

Presidents report 2020 AGM

10th February 2020

Welcome everyone to our Annual General meeting for 2020. It has been very pleasing to sit back and reflect on the success that our school Parents and Friends association has had within St Paul's Catholic Primary school.

As it was my first year in the Presidential role, I wanted to ensure that we created an inclusive and welcoming environment within our meetings. I acknowledge that we are all busy parents who work, look after children, have after school activities and other commitments that we are part of. Taking the time out to come to meetings every term can be a challenge for us all, and I am happy to say that we saw a significant increase in the number of members that attended. They put forward many worthwhile ideas and suggestions of ways that the P&F could contribute to supporting the school, and fundraising for resources to benefit the students and teachers. Each idea was welcome and investigated by the team. I also would like to acknowledge those who were unable to attend, but were happy to be involved by passing on ideas and concerns via our Facebook page or to me directly.

The hard work and dedication given by all committee members throughout our events during 2019 was very much appreciated. There was no shortage of parents and carers volunteering their time in a variety of roles, such as assisting with the set up and sales at our stalls, cooking for our food fundraisers, counting money, setting up the hall for the disco, completing paperwork and making phone calls, just to name a few. These members from our team and community are invaluable, and we cannot thank you enough for everything that you did.

The P&F hosted many events throughout 2019, such as the Welcome BBQ for Kindergarten and new families, school discos, BBQ for the school swimming carnival, Mother's day stall, Father's day stall, Colour fun run, Grandparents day BBQ, Christmas stall, Chocolate Fundraiser and the annual Book Fair. Funds raised from these events went towards the Year Six graduation, STEM resources, Library resources, Sports Equipment, plants for the front playground, Technology resources and used to assist a student competing in school Athletics events at a higher level.

We also liaised with Rotary, to collect our old sports uniforms so they could be sent to missionary sites to assist students in underprivileged schools. We express our deepest thanks to the parents and families at St Paul's for donating their old uniforms to this worthwhile cause.

On behalf of all of the P&F committee members, I would like to express my sincerest thanks to everyone who put time and effort into being involved in our events and meetings, and for your ideas and suggestions. Your support has truly been appreciated, and we look forward to working alongside you again to for St Paul's in 2020.