

Good evening Mr Bienkowski, Principal; Mrs Lisa Gallin, Assistant Principal; members of St Joseph's Board, P&F, staff and fellow parents. Thank you for joining us this evening for our annual AGM. This year has been quite a productive, fruitful year for our P&F. A number of smaller projects as well as some larger-based ones have assisted us in contributing to enhancing the education of our students, some which we will speak about soon.

Firstly, we would like to thank the following members of our P&F executive, our Vice-President - Belinda Curtis, Secretary - Stacey Reynolds, Treasurer – Simone Magno, P&F Representative to the board – Jen Stokes, Grants – Jeannette Stampone. We sincerely thank you all for the dedication and passion you have shown in attending all our meetings, and the enthusiasm you have shown towards the various projects we have undertaken this year. We would also like to thank our class representatives who jumped on board to help where needed, to those people who regularly attended meetings and to all those people who took time out to assist us throughout the year in projects for our children.

We started the year with the annual school Family Fun Afternoon, which the P&F hosted with a complimentary sausage sizzle for everyone, ice creams for the children and drinks for sale. This was a great evening, with families having the chance to get to know one another and it was a great introduction to new families in our school.

We were most excited when we secured funding through the Waroona Shire's annual funding programme to erect our very own school "Buddy Bench", which we endeavour to have up and operational in 2017.

The annual school Easter raffle was well received by families, with some very generous donations resulting in a huge number of prizes and a sizeable profit of over \$1000.

The P&F also hosted the Mother's Day Morning tea in April, with over 60 mothers and grandmothers attending. It was a fantastic turn out and it couldn't have happened without the assistance of the many great cooks in our school who made some delicious treats for our loved ones to enjoy.

As well as the Mother's Day Morning Tea, the P&F this year introduced a Mother's Day and Father's Day Stall to our children, where they were able to purchase a gift priced between 50c - \$5. This was well received by the children and only a minimal profit was made as the emphasis was on the giving rather than making a profit.

The P&F also held a disco this year, split into two timeslots to cater for both the younger and older year groups. This was well received by the children and we made a healthy profit of \$ thanks to the very generous donation of the DJ costs by Curtis Electrical Contracting.

We called on our P&F class representatives again in July to help cater for our annual school Grandparents Morning Tea. Lots of yummy food was again on offer, and it was a full house. It was wonderful to see the reaction on the children's faces seeing their grandparents at mass and having them visit their classrooms before heading to the library for a well deserved cup of tea where they had the chance to peruse the portraits the children had drawn of them.

We would also like to thank the Pitter Family (Shanoah & Brad) for the generous donation of a BBQ which we raffled off in time for Father's Day and drew the raffle at our school Athletics Carnival. This made us a healthy profit of \$

This year a cake stall and sausage sizzle were co-ordinated at the school athletics carnival, these were well received by the community and many people enjoyed treats on the day. Thank you again to those people who co-ordinated these and to those who donated sweet treats to sell also.

After negotiation with the Waroona Show???, a higher percentage of the show gate takings was given to our school, and even though there was less people attending the show this year due to inclement weather conditions we banked a healthy cheque of a little over \$3000 which was slightly more than previous years. Thanks goes to Shanoah Pitter for her assistance and to Heather Brown for her diligence in filling the show gate roster with volunteers on our behalf. Heather has been a fantastic help to us this year and as many of us know, she is very convincing when asking assistance to fill a roster!

We were lucky enough to secure a spot cooking Sausages at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle in October this year. Many thanks goes to Sandra Vierek for getting the ball rolling last year and a tremendous thank you goes to Naomi Edwards for co-ordinating the event. This was a huge commitment which was the culmination of months of work, phone calls, driving, shopping and onion cutting and we sincerely thank Naomi and her helpers for making this event come together. As always, many hands make light work and we would also like to thank those who gave up their time on a Saturday to cook and serve sausages for the Mandurah Community. This was sold out by 3:00pm with a healthy profit made.

Our inaugural Family Bingo night was held this year in October. Unfortunately, previous planned events were cancelled due to lack of ticket sales, so we decided the way to go was to plan a family event where the whole family could take part. This was held at the Waroona Rec Centre, with not only Bingo sales, but also food and drink sales and games to participate in on the evening. Unclaimed prizes were used as raffle prizes at the end of the evening, and we are proud to say that the evening was a success, with an extremely healthy profit made and not only was a great time had by all, it has piqued the interest of many people in our Waroona community. Proceeds from this evening are assisting to contribute to Mrs Langan's Musical Futures programme, to commence in 2017. This event would not have been possible without the

generosity of many local Waroona businesses, people and businesses in the wider community who donated goods and/or services for us to use as prizes.

After recently discovering that the local Bingo to our area, currently held in Pinjarra, is finishing at the end of the year, we are putting wheels into motion to start Bingo on a regular basis here at our school and for all the proceeds to go back into our P&F. More information regarding this will be shared with everyone in 2017.

And now... for our expenditures/monetary commitments for 2016...

This year saw our expenditure spread throughout a number of areas in our school:

- \$5000 was committed by the P&F to assist in the construction and installation of shade sails within our school area. They have made a great addition to our school and have certainly brightened the place up! A big thank you goes to Karen O’Dorisio and Carol Hull for securing \$25000 through the Alcoa Sustainability Fund and to Jeanette Stampone for securing \$15000 through the royalties for regions programme.
- \$6500 was committed by the P&F to fund 2 reverse-cycle airconditioners for the Kindy classroom. This followed on from last years’ aircon installation in the rest of the school.
- \$1500 was committed by the P&F to fund the travel of our Year 6 students by bus to camp in Albany. This made camp more affordable for families as the extra cost of bus travel was paid for by P&F.
- \$3000 was given to class teachers and specialist teachers to supplement their class budgets
- \$2000 was given to our school Music programme “Musical Futures” which will be taught by Mrs Langan in 2017. This will enable her to buy musical instruments for the students to use.
- At our final meeting \$500 was committed to Christmas Art Projects and \$250 was committed to Do-Crew to finish out the year.

Finally, our final part is our Thanks.

Firstly thank you goes to our Principal, Travis Bienkowski – the ever fearless ‘only male’ in the meeting, the poor one we love to make fun of, but also one who gives us great advice and is always willing to lend a hand with enthusiasm and his genuine nature,

Our Assistant Principal Lisa Gallin, always there to help us out – making slips to go home to families, following up things for us and generally going out of her way to help us out

Mrs Lyn Della, the person who collects the notes and money for us and also goes way above and beyond her duties as Admin assistant;

Mrs Heather Brown, bursar, who helped get the wheels rolling with our Constitution, transferring bank accounts from Westpac to NAB and being our saving grace in all things financial.

And last but certainly not least – the talented staff here at St Josephs that we are lucky to call our own. Your enthusiasm and care of our children is second to none and we sincerely thank you for all you do for our most precious possessions – our children.

Thank you again goes to all those people who have jumped on board at some point to help out. Your contribution, no matter how big or small is highly valued and in the end helps our children. We have had a wonderful time meeting once a month, sharing ideas and thoughts and making a contribution to the schooling of our children.

We welcome and wish all the best to those outgoing members of our P&F and to the new committee for a successful 2017. We warmly encourage everyone to jump on board, old or new to join us. It is a great way to get to know others and it is even better knowing it is benefiting our children.

Thank You