt Hodgins.

### Confirmation of previous FSG meeting minutes (meeting held on 20 March 2024)

Moved by Amanda and seconded by Janet.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### President's report

#### Sponsorship

Each year, a minimum of \$10,000 is needed to fund shirts (approx \$2,500 for girls and \$8,000 for junior school and boys).

With the school supplying 1<sup>st</sup> team shirts with no sponsors' logos, there is a need to review sponsorship packages, pricing and ways to promote sponsors (e.g. Rugby purchased a gazebo for the Grydale sponsorship). Some sponsors including Direct Chemist have indicated they will continue to support FSG while their children are attending the school.

*Action: Discussion to determine additional ways to promote sponsors*

Matt, who owns Prestige Group AUS, has committed to a \$5,000 sponsorship per year for the next three years, commencing 2025. FSG thanks Matt for his generous support.

#### Kits

From 2025, each team will have their own playing kit with FSG allocating \$10,000 to buy 300 shirts:

- 100 shirts for five girls kits (2<sup>nd</sup> XI, Year 7 to Year 10)
- 120 shirts for six boys kits (2<sup>nd</sup> XI, Year 7 to Year 10, Supplementary 7A)
- 80 shirts for four JTAS kits (Year 4 to 6 and a supplementary kit)

### Upcoming events

The second home game on 10 August is Blue Day. Everyone to consider ways to raise funds. Amanda will organise blue socks.

*Action: Consider fundraisers for discussion at next meeting*

Whole of school sports award evening will be held on Friday 11 October.

First XI football dinner will be on Saturday 7 September.

### Updates from SPSSA

SPSSA has purchased an insurance policy to covering SPSSA and all supporters' groups.

Discussions are underway to review the structure of SPSSA and look at options on how it can operate going forward. Robert Nettleton's presentation slides outlining the risks, options and examples of structures from other schools are attached. SPSSA is organising a working group to work through these matters and you are welcome to contribute to the discussions through SPSSA.

### **Treasurer's report**

A very small profit was made from the term 1 canteen as the games were split between two different locations. The focus is now on the Term 3 canteen to bring in as much money as possible (last year's canteen raised \$4,900).

The Dynasty invoice for shirts was paid and we are awaiting sponsorship payment from one sponsor. The account bank balance is just under \$12,000 and with \$10,000 earmarked for kits, there is money left to fund trophies and some medallions.

All agreed to use left over medallions from last year.

### **Head of Football report**

Sally gave an introduction and is looking forward to heading up football in term 3. Although she has no football background aside from cheering on her daughter, who played in the Year 4 team last year, she is very good at organising and has been a coordinator for other sports.

Appointment of coaches is underway and Noel Blake is keen to coach the Firsts team again this year, Phil Hughes will coach the Seconds and Maddy Finney will be the coach for the Year 10 team. Some current and former students want to take on coaching roles and there is also a call out for parents to coach a younger team.

Trials for senior teams will start this week. Pro-Player is keen to run some pre-season sessions in June / July.

So far, JTAS has 46 kids registered and 115 boys have signed on for term 3 football. Charles Mackenzie-Smith will be Head of Football for JTAS.

## **General business**

### Girls football survey results

A survey was sent to term 1 players to get feedback on uniforms, training, skills development, equipment, football fields and canteen. We received 40 responses so far with even responses received across the grades and teams:

- For those in Year 7 to 11, many indicated they would like to play again next year
- There are concerns about the safety of the fields due to uneven grounds and holes, long grass that needed mowing, dry grass, uneven slopes of the grounds in the junior fields. Respondents would like to see improved upkeep of the grounds – fill in holes, keep the grass mowed regularly – not just before a game
- Some respondents recommended improvements to equipment – standardising ball size, making sure balls are pumped and ready for training and games, replacing or fixing up the football goal nets
- Hot chips, chocolate bars and more Powerade and Gatorade were recommended for the canteen

Lisa will prepare a report of the survey results. *Action: Lisa*

### End of year futsal competition

The end-of-year celebration will be a 5-a-side futsal competition and BBQ.

Three dates were discussed (Tuesday 13 August, Friday 23 August and Thursday 29 August) and all agreed to **host the futsal competition on Thursday 29 August** as the next day is a student free day.

All agreed to fund the competition and sausage sizzle.

To encourage participation and a fun competition, FSG will select players to form teams based on students who register to attend the celebration.

### Titans rugby shirts

Dynasty has donated two signed Gold Coast Titans shirts, and FSG will run two raffles at home games.

Matt will check with his contacts for additional donations to add to the raffles.

## Canteen

Linda, with help from Lisa, will be the canteen coordinator for Term 3.

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/> will be used to coordinate canteen activities. *Action:*  
*Linda*

Discussion on types of food and drinks to offer and pricing including chocolate bars and lolly bags.

*Action: Amanda to organise a coffee van through AT.*

**Meeting closed at 7.34pm**

**Next meeting 10 July at 6.30pm, Think Studio 1.**