Throughout the year the P&F has maintained a steady stream of fundraising and community building social events.

The major social events of the year were the Aspire: Kids and Dads team building afternoon in term 1, the school disco in term 2, the Lap-a-thon in term 3 and the Roller-skating afternoon at the Morley Rollerdrome last Friday afternoon. All of these events were well supported by school families, lots of fun to be involved in and popular with the children.

The major fundraiser for 2015 and most enjoyable day on the P&F school calendar for me was the Lap-a-thon held on the last day of term 3.

We worked together with staff to facilitate the Art work fundraiser which saw our children’s art transformed into items such as iPhone covers, calendars and note cards.

The Bunnings sausage sizzle in term 3 was a huge success and a credit to all those parents who helped organise and man the stall.

The i-5 minion challenge definitely caught the attention of our children with those super cute handmade minion coke bottles filling up quickly. Hard to believe we were able to collect 17,434 five cent pieces in just a few months. Kathleen must have had the eyes of the bank tellers rolling in their heads the day she went to bank those coins!

The P&F continues to foster better inter-class family social connections through our parent class representative initiative. This is only in its second year but is working well as a networking system for parents to organise social gatherings for both adults and families. Communication of planned events is fostered and encouraged through the P&F Social Calendar section in the school’s weekly newsletter.

As is tradition at St. A’s, we ensured the Easter Bunny visited our students during the Easter Hat Parade, delivering eggs and bringing smiles to the children faces.

We also have a tradition of subsidising the Year 6 Leavers Shirts by paying for the cost of the screen printing.

We offered a Thermomix and a Bunnings voucher for the Mother’s and Father’s day raffles respectively, sold entertainment books and participated in the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion.

The TravelSmart to School program continues to thrive thanks to the coordination and efforts of Jacinta Thompson. Funding accessed through this program allows St. A’s to host breakfast events and continues to fully fund the year 5 bike education training program. Recently St. Augustine’s Primary School was awarded the double
platinum level of achievement from the Department of Transport. We are only one of two schools in WA to have achieved this level.

As we look to 2016, our fundraising focus will be on making the final donations needed to fully cover the cost of the new smart TVs that are now operational in every classroom. We also hope that money raised from the Christmas fundraiser - the reading wishing tree - will allow for a variety of new class readers to be purchased.

I am stepping down as President after three years on the job and six years as a committee member. Next year I will remain on the committee and look forward to helping the new executive settle into their roles.

I would like to thank Jonnine and all the staff for their support and assistance throughout the year.
I would also like to thank the current executive and committee members, Miya, Tamara, Tania, Justine, Kathleen, Bianca and Cathy, for their support and commitment to the P&F. In particular, Tamara and Miya have been an amazing support for me during my time as President and I thank you both for always being there to help, advise and guide me whenever I needed it.

Several committee members are stepping down from the P&F this year.

Tania is graduating after many years on the P&F and will no doubt find herself on a high school P&F committee next year. Thank you for all you service as Treasurer and a valued committee member - we will miss you.

Cathy is officially cutting the ties after 13 years on the committee - what an amazing contribution. The school community is indebted to you and I know that you are already busy on your children’s high school P&F but we will probably still hunt you down from time to time when we need an answer to tricky question.

Kathleen and Miya are also leaving this year and their departure will leave a big hole in our committee. Both are amazingly energetic and dynamic women who have injected many a great idea into P&F meetings. If you need something done, these two can always be counted on to do it with creativity and efficiency.

Miya has been our Vice President for two years but we all know her better as our beloved Creative Director and resident artistic genius. Thank you for all your amazing and beautiful work!

In the years I have been involved with the P&F here at St Augustine’s I have often reflected that we may be small in number but we are undoubtedly positive and productive in our contribution to the school community. And that is a very rewarding feeling to take home at the end of my time as President.

Thank you

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