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TE WAIRUA O MARIA
THE SPIRIT OF MARY

MARIST SCHOOL AGM – CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT FOR 2017

The purpose of the Marist School PTFA is threefold:

1. To support the Parish’s pastoral care programme;
2. To assist in building a strong community spirit; and
3. To fundraise to assist with school projects.

1. SUPPORTING THE PARISH’S PASTORAL CARE PROGRAMME

The main PTFA activities associated with the Parish’s pastoral care programme in 2017 were supporting the sale of second hand school uniforms and the Marist Meals programme:

- **Second hand uniforms:** The second hand uniform sale runs throughout the year to raise funds for the pastoral care programme with proceeds going to Caritas. Thanks to Erin Judd for coordinating the collection and sale of the uniforms in 2017 which raised \$1900.
- **Marist Meals:** The Marist Meals initiative is now in its third year with there continuing to be a demonstrable need for meals. Much of the food/equipment is donated but the PTFA continued to provide support with resources and/or cooking as required. Thanks to Ngaire Polwart for leading this initiative again in 2017.

2. BUILDING A STRONG COMMUNITY SPIRIT

As with 2016, the main initiatives in 2017 to promote a strong community spirit were: the class reps programme; the annual all-school disco; and organising morning teas after school masses:

- **Class Reps:** the class reps programme is now in its third year and is becoming an accepted and established part of school life. Parents are appointed to assist the teachers with day-to-day tasks, organising parent helpers for particular activities, and organising occasional class get togethers. Feedback from both teachers and parents has continued to be positive. Thanks to Margaret Marshall for coordinating the class reps in 2017 and all the reps themselves: Bethany Lockie, Fleur Goldien, Margaret Marshall, Jo Pickering, Rebecca Aldous, Adrienne Sutton, Donna Schofield, Charlie Smyth, Sheree Clifton, Adela Aguilera and Nadine Skewes.
- **School Masses:** In 2017 family masses were organised for 28 May and 29 October (the fifth Sunday of the month). The PTFA put on morning tea after these masses in the school hall. Thanks to Margaret Marshall, Rebecca Aldous, Karen Cross, Lisa Hyde and other helpers for organising these.

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- **School Disco:** The Intergalactic disco was held on Friday 8 September in the school hall to celebrate the start of Marist Week. The disco was split into two sessions with approximately 270 of the school's 290 pupils attending. The format was refined from the previous year with the children being served pizza (instead of sweets) and the collection process at the end of the disco was also streamlined. The evening ran more smoothly in 2017 but in 2018 we will have more parents on hand to assist the teachers. Jean Smith of Barfoot & Thompson generously provided sponsorship which enabled the evening to break even. Thanks to Chris Haturini, Shelley Quinn and Fleur Goldien for organising the disco again in 2017.

3. FUNDRAISING

In 2017 the PTFA raised approximately \$43,000 from a variety of fundraisers (down from \$52,000 in 2016 but up from \$39,000 in 2015):

- **Sausage Sizzles:** Sausage sizzles were held on the last Friday of the month (eight in total) as well as after the end of year concert. In 2017 we trialled alternating the sausage sizzles with hot dogs and cheeseburgers. All three lunches seemed popular with the children so we will continue this format in 2018. The sausage sizzles were generously sponsored by Jo Pickering of Barfoot & Thompson and raised approximately \$6000. Thanks to Anna Gunns, Sinead Hart, Arvi Crossland, Helene McVey, Catriona Kelly, Ali Payne, Margaret Marshall, Erin Judd, Jacqui Ivceovich, Jo Proffit, Ngaire Polwart and all the other volunteers who helped cook and serve.
- **Easter Raffle:** The Easter Raffle has been a reliable fundraiser for a number of years with the 2017 raffle raising approximately \$6200 (up from \$4000 - \$5000 in the preceding four years). Principal sponsors were WatGunLow, Farro, The Warehouse and Elizabeth Michael. Thanks to Kath O'Neill, Anna Gunns and Fleur Goldien for organising/coordinating the raffle.
- **Quiz Night:** The annual Quiz Night was held on Saturday 10 June 2017. We are grateful to Marist College who allowed us to use their hall again in 2017. Longstanding sponsor, Emma Duncan of ADRE provided generous sponsorship and the event raised \$23,000 (down from \$32,000 in 2016 but up from \$17,000 in 2015). Aaron Ward was a huge hit as quizmaster again and we are grateful to John Covich for stepping in at the 11th hour to run our live auctions. Thanks to Fleur Goldien, Shelley Jenkin, Kath O'Neill, Gary Cross, Margaret Marshall, Lisa Hyde, Ngaire Polwart, Rebecca Aldous, Sinead Hart and all the other helpers who organised the event and made sure things ran smoothly on the night. A special thanks also to Father Sateki, Joe Brownfield and Andy Slater for playing music at the beginning of the night.

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- **Math-a-thon:** the annual Math-a-thon was held in August which raised \$4800 (down from \$6200 in 2016 and \$7200 in 2015). The math-a-thon is organised by the teaching staff and requires relatively little support from the PTFA but is consistently one of the school's best fundraisers.
- **Calendars:** Calendars remain a popular fundraiser. The artwork was completed at school again in 2017, following a trial in 2015 when it was done at home. In 2017 calendar sales raised approximately \$1,800 (down from \$2,300 in 2016 but up from \$1700 in 2015). Thanks to Shelley Jenkin for coordinating this fundraiser.
- **Entertainment Books:** Entertainment books continue to have a small but loyal following and raised \$518 in 2017. Thanks to Karen Cross for coordinating this fundraiser again in 2017.

Following several years of successful fundraising, the PTFA had built up a significant surplus so was able to distribute \$100,000 back to the school in 2017. The majority of the funds went toward providing new furniture in all the classrooms (approximately \$80,000) but the following was also funded:

- Playground angel pins and new entrant prayer books;
- Footseps dance programme;
- Te Reo programme;
- Marist meals;
- Class reps;
- Leavers crosses, candles, and tee shirts;
- Year 6 Big Day Out.

Thanks to Catherine Ryan (Principal) for supporting and encouraging the work of the PTFA. Thanks also to the entire 2017 PTFA Committee and in particular, Lisa Hyde (Treasurer), Sinead Hart (Secretary) and Kath O'Neill (Marketing), along with all of the numerous other volunteers who contribute in so many different ways in supporting our school.

Gerard Thompson
Chair