



# Mary's Mount Primary School P&F Association



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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING P & F 26 November 2019 Commenced: 7.25pm**

### **1. Welcome**

Adrian welcomed everyone to the meeting. He acknowledged Kate MacRae for all her hard work co-sharing the role with him this year as President.

### **2. Attendance:**

Sandro Coniglio, Loretta Hackner, Chris Smith, Jane Taylor, Gabrielle Hoffmann, Karlie DeMarte, Kristine Williams, Emma Hayward, Jo DeBarro, Devina Branche, Michelle Retel, David Vallis, Paula Christensen, Steve Sorgiovanni, Emma Lancaster, Liam Sarkis, Nancy Wratten, Lara Donelan, Sacha Upton, Tamara Ellenbroek, Veronica Giancono, Nancy Wratten, Tony DeBarro, Melanie Eleonora, Kristen Callaghan, Sarah Harper, Naomi Holly, Lisa Echeverria, Michelle Sanderson, Lisa Budding, Kate Gilkinson, Andrea Martin, Adrian Martin, Michelle Batten, Kirsten Earl, Sue Blair, Mellissa Antoine, Cassandra Underwood, Kate MacRae, Terry Dickenson, Gina Croft, Karen Rucchin, Natalie O'Brien, Mark Rooney, Marina Raschella, Bec Haley, Sarah Griffiths, Annmarie Baltov, Fiona Wittenbaker, Angela Smith, Carolyn Gamble, Lance Roughsedge, Andrea Anthony, Murray Dickson, Bettina Hanna, Patrick Hanna, Liz Appleby, Lourdes Sasidharan, Belinda Henderson, Jarod Avila, Teagan Thresher, Stephanie Freeman, Karen Forster, Quinton Hoffmann, Merrisa McDougall, Evelyn Papas, Faye Valli, Rebecca Beet, Kylie Stidwell, Rebecca Delucca

#### **Apologies:**

Jenny Avila, Fr Suresh, Daniel Bersan

### **3. Minutes from Previous AGM**

**Accepted: Evelyn Papas**

**Seconded: Lourdes Sasidharan**

### **4. Business arising**

Nil

### **5. Reports**

#### **5.1 President's Report –**

Good evening everyone and thank you for coming along to the Board and P&F AGM for 2019.

- The role of the P&F is quite varied within our school. We do, of course, do a lot of fund raising throughout the year to provide additional resources for our children. But we also aim to build a strong community spirit engaging parents and friends in our school community,



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collaborating with the school board and providing support to the school. And along the way we hope to add an element of “fun raising” too!

- So, what did this look like in 2019? Marina will give us the details of the P&F financial contributions to the school in her Treasurer’s Report but Kate and I would like to share with you some of the highlights of this year.
- We kicked off the year with the second annual **Big Splash Welcome Party**. It was another huge success with a second inflatable added this year. There certainly was a lot of splashing going on...and smiling, and laughter, and lots of fun! Thank you to Kate for coordinating and to all the committee and parents who helped set up and supervise on the day. We look forward to next year.
- Not long into term 1 we had our main event, **Breakfast in the Park**. This year was the 33<sup>rd</sup> year the event has taken place. It is a wonderful tradition and a chance to showcase our school to the community. The event always demonstrates our strong community spirit and is a highlight for our kids too.
- It is our biggest fundraising event of the year and it would not be possible without the hard work of parent volunteers. We thank everyone for their contributions to preparation, set up, transportation, manning the stalls, packing away, to the staff for serving breakfast, and for all the many jobs that make the day a success. In particular, thanks must go to Michelle Batten for coordinating the event AND for putting her hand up to do it again next year!
- Thank you to Bendigo Bank Forrestfield/High Wycombe for the Community Grant that supports getting this event started. They have committed to supporting us for the next 3 years which is fantastic.
- A huge thank you also to the many families and businesses that provided sponsorship and donations. Without your support the event would not be the success that it is.
- Breakfast in the Park 2020 will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> March so make sure you put it in your calendars!
- We have supported 2 guest speaker presentations this year. In term 1 the school once again invited **YSafe** to speak to parents about cyber safety. It was an extremely valuable evening full of helpful, and sometimes terrifying, information about the online world and how to help our kids navigate it safely. The P&F were happy to contribute to this presentation.
- In term 2 we brought **UR Strong** to conduct a workshop for parents and students. This initiative promotes positive friendship skills for kids and teaches them the language of friendship. It was well attended by our families and the feedback was excellent. Thank you to Kate for organising this event.
- In term 2 we also had our annual **Lapathon**. Now, we may have gone a little overboard on the “fun raising” side of things this year with the addition of a colour station, paint sponges, bubble tunnel, commando tyre run and a visit from the volunteer bushfire brigade! Not sure the teachers thanked us for that one but the kids were definitely smiling and having fun.
- Kate Gilkison, Mellissa Antoine, Fay Valli, Kate and I were responsible for coordinating so thank you ladies and thanks to all the parents who helped out and joined in the fun on the day.



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- Throughout the year there are several masses celebrated in St Joseph's Hall. The P&F set up light refreshments for parents and parishioners to enjoy after mass. Sarah Harper kindly volunteered to be our catering coordinator this year and we thank her sincerely for her time and effort, especially for the **grandparent's morning tea** that followed St Emile Mass in term 2. Thank you also to all the parents and staff who baked lots of yummy treats to spoil the grandparents in our school community.
- Kate then took the floor to present:
- The **School Open night** took place in Term 3 and was once again supported by the Kalamunda Lions Club with the cooking of the sausage sizzle and somewhat irresistible hot cinnamon donuts. The members of the Lions Club volunteer their time and resources for this so we thank them very much.
- Thanks also to Marina for preparing all the food (including slicing 10kg of onions), Mellissa for sorting the drinks and Adrian for setting up. Thank you to Liz Appleby for supplying the bread rolls and for the many times Baker's Delight support our events throughout the year.
- This year we started something new with classes being allocated events throughout the year. As Merissa McDougall and Marina have always done the **Mother's and Father's Day stalls** we gave this pleasure to years 2 and 3. Thank you to Michelle Sanderson and Julie D'Ascenzo for their help too. The stalls are always a big hit with the kids who love shopping for their special gifts. I would like to personally thank the ladies for the great presents I have received over the years – I'm always excited to see what the kids have chosen.
- The Year 1 class did an amazing job with the **school disco**, which is a highlight of the year for the kids. The Hollywood theme this year was great and the amazing entrance mural was hand painted by talented dad, Peter Dekker. The whole evening was very well planned and managed so a massive thank you to Victoria Murphy, Mellissa Antoine and the many year 1 parents who got involved to create a fantastic night for our children.
- The **cake stall** at the school sports carnival was run by the PP parents this year. Thank you to Sam Blair for coordinating, and all the parents who helped set up, man the stall and pack away, and of course to the parents and staff who donated all the baked treats.
- In a couple of weeks' time the year five parents will be providing the food at the Year 6 graduation dinner.
- We have reviewed the way class allocations worked this year and made some amendments for next year but the feedback has been that it worked really well. We have seen examples of other schools that have had this set up for many years being very successful. We look forward to your continued support on this for 2020 and establishing a collaborative approach to our school events.
- **Parent night** this year was led by Naomi Holly with the assistance of the P&F committee. The Wine, Cheese and Comedy night was a great success. For those of you who came along I'm sure you'll agree that the hall looked pretty magical and one of the best set ups for a parent night yet.



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- It was great to have local wine producers, Fairbrossen and Lawnbrook (Bec being an ex-student of the school), here to showcase their wines. The grazing table was delicious and fully stocked all night. The live music from another ex-student, Jordan, and his friend Ben got everyone in the mood. And the comedy...well, what better medicine for parents on a night out!
- There were many local businesses and families who sponsored this event so we thank them for their generosity. Thank you also to all the parents who helped with preparation, set up and pack up, especially Bettina Hanna, Emma Redgwell, Jo Dickensen, Jenny Avila, Kathie Hastie, Michelle and Barry Batten. Many hands always make light work! Next year, the privilege of organising parent night will be handed over to year 4 parents so we look forward to seeing what fun ideas they have.
- **Parent initiatives** are a huge part of what makes a P&F successful. This year we had 3 newbies!
- The Tuition Fee raffle was initiated by Patrick Hanna as he had seen it at Trinity College, where his boys now attend school. It was a great idea and was well received at our school. We have decided to make this an annual draw running in term 1 each year. Thank you to Patrick for this great idea.
- Mellissa Antoine brought Subway lunch orders to our kids this year – something a little different as a treat for the kids and a break from the usual lunch-making for parents. Thank you, Mellissa, for coordinating this.
- A recent new addition, which was a big hit with the kids, was the Mary's Mount LEGO Masters competition. There were 57 entries and some amazing and very creative builds. Thank you to Sam Blair for this great idea and for coordinating the running of the competition. This is definitely one of our "fun-raising" events, aimed at creating a fun experience for the kids rather than raising money, and I have a feeling they will want to do it again!
- We welcome new ideas and encourage parents to come forward with these next year.
- The LEGO competition is a great example of how the P&F can give back to our kids. We followed this with an incursion from Bricks for Kids. Each class participated in a hands-on, educational LEGO experience learning with Duplo for Kindies, motorised LEGO Technic for PP/1s and 2s, WeDo Junior Robotics for 3/4s and Mindstorms EV3 advanced robotics for the 5/6s. It was a huge success.
- In Term 2 the P&F provided a hot chocolate and fruit toast morning tea for all the students. Thank you to Adrian and the team of parents who made this special treat possible.
- Of course everything we do and raise money for is ultimately giving back to our kids by enhancing resources at school. This year the P&F contributions back to the school have been spread well across all main learning areas. Some of the projects we have supported, which Marina will provide details on shortly, are:
  - library books
  - in class resources
  - art, science and music resources
  - an upgrade to the courts



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- table tennis tables
  - Early Childhood shade house
  - playground markings
  - faction flags
  - robotics
  - and more.
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- This year we have tried to allocate some of our fundraising initiatives to a specific project. For example the tuition fee raffle raised money for the playground markings and the parent night was for robotics. We believe this is a good way forward and will look to do the same in 2020.
  - Last year the P&F adopted a new Constitution for our school. It has been a valuable guide to assist us in our procedures and decision making. We hope we have achieved the same open and transparent communication with the school community this year.
  - On behalf of Adrian and me, I would like to thank the 2019 P&F Committee – Marina, Mellissa, Lourdes and Melanie – for all their hard work and ideas. In particular, thanks to Adrian, who does so much around the school and is always there to lend a hand. It does not go unnoticed so thank you Adrian from us all!
  - Thank you to the Class Parent Reps for attending meetings, communicating to your classes and collaborating with the P&F this year.
  - And thanks to all the parents who got involved in some way, shape or form throughout the year. We have a great community spirit at Mary's Mount which creates a great environment for the kids. Primary School is a special time for creating lifelong memories and we can play a big part in that for our kids.
  - Before I hand over to our Treasurer, Marina, who will share with you the wonderful financial contribution the P&F and parent community are proud to have made to the school this year.
  - Can I please have two people to accept this report.

**Accepted: Jarod Avila**

**Seconded: Melanie Eleonora**

- Kate then announced that it was Marina's birthday and being the type of person, she is, she is here and not out to dinner with her family. This was met with a rousing Happy Birthday sung to Marina and a round of applause.

## 5.2 Treasurer's Report - See attached

- Marina spoke to her report -and explained the revenue and expenditure for 2019. We opened the year with \$21197.26 in the bank.
- Income from the various events held throughout the year and to date totalled:

\$42 448.97

less expenses: \$11 137.41



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Total revenue: **\$31 311.56**

Donations back to the school: **\$38 901.39**

You will see this is a little higher than what we brought in but we had money sitting in the account that we could put towards projects.

See attached report for detailed list of income and expenditure

We will commence the year in 2020 with \$13 306.53 with reserves set aside for events that commence earlier in the year e.g. BIP

Marina acknowledged all the sponsors who have helped throughout the year. Please do support those who have supported us. She also thanked to all the parents, volunteers and staff who have helped in any way in 2019

- Marina then showed a slideshow presentation of the years events which was met with much laughter and warmth as we reflected on 2019. Marina then announced that she was stepping down from her role as treasurer this year as she will be returning back to work in 2020. Marina indicated that she had thoroughly enjoyed the experience and would encourage people to give it a go as she has learnt a lot of this which will be reflected on her resume and made some great friendships.
- Marina then asked for members to accept the report.

**Accepted: David Vallis**

**Seconded: Andrea Martin**

- Adrian handed the meeting over to Sandro to declare positions vacant.
- Sandro declared all positions on the P&F are vacant and Sandro led the meeting to elect new members to the P&F for 2020

The executive committee were stepping down and we needed to have nominations for the committee. At this stage we have only received one nomination for P&F which was Mellissa Antoine, which he thanked her for.

He called for nominations from the floor but none were forthcoming. He asked Adrian if he was willing to carry on in a capacity on the P&F and he said yes. Sandro indicated that he would continue to ask for nominations in forthcoming newsletters and see if we could have something in place for 2020.

- Sandro declared the meeting closed.

**Meeting closed at 8.10pm**