



St. Michael's Primary School Mittagong
Parents & Friends Association

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P&F COORDINATORS REPORT FOR 2019

St Michael's Parents and Friends Association (P&F) plays a vital part in supporting the school community. It is a forum for parents to contribute suggestions and ideas that assist the principal's role of building a welcoming and supportive community.

The P&F ultimately has a few key purposes:

- to support the school leadership team and staff in providing a vibrant and well-resourced school environment for children to learn and flourish in
- to raise additional funds to the P&F through targeted fundraisers
- to offer social opportunities to bring families together
- to support parent education, in partnership with the school

Over the years our small, but hard working P&F teams have worked closely with the leadership team to provide a wide variety of different programs, opportunities and resources, which ultimately benefit every child over the course of their primary school years.

These events would not happen without the help of volunteers. Every family at the school is automatically a part of the P&F and is invited to attend meetings, events and help where possible. The level of involvement in the P&F **is up to the individual** and can range from being a committee member, class coordinator, attending meetings, or helping out when there is an event on.

Every P&F fundraiser is run entirely by volunteers - from the big jobs of organising events, right down to baking cupcakes or manning a sausage sizzle for an hour. No amount of support is too great or small.

This year the format of the committee for the P & F has continued on from last year. Rather than specific roles, there are P&F coordinators who are supported by class representatives. The coordinators meet with the Principal and/or Assistant Principal as needed otherwise business arising will be agreed upon via email or P&F meetings.

2019 has been another successful year for the P&F and we would like to thank everyone who has contributed in some way including our class representatives.

Everyone has worked tirelessly this year in all their given events and fundraising, they've made sure our families are well supported and children. A lot of time and effort goes into this, sometimes with not a lot of prior knowledge to how events run or work and each Class Representative has given it everything (a lot of whom also work or have other commitments) so for that we are very grateful.

In January we began with an opening balance of \$10,999.03.

The P&F fundraising events in 2019 raised \$10,198.18 net after expenses. Most events held in 2019 had very little expense costs which helped contribute to the net profit. This money is what allows us to provide the quality opportunities and facilities that all children continue to benefit from here in our school and we are all very grateful for every family's support.

This year the P&F took over the sale of the school sports polo shirts and hats with the P&F purchasing existing stock from the school at cost price \$3,104.98. The small profit from the sale of these items help contribute towards the P&F amounts raised this year.

Commissions due to the school for student banking and school photography also formed part of funds raised by the P&F in 2019.

Including 2019 uniform shop sales and school banking/photo commissions to fundraising profits, the total raised in 2019 is \$12,162.73 (*not including the P&F Sausage Sizzle/Christmas Stall which has not yet been held.*)

Some of the key investments we have made as a P&F to the school in 2019 are:

- Library resources \$3,500
- Year 5 Bus to Mary MacKillop \$836.36
- Bus Year 6 Camp \$750
- Bus Sandon Point \$586.36
- 10 iPads \$3,750
- 81 Multi purpose unisex singlets for representative sport (eg athletics carnival, cross country etc) \$1,632
- 6 larger size jersey sets \$454

Total \$11,508.72

The balance remaining as at 25th November is \$7,788.61 (plus end of year Christmas concert P&F sausage sizzle takings) to roll over to the new year.

P&F Events held in 2019:-

- Kinder Cheers and Tears Packs
- Mother's Day Stall

- Father's Day Stall
- Walkathon
- Stall at Athletics Carnival
- PJ Movie Night
- Disco
- P&F Sausage Sizzle and stall at end of year Christmas Concert

In late 2016 the P&F joined Amart Sports (now known as Rebel) 'community support program' where 5% of all purchases made is paid back to the P&F as in store credit for future spending at the store. Since joining, this has been a huge success with many families purchasing goods at the store and nominating the P&F as their community support. The P&F continue being a part of this program in future to purchase and upgrade sporting equipment.

While fundraising is only one part of the P&F role, it is a very important function that we greatly rely on each year. St Michael's is an excellent school, with great facilities. We have well maintained grounds and buildings and well-resourced classrooms and educational opportunities for our children. Maintaining this standard however, requires an ongoing annual investment.

Our focus moving forward is on putting the FUN back into FUNdrasing, which makes it so much easier and more enjoyable for everyone. We look forward to a fun 2020.

We all have so much to feel very proud of and our school and children are greatly benefiting by our whole school community support. Thank you.

Elizabeth Martinovic
P&F Coordinator 2019

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