

ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2017

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2017 St Brendan's School AGM.

The school motto "To live in faith and love" and the theme of a school "Where everyone belongs" have underpinned not only the school life of the teachers and children but hopefully can be seen in the work of the P&F in 2017.

We built further connections with our parish with invitations to the extended parish community to participate in our Harmony Night celebrations. Communications were through the parish newsletter as well as flyer invitations distributed to St Brendan's Childcare.

The years fundraising got off to a wonderful start with our Harmony Night celebration on Friday 3rd March, which was a great opportunity for families to come together to socialise, share a meal, enjoy some multi-cultural entertainment to celebrate our multi-cultural community.

Friday 21st April we had the school disco with Footsteps DJ Jessica - and after a successful inclusion of a disco in 2016, it was great to have this gathering again this year. We had an attendance of approximately 65-70% of students at the disco which was a great turnout, making a \$40 profit after DJ expenses of \$275.00.

Payment of \$299.10 for our 2017 seniors shirts and their screen printing was also paid for and we are so proud of our senior students this year and their leadership at the school.

Two successful working bees were done in Term 1 and Term 3 – one on 26th March which was a big general clean-up of the grounds and gardens, the second was on 20th August focussing on a pre-fete clean up.

A contribution to the School Gardening Fund in April paid \$2,000 which helps with gardening supplies required to maintain and grow our school garden.

The Mother's Day stall held on Friday 12th May was a big success. Thank you to Sarah Boase who not only took on the Mother's Day stall co-ordination this year, but also the Father's Day stall. The Mother's Day stall made a profit of \$275 and made a lot of mothers and mother figures in our school community feel very spoilt I'm sure.

Trivia Night – 20th May – was another great success with approximately \$900 profit being made for the evening and a great evening for staff and parents and friends.

Throughout the year the parent body has also been involved in and supported the Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival and Cross-Country; and of course our major fund raiser – our school fete "St Brendan's Community Bash".

Despite having a belated start to fete preparations - due to the fact that we had no fete convenor until May, and the 1st fete meeting being held on 20 May - the fete made a

profit just over \$11,000. Thank you to Patrick Shine, Angela Simpson and Ashish Chandra who took on the joint fete co-ordination role. We have been able to put those funds to good use purchasing a portable stage for the school.

As in previous years the tuckshop continued to be a big fundraiser for the P&F. A special thank-you to Dee Stephenson and her team. What an amazing job they do; loved by teachers and children alike on Wednesdays, as well as the school disco and movie nights. The parents who gave up their time on a Wednesday morning to prepare lunches for the children are commended for their volunteering spirit. The purchasing of new deep fryer by the P&F in April was also a big benefit for the disco, movie and fete events.

Thank you to Nicole, Brendan and all the amazing teaching staff at St Brendan's. We know only too well that teaching is so much more than curriculum and what is happening in the classroom - something that is not taught as part of any teaching degree. Thank you also to the support staff both in the classroom and outside it, teachers cannot do their core job without you and the valuable work that you do. An organisation is only as good as its people and we have wonderful people looking after our children. They are all prepared to go above and beyond their job descriptions for the benefit of our children and the school.

Thank you also to the many St Brendan's families who were willing to assist with the running of events, the executive really appreciates all your efforts. Not only does your generosity allow our functions to run smoothly, your involvement builds relationships in the bringing of people together.

Thanks to the P & F Executive – Laureen as Treasurer, always willing to support and offer advice in our financial obligations. I especially want to acknowledge the work she did on ensuring that we have met our obligations with regard to the financial auditing of our accounts to meet our ACNC financial statements.

Thank you to Maureen - as Secretary extraordinaire. Not only did we have minutes, we also had updates in the school newsletter to keep everyone informed, on top of everything else she had done this year and in previous years. I wish Maureen and John all the best as Ryan heads off to Villanova next year. We will miss your enthusiasm, energy and support at St Brendan's. You will always be welcome to join in St Brendan's school events as part of our extended family.

Peta Shine

P&F President

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