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MARIST SCHOOL AGM – CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT FOR 2022

The purpose of the Marist School PTFA is threefold:

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

1. BUILDING A STRONG COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Following extensive Covid disruptions in 2020 and 2021, 2022 was a more settled year and allowed the PTFA to regroup and re-establish more of its usual activities. Although Covid still created disruption owing to families being sick or in isolation, and an overall reduced level of commitment to PTFA activities compared to previous years, we were lucky enough to be able to host following community activities in 2022:

- **School Disco:** The Marist kids disco returned after not being able to proceed in 2021. This was another fabulous disco organised by Johanna Smith and Catriona Kelly and held in August 2022. This event continues to be a highlight in the Marist calendar.
- **Marist Movies:** This regular community event took place at the school on 18 September 2022. The PTFA supplied pizza for the children and the Hub representatives, led by Michelle Plant co-ordinated an afternoon which allowed parents to mingle while the children enjoyed movies.
- **Teacher gifts:** The Hub representatives again led the organisation of end of year teacher gifts on behalf of those families who wished to contribute funds to a group gift. Teachers, teacher assistants and administrative staff each received gifts which included a bottle of bubbles, a hamper and a Westfield Gift Card. This activity continues to be popular with families, who appreciate being able to thank the school staff in a meaningful way, but without the associated admin and stress! Thanks to Michelle Plant and the Hub reps who planned, purchased and delivered the gifts to staff.

2. FUNDRAISING

Despite a slower start in 2022, the PTFA was able to re-engage in fundraising activities. The PTFA raised approximately **\$37,000** from a variety of fundraisers:

- **Quiz n Fizz:** On 29 October 2022 the PTFA hosted a quiz night at Marist College with a come as song title dress theme. Natasha Dmello, assisted by her committee of Albina Muthiah and Chris Bowden committee worked very hard to secure donations to the silent and live auctions held throughout the night. The school community was very generous in the donation of incredible auction items. Overall there were over 50 items auctioned throughout the night, including 9 live auctions. There was also about 15 door prizes, spot and costume prizes. We were fortunate to have Marion Tolich as our auctioneer and quizmaster, and the live auctions were exciting, even for spectators. Quiz questions were kindly donated by Fiona Murray through Believe it or Not Quizzes and the format of fast-paced quiz rounds, with breaks for drinks, auctions and door prizes was popular. Pizzas were provided for each table, and there was a communal grazing table. This was a very successful night raising approximately **\$30,000** in total (though sponsorship of \$2,000 is yet to be received, so this number should increase). Many thanks to the organising committee, and to generous sponsors and bidders.
- **Sausage Sizzles:** Sausage sizzles were held throughout the year, with the kind sponsorship of Lisa Courtenay of Barfoot & Thompson and raised approximately **\$5,500**. Gerard Thompson continued as head chef, with many parents who volunteered as helpers for the sausage sizzle. The PTFA also ran additional sausage sizzles at the Eden-Albert Cross Country competition, and at the end of year school picnic.
- **Golf Day:** Owing to Covid disruptions the original Golf Day date had to be abandoned. The golf day was re-scheduled for 2 September 2022. Despite his son having now moved on to St Peter's, Peter Wilkening again led the organisation of the golf day in excellent style. We were unable to secure enough players to take the entire course, but were able to agree with the club to reduce the numbers, and therefore the cost. We also secured sponsors for some of the holes and some excellent prizes. We again relied on our volunteer chefs, Gerard and Fleur Thompson, along with Peter and his assistant Peter Richardson. Despite the reduced number of participants compared to previous years, the Golf Day still raised about **\$1,700**, and was a great social catch up for those who attended.
- **Raffle:** Bridget Quirke again stepped up to arrange the school raffle, with the assistance of Kate Lawton. The Raffle was held in term 3 this year after our slow start to the year. The raffle has been a reliable fundraiser for a number of years and in 2022 raised approximately **\$4,300**. Principal sponsors were Farro, Auckland Zoo and Elizabeth Michael.

3. SUPPORTING THE PARISH'S PASTORAL CARE PROGRAMME

This year the PTFA was again able to support the Parish through the Marist Meals programme. Nadine Skewes led the management of this on behalf of the PTFA. Containers were distributed to the school community by Year 6 students, and an impressive stock of meals was added to the meal freezer. The school community has also supported the Parish through donations to the Parish Foodbank.

APPLICATION OF FUNDS

The PTFA commenced 2022 with a bank balance of \$61,201. The focus of fundraising activities for this year has been on the upgrade of the school hall, and this was communicated to families, particularly in relation to the major fundraiser. Funds are being held until needed for this project. A number of smaller projects were funded through the course of the year:

- a. New entrant prayer books;
- b. New entrant house t-shirts;
- c. Marist meals containers;
- d. School disco;
- e. Year 6 leavers t-shirts; and
- f. Year 6 Big Day Out graduation celebration.

The closing bank balance (including funds held on term deposit) was \$98,227.

Thanks toCarolynn Phillips and all the Marist team for supporting and encouraging the work of the PTFA, in particular our Marist school admin team who have provided significant support throughout the year.

Thanks also to the entire 2022 PTFA Committee who stepped up to get our fundraising and community activities going – we couldn't have made such a wonderful contribution to our Marist school community without your assistance!

Melissa Bell
PTFA Chair for 2022

February 2023