

President Report for ACM 2022

Good evening everyone and welcome to our ACM for 2022.

I am Steph Kaciuba, the current P&F president. This was my first year as president and I'm so thankful to our amazing P&F members for supporting me in this role. A special thanks to Therese for always answering my many, many questions.

As a P&F we have achieved so much this year, and I want to say a huge thank you to each and every person who has attended meetings, asked questions, brought forward suggestions and also participated in organising and running all of our events throughout the year. For a small school community we achieve a lot and are able to contribute so much back to our school and students.

Our first event for the year was meant to be our welcome disco, a much loved event but sadly due to COVID restrictions, had to be cancelled this year. Later in Term One we held a COVID safe Road Rally as an alternative fund raising event. We had about 25 cars participating and we had incredible feedback about the Road Rally, with lots of people wanting it to be held again next year. It made for a positive start to an otherwise uncertain way of life, where COVID restrictions and updates kept us all on our toes.

We finished Term One with our infamous Easter Raffle. Everyone must love the prospect of winning chocolate because the donations we received were incredible. Kacey Waddington put together some amazing raffle prizes, of which the winners were very grateful.

The start to Term Two was very busy. We held a Lap-athon, organised by Michelle Steward, Sheree O'Sullivan and Amanda Ward. The kids had a blast running laps and it was a very successful fundraiser. Then we held a Mother's Day Stall, and the kids went shopping for mum. Sheree O'Sullivan did an incredible job securing donations, a process she started in Term Four of 2021. Thank you, Sheree, for putting in so much effort and making this a wonderful experience for our kids. We also held a Mother's Day raffle this year, thank you to our Year Four and Kindy reps who helped the kids 'shop' at the stall and organised our Mothers Day raffle. To finish up Mother's Day, we held our annual Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea. Our year 2 and Year 3 reps organised our morning tea & also gifted beautiful candles to every mother in attendance.

At the end of Term Two, as a bonus event, we held our Election Day Sausage Sizzle. As always, the cake stall was a huge hit, it seems we can never have enough cake. We also held a Fire Wood Raffle. Thanks to Adam Bennetts for securing the wood donation and transportation, and to Meagan Collins and Jessie Hunter for helping with the sale of tickets.

In Term Three we held our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. A huge thank you to Kacey Waddington and her team of Pre Primary and Year 5 helpers for organising this event, it was hugely successful. Then it was time to celebrate all the Dad's in our community with our annual Father's Day Breakfast. Thank you to our Pre-Kindy, Year 1 and Year 6 parent reps for organising this one, lead by Jodie Capobianco. Students (or should I say mums) had the opportunity to buy Whistler's Chocolate's as a Father's Day Gift for the Dad's in their lives. We also held something new for Father's Day this year, and that was a Father's and Kids

Sports Afternoon, graciously run by Mark from MBA Sports. Thank you to Kaitlyn Gelmi and the Year 2 & Year 3 reps for organising both of these events.

To finish up Term Three, Kacey Waddington organised the Scholastic Gift Vouchers for our Book Week Parade Winners. Every year the parents and children come up with so many amazing costumes, and this year was exceptional. I don't envy the judges.

Term Four was kicked off by our Disco Bingo Night. This event was a huge learning curve, trying to navigate the rules and regulations around selling alcohol on a school premises and determining if we did or did not need a gaming permit. Thank you to Diane Scriven for answering so many phone calls during the school holiday break to get this event over the line. Our amazing team worked so hard on this event and it was an incredible night, not just financially but also as a friend raising event. Thank you to Meagan Collins, Olivia Daly, Kaitlyn Gelmi, Simone Cain and Adam Bennetts for organising this event.

Next up, we had Matthew Gibney Day which was a wonderful event and morning tea was lead by Michelle Steward and went off without a hitch. Thank you to Michelle and her team of helpers who spent multiple days preparing and then serving morning tea for everyone. Thank you to Simone Cain for making such a wonderful Matthew Gibney Day cake. The school held a disco for our children on Matthew Gibney Day, and the P&F decided to gift lolly bags to each child. Thank you, Kacey Waddington, for organising the Lolly Bags. Jodie Capobianco also organised and ran our interschool athletics carnival sausage sizzle... again the cakes were a huge hit.

We will finish our fundraising for the year with our Edudance Sausage Sizzle which will be held next week.

Throughout the year we have also been updating our OneDrive with what we are calling 'cheat sheets' for each event. The purpose behind this is a central location for all information for every event to be stored, making it easier for future parent reps to be able to access the information and thereby making the event planning process so much easier. A huge thank you to Caris Smith for getting this up and running and collating all the previous years information.

Adam Bennetts has been trying to finalise a BHP Dollar Matching Program for the P&F. If, but most likely when, this comes through, BHP will match all of our funds raised by \$2. i.e every \$1 dollar raised, BHP will give us \$2. When this is approved, it will be back dated to July 1st 2022, and will go through to June 30th 2023, with the exception of the Bingo Night as they don't dollar match for gambling. So that will be a huge boost to the P&F's fund raising.

Finally, I need to advise those gathered tonight of the new directive from the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia. On the 2nd September 2022, the CECWA approved a single model of operation for P&Fs in CEWA schools. This will see the P&F operate as a committee of the school, governed by consistent Terms of Reference and common financial practices, effective January 2023. A brief synopsis of the changes for our P&F:

- All parents of enrolled students will be considered general members

- Friends of persons affiliated with the school will be associate members
- The P&F current executive team will now be called the P&F committee and will be made up of a Chair (president), Deputy Chair (Vice President), Treasurer & secretary
- Committee members will be appointed to the role for two years and can serve no more than 6 consecutive years in that role
- Committee members will need to provide current police clearance, cost borne by the school
- Committee members must participate in annual learning regarding the schools code of conduct, CEWA's Child Protection Procedures & child safe practices
- Funds raised must be spent in that same year, unless they have been designated for a future purpose, e.g. nature playground, reading books etc
- We will no longer have our own ABN
- All receipts and payments will go through the schools operating bank account, with regular reports provided to the P&F treasurer by the schools Finance Officer.
- We must now prepare a yearly budget with estimated expenses for each event
- All cash monies raised now need to be counted by two committee members. This must be carried out on school premises
- We can use the school EFTPOS machine for our events. The school is going to purchase a second machine
- The P&F will no longer need to complete an independent audit of our finances. The audit will be done within the annual school financial audit.

On the 16th of November the P&F members agreed to follow the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia's directive and will begin operating as a Committee of the school, under the new Terms of Reference and common financial practices as of January 2023.

So, as you can see it's been a huge year but we have had the most amazing team. It's been so wonderful to see so many new faces to the P&F this year, and hopefully next year will bring many more. Thank you again for all your efforts, we make such a huge impact to our children. The exact amounts that we have been able to give back to the school will be detailed in our treasurer's report.

Thank you and goodnight.