

Good Afternoon Leadership Team, Staff, Advisory Council Members & Families,

2023 was another successful and productive year for the OLA P&F, as we worked behind the scenes to adopt new management practices whilst continuing to work towards achieving the goals that had been set in the past few years.

We began the school year finalizing the changes implemented late last year by CEWA to streamline the practices of all P&F's across WA Catholic schools. Whilst this shift does not change the fundamental work that the P&F does, we now operate as a committee of the school, governed by consistent Terms of Reference and common financial practices. I would like to extend my personal gratitude to the school finance officer, Judith Hille, for her assistance, guidance and patience as we navigated these changes.

This year we welcomed one new member, Emma Wallace. Emma quickly became a positive asset to our team and was responsible for organizing and executing the inaugural OLA Sports Carnival raffle, which was a great success. Continuing members were myself as President, Lina Brunini as Vice President, Ann-Maree Barbaro as Secretary, Katie Catena as Treasurer & Magda Bartuciotto as our Communications & Marketing Executive Member. Each one of these ladies continue to go above and beyond their roles, offering their spare time to the cause with enthusiasm, dedication and a great sense of humour.

Our fundraising efforts this year involved a series of events that continue to prove successful thanks to the involvement & generosity of our school community. The OLA Footy Tipping, Easter Raffle & Cookie Drive & School Disco will continue to remain annually anticipated events on our calendar.

The Story Slam & Colour Run were both repeated this year, again with a positive response from both parents and students although no-one had more fun at the colour run than Snoopy did! Our thanks to Cath McGrath for again coordinating the Footy Tipping, as well as the Year 5 parents for organizing another fun school disco for the students. A big thankyou also to the staff for accommodating and assisting with the P&F events throughout the year both big and small.

Back in 2020, the P&F committed to a \$75,000 donation for the refurbishment of the Science Lab & School Library. In my 3 years as President, our efforts have been primarily focused on the fundraising required to achieve this goal and it gives us great pleasure to report that the final payment of \$30,000 for this donation was made to the school earlier this year. Our fundraising has ensured that the P&F remain in a strong financial position to be able to give back to the school to benefit our students, staff and the wider community.

In addition to the above commitment, the P&F has also provided the following resources to the school this year: \$5,000 for decodable readers which were distributed to the Pre-Primary to Year 3 classrooms in Term 1, \$5,000 for new Interschool Jerseys and \$900 for a new school camera. These are in addition to our annual contributions to the 2 Wellness Weeks & the Year 6 Graduation books.

At the end of 2023 Lina will be stepping down from her role as Vice President. Lina has been a

member of the P&F since 2021 and has held the VP role for the past 2 years. She was instrumental in the planning of the school fete back in 2021 as well as the inaugural Colour Run last year. In addition to that she has been a great support to me in her role as VP. Lina, thank you for your contribution to our school community. (Call Lina up and present her with flowers)

I will also be stepping down at the end of the year. I joined the P&F as Secretary in 2019 And have spent the last 3 years as President. I have enjoyed the role immensely, which has been made all the better by the wonderful people I have had the pleasure of working with. It has been a great privilege to have had a front row seat to the positive changes that have been implemented throughout our school since Greg became Principal. He, along with Mike and Anella, work tirelessly to grant our children access to the best education opportunities possible, whilst providing a safe and inclusive environment for them to grow and thrive. The positive impact of these efforts is reflected in both the physical changes that are seen around the school as well as the enrolment numbers and the school reputation within the wider community. Any P&F can only be as strong as the school it supports, so thank you for your dedication to our children and the invaluable guidance, unwavering support and respect you have always shown me as we have worked to achieve our goals.

Moving forward into 2024, the P&F looks to extend its efforts in community engagement whilst also continuing to support the schools efforts in maintaining a prosperous and encouraging learning environment for our children. I have no doubt that the remaining and incoming executive members, as well as any new members, will continue to build on what has already been achieved.

Thank you.