



St Joseph's Primary School P&F Association

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Chair Report 2023

I'd like to start off my 2023 report with a thank you to the St Joe's community for their ongoing support of the Parents and Friends Association. As committee chair it makes my job easy knowing we have the constant support of our wonderful families. 2023 has been full of many fundraisers and events supported by all.

The year started off with welcoming our semester 1 principal David Hamersley, who kindly shared with us his musically abilities-- singing and playing guitar at our Back-to-School Sundowner. It was a lovely night, that saw all our families come together for a picnic and chance to get to know each other. The kids were busy games, and even singing a bit of karaoke. We hope to make this an annual event and kick off 2024 again with food, friends and more musical entertainment! Semester one fundraisers included Chocolate box sales that profited \$1560.70, Mother's Day stall that profited \$58.13 and the Disco which profited \$443.70. I would like thank all our parents and staff that were involved with helping the Disco run smoothly. It was the first time our P&F has hosted a disco solely on our own and it was a great night. We provided dinner, drinks, lollies and the biggest success of the night--- light up toys! We hope to have another disco in 2024, and make it bigger and better! The term ended with our last fundraiser, which was providing afternoon tea for the Southern Cross Football Club. We not only made a profit of \$120.55 but we were also happy to support another club in the community. Thank you to the committee and parents for donating baked good items and their time. Especially, at a time when I was away.

Semester 2 we welcomed principal Bob Grant. Bob has been an advocate for the P&F and has provided many good ideas and lots of enthusiasm to our meetings. We would like to thank you for your commitment to the P&F in the short time you have been here with us. This semester we held our annual Father's Day Stall which profited \$28.32 and provided the sausage sizzle for the YSSSA Carnival which saw a profit of \$191.31. Thank you to all of the people who gave of their time to help us. Semester two we also welcomed the new St Josephs Uniform. Switching to one uniform has been very exciting, however the best part is what it enabled us to do with the old uniform stock. We are very proud to be a part of donating the cost of shipping the uniform stock to children in need in India. Thank you to Mrs. Codben for being the driving force behind this initiative.

All the hard work that has been put in this year has enabled the P&F to donate \$2,000 towards the Albany Camp and \$2,000 for the teachers to purchase items off their 2023 Wish Lists. We also were able to subsidize the cost of the picture plates the children created. For a small school, I am very proud of the efforts that everyone puts in every year so we can give it back to our kids.

I would like to thank the teachers, Fr. Matthew and principals that have supported us. Thank you to Deb Maddock and Jodie Cobden for all the hard work you put towards the P&F through the many changes 2023 saw in the way it is run. Finally thank you to my fellow committee members, Ashlee Freestone, Tash Beaton and Lorrae Carlson and the parents who consistently attended our meetings.

We hope to see many new faces next year at our first P&F Meeting. We are ready to hit the ground running with already planned events such as the sundowner, disco, ag show stall and much more! Please come and support our school—we'd love to hear your ideas!

Leah Gale
Chair Person