

## **P&F President's Report: Annual School Community Meeting 2022**

Welcome everyone to our annual school community meeting, and our last one as the outgoing executive committee.

Going into the second year of our term, we were ready for another successful year, with a vision to continue to build community, build funds to support the extension of the basketball courts, and ensure all events were well balanced across the year. Well, two of these goals were achieved! Covid had other plans with restrictions wiping out our schedule for Term 1, and saw us condense 2 terms of events into Term 3! Nonetheless, we take this opportunity to reflect on a busy and successful 2022 within the P&F.

Term 1 saw all P&F meetings and the Disco and Colour Run cancelled due to Covid. But if Covid has taught us anything, it's to be adaptable, so we 'met' online and instead introduced the Picture Plate and Personalised Tea Towel Fundraiser. This was hugely popular and we all enjoyed capturing our children's art work at this special place in their lives, and sharing with our kids the plates we made at their age.

With Covid restrictions still looming going into Term 2, the Dardanup Art Spectacular Gala Opening night catering and weekend door sales were postponed from April, to June. We held our first face to face P&F meeting for the year in May and welcomed Janica Jenour into our committee, to cover the Treasurer role whilst Celeste was sailing the seas. We proceeded with our ever popular Mothers Day Breakfast and door raffle, which was a lovely opportunity to get together after isolating for the first 4 months of 2022. June saw the school support our Dardanup Community at the Art Spectacular weekend. The Executive Committee attended an education session with CSPWA in Donnybrook, and established a positive relationship with their wonderful staff who will continue to support our P&F through the transition into a new Terms of Reference, and all things P&F!

Term 3 was busy condensing another terms' events into an already busy term, however we all survived and thrived! Celeste returned from her sabbatical, and we refused to let Janica go. Term 3 commenced with the rescheduled Hawaiian themed School Disco, which saw 94% of all OLOL students attend. The Fathers Day Breakfast and Raffle was again very popular with our Dads who were treated with bacon and egg burgers and yoghurt cups. The OLOL First Colour Run blew our expectations and saw a fantastic day had by all, while raising funds for our basketball extension project. The children enjoyed fruit platters provided by the P&F, and all slept well that night! We held our popular Sweet Landings stall and supported the Dardanup community by providing parking management at the Bull and Barrel Festival.

Term 4 saw the P&F celebrating our wonderful teachers on World Teacher's Day by providing personalised cookies and a morning tea. We honoured our Grandparents on Grandparents Day with an afternoon tea attended by over 150 grandparents. This all coincided with the always popular Book Fair lead by Emma Tyrell which continues to grow each year, and provide new books for our kids school library and AR program. Yet to come is our highly anticipated Christmas Raffle with some amazing prizes, and is expected to exceed last year's success! The P&F Executive Committee look forward to treating all of our students with a sausage sizzle on their End of Year Fun Day, to celebrate a fantastic year.

Other events have included the weekly Lapping Legends which was postponed in term 1 due to Covid, however from Term 2, continued to grow from strength to strength under the guidance and dedication of Trinity Edwards and her team. Emma Tyrell continued to lead the Entertainment Book fundraiser.

A busy year has meant the P&F has been able to support our school and families through:

- Subsidising year 5 and 6 camps
- Subsidising the art work for the Year 6 leavers shirts
- Funding buses for school swimming lessons
- Funding items on the teachers wish list
- Funding gifts for leaving families
- Funding gifts for the Year 6 leavers
- Funding new library shelving
- Funding new outdoor toys in the Early Childhood playground
- Funding the purchase of a new portable sound system for the school
- New books for the library as part of the book fair
- Funding the upgrade of the year 5 classroom with new furniture
- Funding the basketball upgrade and extension project.

I would like to acknowledge the work of previous P&F Committees whose hard work has also contributed to the funding of the basketball court project. This is something our school community, past and present, should be very proud of, and I know will be thoroughly enjoyed by our kids.

The success of this year has been greatly attributed to the efforts and generosity of our school and wider community. A big THANK YOU to our volunteers, donors and sponsors (directly and indirectly linked to our school), Class Representatives, families, teachers, our SAC members and especially the ladies in admin, who have supported events and our committee. Special thanks to our Principal Angela, who has supported us at every event, always shown us respect and done everything she can to facilitate our shared vision of building community and giving back to our kids.

We especially acknowledge the strength and resilience of our school community, and its ability to come together even stronger, during difficult times such as during Covid. In an age where P&F associations are dying out because of everyone's hectic lives and other commitments, we are proud of our school community still working together, as strong as ever, to set the best example for our children, and provide them with a positive school experience and every opportunity to thrive.

To our P&F Committee and its village – to our husbands who have supported us with building, fixing and transporting things, and left to 'man the fort' during the busier times; to our children who have sat through meetings and helped out with preparation for events; to our Grandparents who have babysat to allow us to serve the school community; THANK YOU. Team, your dedication and commitment has been faultless. The genuine desire to build community, enhance our children's schooling experience, and do the best job possible, has shone through. This is also evident in the efforts that have gone in to writing intricate handovers and setting up supports, to ensure the success of the new committee.

Over the year, the P&F has been anticipating the move towards a new Terms of Reference framework recommended by Catholic School Parents WA and CEWA. It was agreed to move our P&F from being 'Incorporated,' to operate under the new Terms of Reference to take effect in January 2023. This framework is expected to make operations as an executive committee more streamline, it will see the P&F committee more involved with the SAC and School Leadership team to prepare an annual P&F budget, and overall, will see the 2 committees and Principal working together to meet common goals. We feel this will see positive outcomes for our school, and will make life easier for the new committee. We wish the new committee all the best in their term, and hope you gain as much from it as we have. You will continue to have our support over the next 2 years.

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