

P&F AGM Report

2016

2016 has been yet another productive year for the P&F, it really is amazing what you can achieve when you focus on the children. They are, after all, why we are here.

Last year, we finally realised our long-term fundraising focus of completing the nature playground; a vision that took almost six years to complete and cost over \$40, 000! **Our primary fundraising focus in 2016 was to fulfil a wish list from each year level as well as the specialist subject areas of Art, Music, Phys Ed and the St Joseph's Centre.**

So how did we achieve our goals this year whilst focusing on fun? Well, we started the year with our annual Welcome Morning Tea, which was attend by faces, both new and "experienced". Our first P&F meeting was also well attended. This was where we set ourselves up for the year, formed our sub-committees and set our fundraising goals.

We had our Welcome back to school event at Scitech: This is such an entertaining night, as parents mingle and children have a ball in an educational and fun environment. The pizzas were again a hit – This event is firmly cemented as a regular on the St Michael's calendar.

Footy tipping commenced again in grand style with Awesome Ogilvie's leading the pack very early in the season and for a while there it looked like no-one could peg her back. But then the BONUS point for a perfect round created some excitement with a leap frog effect and many tippers were able to jump ahead of others and catch up quickly to the leader. Awesome Ogilvie's were able to hold on to a narrow lead of just one point with a final score of 151 points, after a smashing late charge from second place winner ACT – Tony Taylor, Grandad of Levi Collett in pre-primary, who finished on 150 points. A 1-point margin – this happens every year!!!

A BIG thank you to all our footy tippers – your involvement in this fun competition meant the P&F were able to raise \$710.00!

The year rolled on with our other popular FUNdraising events; the walkathon, book fair, Kidzabuzz, Irwin Estate wine fundraiser, Entertainment Books and Bunnings sausage sizzle.

Thanks to our new Bunnings sausage sizzle coordinators, Bas and Kym Meys. You did an OUSTANDING job and raised almost \$1500 for the school. THANK YOU so much.

Again, KidzaBuzz have kindly donated books and apps for us to sell, providing yet another fundraising source.

These regular events contribute to our fundraising total and make it possible for us to give back to the school.

Our last event for the year was our best art exhibition yet! Helen Shanahan and her team of helpers created an event which showcased the amazing artists at our little school. A truly magical affair!

I just want to take a moment here to REALLY thank the fundraising committee. This AMAZING group of people are the worker bees behind the success of our P&F. The hard work you all put in this year AND every year, is what makes the difference. Without your dedication and passion, our school community would be a very different place altogether.

It really isn't all about fundraising though. Our school community is a wonderfully diverse place to belong and the P&F try to give back to the community in a variety of different ways.

One of those ways is to thank our dads. The Father's Day breakfast again saw record numbers of dad's, granddad's, uncles and special friend's enjoy a bacon and egg breakfast with the children. Special thanks to Nikki Cosby, who organised this event along with her crew of helpers. The Cosby family are leaving us at the end of this year, I for one will miss your smiling face & can-do attitude. Thank you Nikki & John.

Another way we give back is through educational events such as our evening with Ian Lillico. What an amazing, insightful man Ian is. This event was a way for us to say "thank you" to the community who support us so marvellously. We hope to provide an educational speaker or workshop each year, so if you have any suggestions for 2017, please let me or one of the other P&F members know.

This year also saw the introduction of a BRAND NEW initiative; the St Michael's Fathering Project. A wonderful project, encouraging even more "dad involvement" in our kids' lives!

Thanks to Darren Todd and his team of dad's who took this idea and ran with it. I am so proud of what you have started!

The P&F also acknowledged our amazing staff this World Teachers Day with a small gift of morning tea and a contribution to "choir practice" in appreciation of the fantastic educational and learning opportunities they give our children, not to mention their support of the P&F.

In addition to the classroom resources, the P&F have again provided the Year 6 graduating class with their leavers shirts, initiated and funded bike skills workshops for the year 5 and 6 classes, catered for morning teas and sporting events and provided student prizes to school bankers and book fair participants.

It is with enormous pride that I deliver this review of our year, a year filled with fun and hard work and joy. The success of the P&F is entirely dependent on the support of not only its members but of you, the St Michael's community as a whole. We are truly blessed to be a part of this beautiful St Michael's community and it is you, the families and friends, who make it so special. I applaud you; you make our school the best place possible for our children to learn and grow and be all they can be!