



## St Augustine Primary School

### P&F Presidents Report AGM 2016

2016 was my first year on the St Augustine P&F, and it certainly has been a busy, fun and exciting year, with more ideas and plans than we could practically execute in a year!

We began 2016 with a free, welcome back to school outdoor movie night, under the banner of 'friend raising' – bringing the school community back together after the summer holidays. We had a huge turnout and received lots of positive feedback from the attendees. There was no cost for entry into the event, and with some delicious offerings from the BBQ, and assorted items for sale, we managed to hold the entire night for an outlay of \$170 which was a fantastic achievement.

Following the outdoor movie night, the P&F agreed to trial an Easter basket raffle. Each child was asked to bring in a small donation for Easter baskets and each student received raffle tickets to sell. I was astonished at how generous the school community was, and how creative, and we ended up with enough items to create 19 beautiful baskets which we drew raffle tickets for at the Easter Hat Parade. The raffle raised just over \$1000. As is the St A tradition, the P&F ensured the Easter Bunny made an appearance to hand out chocolate to the children – This year's Easter bunny was certainly a character and loved being involved in the parade with the children.

Other events held during the year included:

The election BBQ and cake stall held at the school, which was an incredibly well-organized event and netted \$1500 in profit. We had rave reviews about our creative BBQ offerings and delicious sweets on offer.

The annual disco run by the P&F was also a popular event for the children, raising \$600. We did receive feedback from the Kindy and Pre-Primary parents that they wish their children had the opportunity to attend, and I hope that next year they can be included in the fun.

The Bunnings BBQ, held in August, raised \$1150.

Entertainment book commissions throughout the year raised \$750.00

Our biggest fundraiser of the year was the Rio Carnivale' Quiz Night. The sub-committee did an amazing job in coordinating this huge event which raised over \$5000 for the school.

Throughout the year we continued the success of the TravelSmart to School program, which continues to thrive thanks to the efforts of Jacinta Thompson. Jacinta was also pivotal in securing a government grant of \$3300 for the bike shed redevelopment plan, which is an incredible achievement. The plan is with the school Board, and we look forward to the outcome and making it easier for our school community to ride to school and store their bikes.

Finally, we finished our event calendar with a Christmas themed outdoor movie night which included a caroling session coordinated by Jonnine. The night followed the same format as the movie night held earlier this year, but with ticket sales to cover costs. The P&F trialed an online booking system for selling of the tickets which worked extremely well and was a lot less



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administration on the organizers. Final profits are still trailing in, but we look set to have raised approximately \$700 from the evening.

As a committee we are so proud that the activities over the year not only strengthened the school communities spirit but have also raised a significant amount of money. Combined with the TravelSmart government grant, our fundraising total has reached nearly \$15 000 for St Augustine Primary School - an incredible effort.

During the year, our P&F Committee implemented some process changes. The first being the formation of sub-committees to manage events. A sub-committee is formed at a regular P&F meeting once the event is confirmed. The sub-committee then plans the event and reports back to the broader P&F committee – we have found this worked well during the year and became an efficient way of organising an event. Another important part of the sub-committee was the submission of a post-event report to the P&F committee. This report contains details of the event, expenditure, and learnings from the event. The learnings section are handy hints for similar events such as – making sure BBQ gas bottles are full, back up plans for bad weather or not grouping St A teachers on the same table at Quiz nights!

By submitting this report, we are ensuring that we are following a process of continuous improvement.

During the year a P&F Facebook Page was created which has been well supported by the school community and currently stands at 71 members. It is a great digital communication tool for parents and the P&F, and we are grateful to have the schools support on this.

In 2016 we have finalized our last donations to the Smart TVs of \$3500, and committed \$1000 to a bike shed redevelopment plan. We also purchased a brand-new BBQ to assist with events.

At our last meeting of the year, the P&F committed to spending \$10 - \$13k installing much needed motorised blinds for the school hall. These will replace the temporary ineffective solution of black plastic and will ultimately assist with the learnings of the students. Jonnine is current finalising quotations, and we hope to have these installed as soon as possible.

The P&F has also indicated that it would assist with future funding for the broader playground redevelopment plan which we believe is a very worthwhile project. A subcommittee has been formed by the School Board to start work on scoping plans and the P&F look forward to hearing updates on this project and planning how we can assist financially.

The 2016 P&F committee was filled with extremely active, enthusiastic committee members who worked tirelessly throughout the year to put on quality events and fundraisers. I truly thank each one of you for your dedication to the school and the P&F in assisting me in my first year on the P&F and as President.

Several committee members are not continuing to next year's committee. Without naming, all of you personally, I wish to sincerely thank each of you for your enthusiasm, patience and support over the past year. Each member who has resigned to me personally has assured me of their ongoing support for



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the next P&F committee and for this I know the 2017 committee will be very grateful.

It would be remiss of me not to specifically mention Maryann Taraborrelli, who after seven years as a committee member, including three years as the President, is not nominating for a position next year. Maryann, thank you for your incredible contribution and your guidance and counsel to me this year in your role as Vice President.

I too have decided to resign this year from the P&F, following an exhausting but amazing experience in 2016. I have enjoyed my time as President immensely, and I am looking forward to assisting volunteering at next year's events.

Finally, thank you to Jonnine who has been an incredible support to the 2016 P&F Committee. Your support in challenging the status quo and guidance in navigating new waters has been appreciated by the entire committee, and especially myself.

So that's a wrap! Good luck to the 2017 committee – we are all behind you and looking forward to seeing what you do next year.

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