

Good evening.

2017 has been a very productive year for the St Johns School P&F committee. We are grateful (and somewhat relieved) to have the Nature Playspace now open for the students to enjoy. I thank the committee and families for the extra commitment and time the project has taken to complete. A special mention to Mrs Natalie Bradley and her husband for taking on the Fruit of the Spirit stairs project and Miss Barrett for her hands on commitment in assisting the P&F. An official opening will coincide with our Welcome Sundowner in term 1/2018. We hope to extend the invitation to all families who contributed to raising funds for the playspace since its inception in 2014.

Thank you to Mrs Jude Darby, Miss Barrett and Mr Scally for your assistance in preparing the Maccas Junior Sports Grant. The P&F were successful in acquiring \$909.70 for the school to purchase play and sports equipment for our Early Childhood students. Thank you again to Mrs Jude Darby and Miss Barrett for your collaboration in preparing the Bendigo Bank Community Grant proposal. While we were unsuccessful in receiving any funds the experience was indeed worthwhile. The Bendigo School Banking initiative is proving popular with our students and we will welcome new and existing students to join the incentive in 2018.

It was encouraging to have Theresa McDonnell and Siobhan Allen from PFFWA visit the committee in Term 2. Their assistance in superseding our constitution was appreciated along with their guidance in operating an effective P&F committee. It was also beneficial to hear the shift in emphasis from fund raising to friend raising within school communities prompting the committee to further discussions on the introduction of a P&F levy.

We hosted a SDERA Talking Drugs seminar early in term 4. Presenters Kate McConkey, Susanne Lines and Simon Phillips delivered an informative session for parents. As the evening time slot did not prove popular we discussed holding a similar event next year during school hours to hopefully attract a wider audience from the school community.

The Easter Raffle and Mother's Day Morning Tea were once again well supported. The committee's decision to coordinate a colour fun run was a huge success and quoted as the best day ever by many of the students. Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time at the Bunnings sausage sizzle. We wait to hear if our application for 2018 has been accepted.

With the decision to run a Christmas raffle thanks to Mr Ian Blayney's generous donation of two bikes we reduced the fundraising emphasis when coordinating the popular Crazy Camel Artwork calendars and books.

Our last fundraising event will be the Plant Sale on Tuesday 28th November. We are very grateful to Mrs Bradley as this is the second plant sale she has coordinated with all proceeds being donated to the P&F.

While major expenditure was exhausted on the Nature Playspace this year, we were able to once again fund the Year 6 Leavers shirts. A market stall and dingy were also purchased for the Early Childhood playground.

The P&F will take guidance from the School Leadership Team and the School Board regarding future projects where P&F funds raised can be best utilised for the benefit of our students.

Our final meeting for the year will take place tomorrow in the school library at 2pm. We welcome new and re nominated members to attend. Future meeting times will be discussed with the option to hold evening meetings also.

To committee members Ursula, Debra, Amber, Jude, Stacey, Jodi and Susan. Also to our friends Helena and Di. Thank you for your dedication effectively organising fundraising and community building events throughout the year.

Thank you, Debra will now present the Treasurer's report.