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St Joseph's Parents and Friends Association End-of-Year Report 2024

As we come to the end of another successful year, we take this opportunity to reflect on the achievements, challenges, and contributions of our Parents and Friends Association (P&F). This year has been marked by tremendous support from our school community, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents, caregivers, administrators, teachers, and students who have played a role in making this year a success.

Throughout the year, the P&F has been actively involved in fostering a strong school community and supporting various initiatives, including:

- **Fundraising Events:**

- **Mother's Day Stall and Father's Day Stall** – Provided an opportunity for students to purchase gifts for their loved ones while supporting the school.
- **Bulb Fundraiser** – Raised a total of \$395.50, which was impressive our first time doing this event.
- **YSSSA Sausage Sizzle** – Raised approximately \$128, helping to support our school's involvement in sports programs, and contribute to our wider community.
- **Football Club Afternoon Tea** – Generated approximately \$372.25. Done by donations from families alone, this was an great event that allowed us to raise funds whilst helping another committee in our community.
- **Yeti Raffle** – A resounding success, raising an impressive \$3,490, which will significantly helped towards our camp donation. Also, would like to again thank HavCon Engineering and WB Contracting for their donations that allowed us to raise this impressive amount of money.
- **Halloween Disco** – While we did not make a profit on the night, we still have stock on hand for future events and were pleased to contribute to a fun community event for our children.

- **Community Engagement:** We hosted several social events to encourage school spirit and strengthen relationships between families, including a Back to School Sundowner with live music provided by local musician Erin Pope. It was



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wonderful to see so many people at the event and enjoy an evening of connection and celebration.

- **Support for School Programs:** We were proud to donate \$5,000 towards the school camp, ensuring our students receive well-rounded educational opportunities. We were also excited to support the school leaders in their endeavours and provided the Holi powder, sunglasses, headbands, and shirts for their **Colour Run Day**.
- **Volunteer Contributions:** A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful volunteers who dedicated their time to helping at these fundraising events.

Our financial position remains strong, with a closing balance of **\$10,073**.

While this year has been successful, we have also encountered challenges common to many country towns, particularly in terms of smaller family and student numbers. However, St Joe's is fortunate to have a dedicated group of parents who continue to support our students and school community. Moving forward, we will focus on strengthening community engagement and seeking additional funding opportunities to sustain our efforts.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our school leadership, staff, and all P&F members for their unwavering dedication and enthusiasm. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the executive committee members and general members who regularly attended meetings, contributed valuable ideas, and provided unwavering support to this association.

Furthermore, none of these accomplishments would be possible without the incredible support of our outstanding school administrators. Your dedication to prioritizing the needs of our children does not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for your ongoing commitment to their well-being and success.

As we enter the new year, we look forward to continuing our efforts to support the school and create a thriving community for our children. We welcome all parents and friends to join us in making a positive impact in the coming year. After three years as Chairperson, I am sad to be stepping down from my role, but I look forward to supporting the new committee in their endeavours and continuing to contribute to our wonderful school community.

Leah Gale
Chairperson
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