



President's Report 2016

I would like to say a big "thank you" to all the Parents and Friends of Queen of Peace who have helped with the endeavours of the Parents and Friends Association in 2016, especially those parents who have attended the General Meetings.

I know that every year is a big year in terms of parent involvement and dedication, but it means a lot to me that the Executive Committee and all the volunteers have been so helpful and dedicated to achieve the best outcomes for the Association and therefore the school and our children.

Once again the P&F has had fantastic and steadfast support from our Principal, Anthony, and his staff.

In 2016, we started the year with a new P&F Constitution, which, among other updates, saw a slightly modified Executive Committee membership, with a Vice President and a Social and Pastoral Officer added to the team.

While it is an important role of the P&F to raise funds for the school, I believe that the most important functions of any P&F are to offer a social and pastoral aspect to the parent experience at school, and to help the Priest, Principal and staff with school events and activities when requested.

To that end, the activities that the P&F has been involved in this year include:

- Running parent social events (such as parent dinners, mums and dads activities, etc.)
- Running the World Teacher's Day morning tea
- Helping out at the Welcome Picnic
- Helping out at the Grandparent's Day morning tea
- Helping out at the Parish Feast Day morning tea and sausage sizzle
- Organising parent helpers for the Prep Orientations
- Setting up the "Food Bank" and "School Transport" services

Having said that, the Fundraising efforts this year have been very well thought through, organised and run by a highly dedicated Fundraising Officer and group of committed volunteers. The fundraising events have been well received and supported by the school community, but we are always looking to keep the events and ideas "fresh", so there may be some change to the schedule in coming years.

Items that the P&F provided funding for this year include: readers; Reading Eggs; Grade 6 Yearbooks; furniture for Grades 5 and 6; the Peace Garden; and the school oval plumbing works.

I won't steal the thunder of my Executive Committee colleagues by listing all their achievements, so I'll just re-iterate that I've had a most rewarding and enjoyable year as President. I highly recommend any and all parents getting involved in the P&F, whether that be by nominating for (and possibly joining) the Executive Committee, participating in the monthly General Meetings, volunteering to help with events and activities, or coming along to the parent social events.

All the best for a great end to the school year and a well deserved break over Christmas and the summer holidays! I'll see you around the school in 2017, whether on the Executive Committee or not, I will continue to come to the monthly General Meetings and help out as much as I can.

Yours Sincerely,

Brendan Halloran

(Stephanie in 3C, Jacob in PB, Claire in 3YO kinder)

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