

President Report



Terms 3 and 4 2020
12/11/2020

What a year it has been! I have combined both reports as we really haven't been busy at all this year!

A big thank you to Renee for her secretarial skills! Renee is about to have a baby and needed to step down from the role. We wish her all the best and look forward to a future St Pat's enrolment! Renee, I'm sure, will return with great ideas when her little one starts big school.

Our fundraising this year has taken a big hit with very few events being able to occur. Our Tamburlaine Wine drive was a big success... Over \$2000 raised for the school. Thank you to Rach Playle for coordinating this. By all accounts, it was a relatively easy thing to set up and organise. The man at Tamburlaine was great. Sadly, it was mainly staff who ordered wine. I'm not saying that's a bad thing, however, I thought at such a great price and the benefits for the school, more families would have jumped on board. I express my thanks to everyone who ordered 1, 2 or many bottles of wine. I hope you are enjoying them.

The Canteen is still our biggest worry. With lack of support it makes it very hard to open for the children. Louise is finding it terribly difficult to find volunteers, even though the hours needed and workload have dramatically reduced. This is our main source of fundraising for the school. Without the canteen, big projects like the infant's playground, the air conditioning and the iPad leasing agreement just wouldn't go ahead. I'm not sure what else we can do. This will be discussed at the meeting and hopefully a few more ideas will come forward.

The zoom meeting for term 3 proved successful. We had 12 attendees which is a little more than our usual face to face meetings. It was a very different way of holding a meeting, but I'm glad we were able to touch base and have a chat about what's happening.

The Teacher's Appreciation Lunch was a huge success! The amount of food that was donated was overwhelming. We had so much that we divided the sweet for recess and the savoury for lunch. The teachers were so thankful and couldn't believe how generous our school community were. Big smiles and very full bellies all round.

Christmas raffle will hopefully generate a few more dollars. This will go out in the next week or so. Lots of great prizes on offer.

Our Casey's Toys night is scheduled for next week, not a lot of support has been given to this night over the past two years. This year we have an online option which may trigger a few more sales.

Obstacool is going ahead late November (30/11/20). We are so grateful that this can still go ahead, especially for our Year 6 children as they would have missed out if we had to postpone it till next year.

The \$300 sustainability grant that I applied for has come through. Mrs Bolton will use this, perhaps next year, to maintain the primary vegetable garden.

Gemma and Suzanne have attended the Diocese Parent Rep meetings throughout the year. We thank them for their time and their great ideas that they have brought back to us.

We sadly farewell Miss Perry at the end of the year. We would like to thank her for her on going support and her delicious cakes and slices that always seem to make their way to the meetings for us! Michelle attends every meeting and is always a wonderful sounding board, giving us wise and thoughtful suggestions when we are stuck. We will dearly miss her chuckle and love of our school. We wish her all the best at OLR Wyoming.

Thank you to Cheryl Walsh who is always open to our ideas. This year has been one she'd rather forget so it's lovely to see she is still enthusiastic for our meetings and fundraising ideas. Her support is never ending.

A big thank you to Nick, Rach, Suzanne and Gemma for their support this year. Our P&F executive team are a quite one but the jobs get done. Louise and Marie do a fabulous job managing the canteen as well. Thank you to all of you for your involvement and your dedication to our little school.

Warm wishes to you all for a lovely Christmas and New Year. May 2021 be a little less stressful! Hopefully we can return back to the good ol' days with lots of community events and times we can be together as one, celebrating with our children and participating in school life once again.

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Principal's Report Term 4



The term has certainly been busy for everyone. We have just received our final staffing for 2020 which has given us an extra teacher for 2020 with three Kindergarten classes. We have sent out over 70 acceptance letters for Kindergarten and have held over 80 interviews. All this without any information nights or school tours. We also have a few students commencing in the other grades, which means we have at present 303 students next year.

I have put forward three options for the CSO. One has been agreed in theory as the best option. This option involves halving the Infants library with a bi-folding glass door. Then moving the entrance of the new library and building an additional teacher resource area. The total cost of this is approximately \$100 000.00 and the school would need the support of the CSO to do part of this project.

The CSO is still going through a major re-structure. There is new branding and we are now called CCBB – Catholic Schools Broken Bay. The re-structure has resulted in a number of job loses/resignations in the office, with one significant change for school support being the loss of the school consultant roles. The CCBB re-structure is continuing and all parish priests have been briefed. The re-structure has also impacted on schools quite significantly in many ways. All schools are trying to work through these difficulties. The CCBB has given significant fee relief for families over the past two terms and this will continue into next year.

The process for Leadership Positions is also different from this year. Anyone wishing to apply for a position had to have their application in a few weeks ago, for any possible positions that arise. If a position comes up and an application has not already been submitted, a person can no longer apply for this position. We are in the process of choosing a new Assistant Principal to replace Michelle Perry as she leaves to take up a new position at OLR Wyoming.

Our Year 6 Graduation celebration year will be very different. I am waiting to discuss with Father Greg how we will do this this year.

CSNSW released information about parents being allowed back on the school grounds. I have clarified with CCBB, who have said that this is only out of school hours and social distancing still needs to be followed. So our Graduation celebration is restricted to the number we can have in the church.

Our Kindergarten Transition Program has started but children only are allowed on the school site not parents. I am giving parents 'take home' information each week and offering one of two zoom sessions on a Monday afternoon/evening.

With the cancellation of the two overnight camps for Years 5 and 6, the teachers are organising virtual or different opportunities. Year 6 have five days of virtual and face to face speakers and other activities.

Year 5 have organised 3 days of leadership activities for the students. This is to replace their Leadership Camp. Yesterday we had a Ninja Warrior Session for the students.

Although we were not able to have our Athletics Carnival as planned, the teachers each week took the students down to the park to make up for not being able to hold the carnival as usually planned. This has enabled us to still have age champions etc.

We are having our Swimming Carnival for next year next week, which needs to be run without parent helpers. We are doing this with swimmers only attending and in two sessions – Juniors and Seniors.

I have been able to organise the OBSTACOOOL for Monday 30th November and this will be held at St Edward's on their oval.

Cheryl Walsh

**ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
P & F ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT TERM 4**

CANTEEN

Summary of movements on canteen account:

	Opening Bank Balance 1 January 2020		\$40,734.32
Add	Profit from Canteen operations	3,815.35	
	Interest Income	31.61	
	Outstanding Payable as at 31 December 2019	(33.18)	
	Outstanding Cash from 31 December 2019	356.70	
	Outstanding Payments as at 9 November 2020	184.80	\$ 4,355.28
			<u>45,089.60</u>
Less	Merchant Fees	439.19	\$ 439.19
			<u>44,650.41</u>
	Bank Balance as at 9 November 2020		<u>44,650.41</u>

As at 9 November 2020 there was a total of \$184.80 outstanding payments to Good Food Hero.

P & F ASSOCIATION

Summary of movements on canteen account:

	Opening Bank Balance 1 January 2020		\$53,121.81
Add	P & Levies received	16,615.75	
	Profit from Easter Raffle	(60.00)	
	Profit from Obstacle Course	9,604.80	
	Uniform Shop	1,581.00	
	Christmas Raffle	(10.10)	
	Interest received	39.43	
	Teachers Appreciation Day	(250.00)	
	Outstanding Payable as at 9 November 2020	0.00	
	Outstanding Cash from 31 December 2019	589.25	\$28,110.13
		<u>81,231.94</u>	
Less	Audit fee paid	357.50	
	Bank Charges	61.27	
	Donation to School	16,587.60	\$17,006.37
			<u>64,225.57</u>
	Bank Balance as at 9 November 2020		<u>64,225.57</u>

Total payments of \$16,587.60 have been made to the school as a contribution towards the purchase of iPads for the school.

