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MARIST SCHOOL PTFA AGM – CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT FOR 2019

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 2019 were supporting the sale of second-hand school uniforms and the Marist Meals programme:

- **Second hand uniforms:** The second had uniform sale runs throughout the year to raise funds for the pastoral care programme with proceeds going to Caritas. Thanks to **Bethany Lockie** for coordinating the collection and sale of the uniforms in 2019 which raised approximately \$3000.
- **Marist Meals:** The Marist Meals initiative is now a long-standing part of the PTFA’s pastoral care programme with there continuing to be a demonstrable need for meals. Much of the food/equipment is donated but the PTFA and this year we trialled having an evening cook-up in the staff room which was an efficient and enjoyable way to restock the freezer. It was also a good way to engage with parents who might otherwise not be involved in PTFA events. Thanks to **Ngairé Polwart** for leading this initiative again for the first part of 2019.

2. BUILDING A STRONG COMMUNITY SPIRIT

As with previous years, the main initiatives in 2019 to promote a strong community spirit were the class reps programme and the annual all-school disco:

- **Class Reps:** the class reps programme has now been running for five years and has become 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 **Jackie Ivcevich** for coordinating the class reps in 2019 and all the reps themselves: **Helena McVey; Adela Aguilera; Antonia Butchard; Sheree Clifton; Anne Brown; Nadine Skewes; Johanna Smith; Jacqui Ivcevich; Jessica Smith; Ann-Marie Molloy; Karen James.**

- **School Disco:** The Emoji disco was held on Friday 6 September to celebrate the start of Marist Week. Due to construction works underway at school, the disco was held at the Mt Albert War Memorial Hall. The cost of hiring the hall was only approximately \$300 and it meant that the entire school could be accommodated in a single session. As with other years, the majority of the school attended. Drinks and nibbles were provided at the back of the hall for parents waiting for their children, however, it was a challenge to keep parents out of the hall so in 2020 it was suggested that one of the other Council rooms be rented to accommodate them. Cassidy Construction generously provided sponsorship which enabled the evening to break even. Thanks to **Lucy Slater, Michelle Clark, Catriona Kelly and Johanna Smith** for organising the disco in 2019.
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancakes:** In 2019, the PTFA made pancakes for the entire school for morning tea on Shrove Tuesday. This supported the pancake making which was done by the teachers in each of the classrooms. The pancakes were a hit with the children and in 2020, we could consider inviting parents/caregivers to make it more of a community event.

3. FUNDRAISING

In 2019 the PTFA raised approximately **\$41,000** from a variety of fundraisers (down from approximately \$50,000 in 2018 and \$43,000 in 2017):

- **Sausage Sizzles:** Sausage sizzles/hot dogs were held on the last Friday of the month (seven in total). The end of year picnic was cancelled so there was no sausage sizzle for that. As with 2018 we alternated the sausage sizzles with hot dogs with both being popular with the children. The sausage sizzles were generously sponsored by **Jo Pickering of Barfoot & Thompson** and raised approximately **\$4000**. Thanks to **Jeni Baylis, Emily O'Connor, Anna Gunns, Sinead Hart, Helene McVey, Catriona Kelly, Erin Judd, Isabelle McMenamin, Jacqui Ivceovich, Jo Proffit, Nadine Skewes, Ann-Marie Molloy, Tish Wynyard, Fred Russo, Karen James, 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 2019 raffle raising approximately **\$6100** (compared with \$5500 in 2018 and \$6200 in 2017). Principal sponsors were WatGunLow, Farro, The Warehouse, Pure Fiji, and Elizabeth Michael. Thanks to **Kate Lawton and Anna Gunns** for organising/coordinating the raffle.
- **Casino Royale:** In 2019 Casino Royale replaced the annual Quiz/Comedy Night and was held on Saturday 15 June 2019. We are grateful to Marist College who allowed us to use their hall again in 2019. Longstanding sponsors, Emma & Anne Duncan of ADRE provided generous sponsorship and the event raised approximately **\$24,000** (compared with \$31,000 in 2018 and \$23,000 in 2017). We are grateful to Neil Newman for running our live auctions again. Thanks to **Donna De Quaasteniet, Jackie Ivceovich, Sinead Hard, Isabelle McMenamin, Fleur Goldien, Carolina Noble, Jessye Purcell** and all the other helpers who organised the event and made sure things ran smoothly on the night.
- **Math-a-thon:** For several years, the school has held alternated between a Spell-a-thon and a Math-a-thon. In 2018, this was replaced with a fun run with proceeds going directly to the school for classroom resources. No comparable event was run in 2019 but could be considered again for 2020.
- **Calendars:** Calendars remain a popular fundraiser. The artwork was completed at school again in 2019. In 2019 calendar sales raised approximately **\$2500** (up from \$2300 in 2018 and \$1800 in 2017). Thanks to **Bethany Lockie** for coordinating this fundraiser.
- **Entertainment Books:** Entertainment books continue to have a small but loyal following and raised a few hundred dollars in 2019. Thanks to **Karen Cross** for coordinating this fundraiser again in 2019.
- **Golf Day:** The second annual golf day was held at Maungakiekie on 1 March 2019. Thanks to Cassidy Construction for providing sponsorship. There were 60 players (up from 45 in 2018), raising approximately **\$4500** (down from \$6500 in 2018). Thanks to **Dave Cleet and Pete Wilkening** for organising.

- **Yummy Stickers:** Yummy stickers continue to be a popular and relatively easy fundraiser. In 2019, approximately 9000 stickers were collected raising **\$900**. Marist School had no pressing requirement for new sports equipment in 2019 so instead the funds were donated to Te Kura o Hato Hōhepa Te Kāmura (St Joseph's) in Kaeo instead. Thanks to **Christine Pelecudis** for coordinating.
- **Centennial Project:** Towards the end of 2019 the Centennial Project was conceived. The project is intended to incorporate a number of significant fundraising initiatives to fund landscaping and exterior works for the new school. It is intended that these projects be completed in time for the School's centenary in 2027. The official launch for the project is set for **13 February 2020**. Thanks to **Jacqui Ivceovich, Isabelle McMEnamin, Sinead Hard, and Donna De Quaasteniet** for leading this project.

After distributing \$100,000 back to the school in 2017 to fund new furniture, the majority of the funds raised in 2018 were put in a term deposit. In 2019, \$100,000 was distributed to the school - \$50,000 for ICT and \$50,000 to convert Rooms 7, 8 and 9 into a shared learning environment. In addition to the \$100,000, a number of smaller projects were also funded through the course of the year:

- Playground angel pins and new entrant prayer books;
- Marist meals;
- Class reps;
- Tough guy/gal challenge;
- Leavers crosses, candles, and tee shirts; and
- Year 6 Big Day Out and graduation celebration.

Thanks to **Carolynn Philips (Principal)** for supporting and encouraging the work of the PTFA. Thanks also to the entire 2019 PTFA Committee and in particular, **Warren Meyer (Treasurer)**, **Isabelle McMEnamin (Secretary)** and **Glenn Smyth (Marketing)**, along with all of the numerous other volunteers who contribute in so many different ways in supporting our school.



Gerard Thompson
Chair

11 February 2020