

## P & F Report 2021

The beginning of 2021 brought some new members to the P&F Committee at St Marys. Firstly, though I'd like to say farewell and a HUGE thank you to Courtney FANETTI (vice president), Chantelle PRYER (secretary) and Jacinta YUREVICH (treasurer). Your contribution to the committee over the last 2 years was invaluable. All your volunteer time you committed to the committee was appreciated. Returning to the committee this year is Jayne SMITH who remains our new Social Media Officer and has taken on the role as secretary as well and Ingrid FITZGIBBINS who continues to run the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop exceptionally and myself as President. We welcomed Molly JOHNSON as our new vice president, Crystal SUTHERLAND as our new treasurer and Michelle KARIPA and Michelle SLABBERT RICHARD as committee members.

Due to the arrival of COVID19 last year, very little was able to be completed in terms of fund raising and it was decided by the committee to try and raise some money this year for our Nature Playground in the Senior school.

We started the year with our popular Easter raffle which was organised by Chantelle PRYER (ex-committee member) and other parent helpers putting the Easter baskets together. It is no secret the children love this time of year; the baskets were well received, and the raffle was a great success.

During Term 1 the P&F implemented the Containers for Change program, a plastic bottle recycling endeavour generated by the state government of Western Australia. A large green wheelie bin now sits next to the canteen in order for the kids to throw the appropriate recyclable material in the bin. When it is full a member of the P&F takes the bin to the depot where the staff count and collate the rubbish on St Marys behalf and add it to our registration number, C10432695. To date the recyclable material has raised about \$60 for our Nature Playground.

St Mary's had their first Colour Run during Term 2 and it looked like everyone had a fabulous time. The school raised about \$18,000 to go towards our Nature Playground for the Junior and Senior School. Thank you so much to the St Mary's community for such generous donations. It is much appreciated. A huge thanks to Jayne SMITH who organised the colour run from the start to finish and to other members of the P&F committee, parents and teachers who came down and helped with not only the setup of the different courses but the pack away of all the bits and pieces. Your help was much appreciated. A big thank you to the parents and teachers who helped spread the colour and water all over the students on the day. What a magnificent rainbow they all made together. Thank you to Peter and Suzanne Sloane from Tyrepower for donating several tyres for use as obstacle courses and also to St Mary's for the use of the equipment in the Kindy and sports sheds. Thanks to the Year 6 parents for organizing the sausage sizzle. It was great way to finish off the event. A huge thank you to the staff at St Marys. It was our first ever colour run and we received nothing but support and encouragement from Mrs Browner and the staff at the school. I think next year we should have a teacher only race too.... I'm not sure who had more fun, Mrs Pav or the kids.

This year the Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls comprised of locally made gifts for a value of \$10. The children had about 10 different gifts to choose from. Many thanks to the P&F members who organised the gifts for both stalls and to the committee members and parent volunteers who made themselves available to help with wrapping, setup, pack-up and selling on the day. A big thank-you to the Year Six students who helped during the day. You are all great role models.

Mathletics was an important resource which the P&F contributed to as they do every year.

This year the P&F provided a sausage sizzle at the sports carnival. A big thank you to Coles, Woolworths and Kennedy Drilling who donated supplies, equipment and cash for the event. The P&F committee did a fantastic job in organising the event, from pre-ordering all the sausages from each faction prior to the carnival and then cooking up a storm on the day. Many thanks to all the committee and volunteers who helped on the day making and handing out sausages.

At the Junior sports carnival this year the P&F hosted a cake stall for all the participants the spectators. This was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed. A huge thanks to Suzzanne and Aneela for coming up with the idea and organising the stall and also to all the parents who generously donated all the cakes at the stall.

After speaking with each year group from Year 1 to Year 6, the P&F now have an idea about what the students would like to see in their Nature Playground. Quotes from different playground construction companies were received during Term 4 and hopefully work should be able to commence early 2022 once the plans have been drawn and the school community as a whole is happy with the design.

Currently we are finalising the plans for the upcoming "Sunset Night". The P&F host this night every year and find it's a great way for the school community to get together and relax with the children. There will be the usual stalls, food vans, bouncy castles and maybe a surprise or two. The Year Fives will also have the chance to do their first fundraiser to kick off fundraising for next year's camp.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Elizabeth BROWNER, Jenny GORMAN, Anne-Marie TERRI and Sue COYLE for their support of the P&F Committee this year and helping the new members of the committee to navigate their way through all the requirements of the P&F at St Marys. I would also like to thank all past committee members who have provided much needed advice and support to our current committee during the year along with the parents who jumped in and helped when asked.

Finally, a huge thank you to the current committee, without their support, enthusiasm, commitment, dedication and FABULOUS-NESS we wouldn't have had such a great P&F in 2021. I have enjoyed working with the P&F this year and hope to see the current committee members and hopefully more members in 2022. "As many hands build a house, many hearts make our school".

Merle Newton

P&F President 2021