



SAINT HELENA'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Something Beautiful for God

2022 Annual School Community Meeting

P&F President's Report

Good evening

I am pleased to present the Annual Presidents report for 2022. This year saw returning members forming the P&F Executive Committee Lindsay Smith, Jacinta Quijano, Gabbie Lupis, Laura Brown and myself.

Its hard to start this report mentioning anything about the uncertain times that Covid has brought this year, because it's been the start of most of my reports for the past 2 years. So instead I'm going to start with...what a year! We've spent these 12 months focusing on what we have been able to do and looking back at it, we've done a lot for the students, the teachers, support staff and our school staff. We've put a huge focus on friend raising and not so much fund raising.

The start of the year saw the school still undergoing all the building upgrades so Lina and I agreed to cancel this year's Welcome BBQ. A difficult decision, but if I remember correctly, we were still wearing masks and with everything going on, it was the best decision.

So Easter it was...instead of fundraising via our raffles, we decided it was time to give back to the kids and we put together 3 huge hampers and donated a large chocolate bunny to each class. This happened to line up with Crazy Hair Day, so they were a great prize. Lina drew the tickets for our big hampers and I loved hearing the kids screaming in the classroom when one of their own was called as the winner...not sure you Teachers enjoyed the screaming as much as me!

We ran our Mother's Day Stall, which again was a huge hit and we sold out of nearly every item we had. The Father's Day stall was also a huge success and again we weren't left with much. As per previous years we donated all the tea, coffee, sugar, milk and juice to both the breakfasts, and I believe this year was bigger then others also.

We've supported the SHCPS Netball Club and members of the P&F Executive were on hand to run their fundraising lunch. It was a huge success and funds raised ensure that all students who sign up to play, will be training with the best equipment and be rewarded for all their hard work at the end of the season windup.

School Disco – this was huge. It's been years since we'd be able to run one and I'm not sure I had really thought through how big that event was going to be. We had the highest number of students attend than in previous years and had an overwhelming number of families offer to volunteer their time to assist us. It was a fantastic night. We had an amazing DJ, great food, glow in the dark products and lolly bags for sale. I'd like to thank all the teachers/staff that were present on the night to help us.

And while I'm at it, lets talk about our teachers and staff...

We've come to know all of you over the past couple of years, some more than others and this year we wanted to make sure you all knew how important you were and how important what you do for the students is. Hence, we organized a few surprise cupcake deliveries and a few coffee/breakfast mornings because we needed you all to know how great you all are. Our biggest acknowledgement to you all was the Teachers lunch...so much food! We hope you all enjoyed it...as much as we did. Thank you to each and everyone of you, please don't ever change, you're amazing just the way you are.

Some of the other events the P&F have supported this year are: -

- Assembly Tea & Coffee mornings
- BBQ for Feast Day
- Wellness week icy poles
- Kindy morning tea for their little carnival
- Coffee and Ice Cream Trucks for the School Cross Country & Sports Carnival

As we sit only a few weeks out from the end of the year, we are finishing up with the school's Carols Night (where the P&F have a couple of raffles coming up) and we are busy preparing for the Year 6 Graduation Breakfast.

Last year we were very proud of our donation of just over \$22,000 which was made to the school. This year it has been our pleasure to donate almost \$30,000 which has gone towards all new play equipment for our Kindy to year 2 kids. Our donation has also allowed 8 outdoor table/chairs to be purchased for the students to utilize. Tracy has ensured that the tables are also in our faction colors which will look super cool. It's also helped purchase new dresses for the liturgical dance program and last but not least, we've purchased a new BBQ all ready for all those sausages in 2023...I'm still not sure that any of us are eating sausages from last year or in fact if we'll ever eat them again.

As with all things, we couldn't have achieved what we have without the continued support of our school families. I would like to thank everyone who was able to lend a hand throughout the year, your unwavering support has been instrumental to the success of the year, and we cannot thank you enough.

So as we know things in life change and those changes have come to St Helena's in what the P&F will look like going into 2023...

The ACM should also be advised that on 22 November P&F members agreed to follow CECWA directive and will begin operating as a committee of the school, under the new Terms of Reference and common financial practice.

All members of the P&F Executive will step down from their positions under the current constitution. Nominations for membership of the P&F Committee (6-8 members) will occur at the ACM if nominations exceed the vacant positions, a vote to be a member of the P&F Committee must occur.

Election to the office bearer roles, Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer must occur within two weeks of the ACM.

I have a few thank you's –

Firstly to the ladies on the committee with me. There aren't words to express my thanks for each of you for everything you've done this year. It's very rare to find a group of like minded people that step up when needed and without being asked, that are ready to do whatever it takes to make things happen, that make you laugh until your sides hurt and open themselves without hesitation. You are a sensational group of women and I'm honoured to call you my friends. I'll miss working with you all, but our friendship is more than what we've achieved together here. Thank you, ladies, for everything.

To Bec, Tracy & Tracy. Thank you so much for all the support you've provided to me and the committee this year and for the past couple of years. You've never hesitated to do whatever I've asked, you've reminded me when I have assembly's and most likely other things that I've since forgotten. You are a stellar bunch of women and it's been my pleasure.

To Lina and Sascha who have both supported the P&F over the years, thank you. You're both amazing women and it's been my pleasure working with you both. It was a sad loss for all of us when Lina left us and I think the same feeling of loss will be felt when you leave us Sascha, but please know that we appreciate you as our principal and can't thank you enough.

I'm a little bit sad...ok devastated to say that this is my final year on the P&F. I have been at St Helena's since my daughter started here as a Kindy student and I've been on either the P&F or the School Board every year since. I have loved holding this position and achieving what we have. It makes my heart happy to think of everything we've been able to do for all the students here, and in my opinion, we have one of the best school community's around. Its very hard for me to let go, but it's time for some newbies to step up.

To each of you I wish you only the best things in life, all the blessings and nothing but happiness in your future.

Thank you