

# **Stella Maris Catholic Primary School**

## **Parents and Friends Association**

### **2017 Annual General Meeting**

#### **Chairperson's Report**

The 2017 fundraising year got off to a fantastic start with an amazing Family Fun Day result. We had new Fun Day Co-ordinators in Narelle Watt and Teresa Golembiovski and they set about building from the successful model established the year before and made it their own. The market was expanded and the amount of food prepared by our volunteers was scaled back, as outside food vendors were invited to trade at the Fun Day. Mascots were introduced and our students entered a competition to name them. The focus of the stage was a mix of outside acts plus some great performances from our students and with reasonable weather; we were able to achieve a profit of \$26,348.04. With our target to be raised set at \$35,000, we were well on our way.

Our AGM last year saw some changes to our Executive. Kate Ascough decided to finish up as Treasurer after 2 years and Steph Van der Does took on the position. After agreeing to take on the Fun Day Co-ordinator role again for 2017, Narelle Watt decided to give up her position as Secretary, which was taken on by Rachel Bromley. We also tried a new way of breaking up the roles of the committee, by having people take on the running of an individual event, rather than a group of events as we had the previous year. This resulted in a number of new faces on the P&F committee.

Following on from Fun Day, we successfully ran 25 events throughout the year. These included –

- Welcome morning tea for our Foundation Parents
- Family Disco
- Bunnings and Pretty's BBQs
- Hot Dog Day each term. These were changed to Wednesdays so that the Canteen Manager could take the lead on running them.
- Raffles
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Store
- The sale of hair clips and ties
- Hot Cross Bun and Pie Drives
- Entertainment Book sales
- Breakfasts and Stalls for Mother's and Father's Day
- Snack Bar at the School Production
- World Teachers Day morning tea
- Foundation Art Calendars
- Fun Run. After the successful introduction of this event last year, we again made this a part of our Mother's Day Celebrations.

In running these events, we made a conscious effort to move away from putting out too many paper forms and made increasing use of Qkr, which worked well. The option to order manually was still made available via forms that could be collected from the office, but the majority are using Qkr when our events are able to be placed on that system.

The result of all the planning and hard work that went into these events by our P&F team saw us again exceed our target of \$35,000. The amazing figure of \$51,350.96 was raised in 2016. These funds, as

always, are being used to create an amazing outdoor environment for our students, with opportunities to both learn and play. Of course, none of this is possible without the fantastic and on-going support of our school community.

Thank you to the wonderful members of the P&F for 2016 and those who took on the running of an event. These included Rachel Bromley, Steph Van der Does, Narelle Watt, Teresa Golembiovski, Bec Vella, Laura Afferi, Jess de Boer, Giuli Dumble, Maria Chetcuti, Veronica Thomas, Angela Gillett, Olivia Prestinenzi, Liz Wallace, Liz Bowman, Krissy Breytenbach, Meg Burrett, Olivia Spiridonos, Esther Pretorius, Noelene Schaeche, Christine Toon, Susan Alvear, Inez Perera, Janine Miller, Claudia Olguin, Mary Wardyasekera and Helen Corke. Thanks also to Carolyn Martin for her design work and John Frost for preparing and maintaining our grounds. The generous giving of your time, energy and talents has made this fundraising result possible.

As my 3 year term as Chairperson comes to a close, I am very thankful for the wonderful people I have had with me on this journey and cannot help be proud of all we have achieved. Around \$150,000 has been raised during this time and our grounds have gone from muddy with limited landscaping and equipment, to what we see today. The swale, farm, hot house, ga ga pits, concreting and landscaping both at the front and back of the school, are all a direct result of this fundraising. The kitchen garden program and other sustainability and environmental learning opportunities have come from the development of these areas and our students are the winners.

Thank you to the staff for their enthusiasm in supporting our various events and especially to Steve for being a great sounding board, making the tough calls when needed and for being an amazing support to me and the Executive. To the fabulous, talented, patient and hardworking Ladies who have served on the Executive with me, I cannot thank you enough. I will miss our catch ups and robust discussions. Rachel Bromley, Narelle Watt, Kate Ascough and Steph Van der Does, it has been a great pleasure to work with you all and my job has been made so much easier with your support. It is often rare to find such a harmonious and like-minded group, yet we have enjoyed this for all 3 years.

It has truly been an amazing and rewarding 3 years and I have loved being in the role of Chairperson. The parting gift of the 2016 P&F team is a very healthy start to the fundraising for 2017. The glorious weather (finally!) and fabulous planning have combined to make the 2017 Family Fun Day a terrific success and we have raised \$29,048.70. \$35,000 is already within reach! To the incoming Executive and committee, I will be available to help guide and support you or answer any questions and I wish you all the very best in your new roles and every success in your fundraising efforts.

**Katrina Evans**

**Chairperson 2016**