

President Report AGM 2020

Good evening and welcome

I am Jodie Capobianco, current president of p&f and parent rep for y3 and proud mum of two boys' y3 & y4.

We started this year off like any other, plans to be made, term planners to fill in and new reps all raring to go with their friend & fundraising assignments.

Welcoming night as always brings the school community together, meeting up with old friends and getting to know the new. The Easter raffle was soon to follow, but suddenly 2020 threw us a curve ball which no one saw coming, throwing out all our carefully made plans for the year.

With everything put on hold indefinitely, lockdown commenced. Big changes in our lives began. The way the children were taught, no sport, limited contact with those you love, but also allowing us to spend more time with family. It gave us the opportunity to focus on what really was important. But it also tested a lot of people.

Our monthly meetings in the library became zoom meetings in pj's from the comfort of our own homes. Not knowing if or when we could resume life as we knew it. So we just used the time to think outside the box, figure what we were able to do.

And finding ways of supporting our school/families through these difficult times. Enter the coffee van, a few table and chairs and conversation will flow. Or a few laps around the oval can make all the difference in someone's day.

While navigating this year, we started looking at next year. We have locked in a Quiz night for the 19th of June 2021, also we are looking at

the colour run, a recipe book for Mother's day, and a business directory to help support local businesses run by families at the school. And we are always open to new ideas!

All fundraisers for 2021 will co-inside with our 30th birthday at Matthew Gibney. As we are looking at Nature playgrounds for all the kids to enjoy.

As things loosened up in our state of WA, we were able to start reintroducing some of our friend/fund raisers. One thing worse than a lockdown, was going to Bunning's and not getting a sausage sizzle! But a good sausage sizzle is never held back and we got our turn! With a fantastic review at that!

Kids finally had the chance to dress up and parade for Book Week, father's day breakfast to show our appreciation, sports carnival followed by our interschool sports day food stall (and our school taking home 1st place again), family photographs and the big one our Crown Towers raffle – kindly donated to our school to the value of \$798.00. We had hopes of making a few dollars, but so far we have raised \$2393.00 and counting. Outstanding 😊

So while we had a quieter year this year, we are certainly working on an amazing year for 2021.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Year 5 mini Vinnies for all their hard work at fundraising for the less fortunate. Led by their fearless leader Mrs Keddie. Something they should all be very proud of.

In closing Parents & Friends is here to support and everyone is welcome to come along. If you wish just to listen – perfect. Have an idea – fantastic. We are here and we are listening.

Thank you 😊