A Message from the P&F President

End of Term One just like that!

I am sure we are all looking forward to the Easter Break. Since our last newsletter the Parents and Friends has had the Sausages Sizzles and Easter Raffle, both activities have shown yet again they are popular for many reasons and have contributed greatly to the Parents and Friends funds. You can read more about these two fundraisers within this newsletter.

The first Parents and Friends Meeting has held on Wednesday 12 March and as with most Parents and Friends meetings, it covered a variety of topics. As many of you know one of the key roles of the Parents and Friends is fundraising for our College that has a direct benefit for our children. This year the Parents and Friends will focus on our key fundraisers for the year, with our main focus being our major fundraiser the College & Parish Fair which will be held on Sunday 2 November. More news on the Fair is on page 9 of this newsletter and other Parents and Friends Fundraising Activities for the year are listed on page 12.

Another role of the Parents and Friends is to address issues and concerns that are raised by the parent group. However, without the support from parents it is difficult for a positive outcome to be achieved. One example of this is the concerns raised over the Kingston Church Car Park. Regardless of all the discussions and actions put in place, the responsibility falls back on us as parents to ensure the safety of our children, regardless of the facilities that are provided at the College. Parents may or may not be aware the Kingston Church Car Park is a ‘Private Car Park’ and belongs to the Parish not the College. It is only the long-standing arrangement that the College has access to this Car Park. If the unsafe practices continue in the Kingston Car Park it has been suggested that the parents will no longer have the facility available to us.
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2014-2015 Entertainment Books

We are excited to be offering families the opportunity to purchase the 2014 – 2015 Tasmanian Entertainment Book, either in the traditional book format, or as the brand new digital membership, which puts the value of the Entertainment Book on your iPhone or android smartphone.

The memberships give you hundreds of up-to-50% off and 2-for-1 offers at restaurants, cafes, accommodation, attractions and activities for families to enjoy. A membership is $65 to purchase, with $13 from each membership going directly to the Parents and Friends Association. In 2013, $3,132.00 was raised by the College from the sale of the Entertainment Books.

A copy of the traditional Entertainment Book will be distributed to all families in the last week of Term One. If you choose to purchase a Digital Membership, or decide not to purchase either Membership options, please return the book to either Campus Office as soon as possible.

To purchase either membership securely online, visit: www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/24043gf6. Alternatively, you can print off an order form from the College Notices page of the website. Any further queries please contact Entertainment Book Coordinator, Melissa Dance: melissa.dance@catholic.tas.edu.au or 0417 529816.

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On behalf of the P&F Executive we wish all College Families and Staff a safe and Happy Easter.

Angela Cassidy

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Sausage Sizzle Fundraisers

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On behalf of the Parents and Friends and Betta Bee, we thank Marie Ashworth for her wonderful sewing and mending skills with the much-needed repairs to Betta Bee’s clothing.

The Betta Bee costume was an initiative of the Parents and Friends in 2013 and was funded by the Association to further enhance the Positive Behaviour Support program in place on the Kingston Campus. Betta Bee assists with reinforcing the four main expectations of behaviour - Be a Learner, Be Safe, Be Fair and Be Respectful – and will often make an appearance at Campus assemblies.
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Over the past seven years, the Parents and Friends Association has accepted book donations to boost the libraries at both College campuses. The response to this program has been extremely well supported, with over 200 books being donated under this initiative to date.

Both libraries always have room for more books, giving students a greater choice of up-to-date titles to borrow and enjoy.

If a child in your family is celebrating a birthday and you would like to commemorate the occasion by donating a book of your choice to one of the College libraries, it would be happily accepted. A special birthday book plate, recording the child’s name and age is placed on the inside cover of the book allowing future generations of St Aloysius students to read the details of the child who donated the book. Your donation will also be acknowledged in the Parents and Friends Newsletter.

Book donations can be left at both College offices for a member of the Parents and Friends Association to collect. When leaving your donation, please make sure that details of your child’s name and age are securely attached.

Thank you to Toni McGinniss who has been coordinating this initiative for the past few years. In 2014, Tanya Griggs has kindly volunteered her time to continue running this program.

Thank you to Hollie Lowe (5), Ella Crayford (7) and Hannah Jager (6) who all kindly donated books to the Kingston Campus library in celebration of their recent birthdays. The Parents and Friends and the library thank you for your donation, which your fellow students will enjoy.
Easter Raffle

The end of Term One sees another successful Easter Egg Raffle conducted by the Parents and Friends Association. This year’s Raffle raised a huge $1737.85, which is a great start to the year’s fundraising activities.

What an incredible job Jane Steele, the Easter Raffle Coordinator, has done. Gathering the eggs and gifts over the past few weeks and wrapping the 71 prizes for some very happy winners. Thank you to College families for their generosity in donating the raffle prizes and supporting the raffle by buying tickets. Thanks also to Kingston and Huntingfield Campus office staff for collecting and keeping the donations safe and to Brendan Gill and Angela Cassidy for conducting the draw. The smiles on the faces of the Easter Raffle winners really said it all!
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**College Fair – Sunday 2 November**

Planning has already begun for this year’s College Fair. Whilst it might seem very early to start thinking about the Fair, we really need your support to make it a great success.

This year there are three people sharing the role of Fair Coordinator – Angela Cassidy, Debbie Wills and Joanne Brooks. The Fair Committee members for 2014 are Melissa Dance, Caterina Thompson (Fair Collection Coordinator) and Sandra Brady.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Fair Committee to assist with the planning and coordination of a successful Fair, please contact any of the Fair Coordinators, Committee Members or your Grade Representative.

The Fair Committee thanks the Stall Coordinators who have already confirmed their availability for 2014. Your commitment and loyalty is greatly appreciated.

A flyer requesting assistance at the Fair has now been uploaded to the College website. If you are able to offer any assistance, please complete the form and return to the College no later than May 16.

The next Fair Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 May, commencing at 7.00pm.

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**Mothers’ Day Stall for 2014**

The Mothers’ Day stall will be the first fundraiser for the Parents and Friends Association in Term Two, occurring the first week back from school holidays.

The stall gives students a fantastic opportunity to purchase a small gift they have chosen themselves as a surprise for their mum or special person in their lives.

Gifts will be available for $2.50 and $5.00 each and will all be individually wrapped.

If you are able to assist with wrapping gifts prior to the stall days, or are able to work on the stalls, please contact either of the Mothers’ Day Stall Coordinators:

Lesa Ratcliffe at damonandlesa@bigpond.com.au
Angela Cassidy on 0438 293 638 or at: atscassidy@bigpond.com

**Stall Dates:**

Huntingfield - Wednesday 7 May Recess and Lunchtime in the Canteen Foyer for Grades 5 – 10.

Kingston - Thursday 8 May in the Sisters of Charity Centre for Kinder to Grade 4 students. A stall for Kinder R will be held on Tuesday 6 May.
College Fair – Sunday 2 November

Without the support of local businesses, the College Fair would not be successful in raising the thousands of dollars we have in years gone by.

Already we have many local businesses that have provided invaluable support and donated prizes for the raffle for the 2014 College Fair. We thank these businesses and ask that you support them in return.

College Board Catering

In the March edition of the Parents and Friends newsletter, we asked for assistance in catering for the College Board Meetings. Unfortunately there were simply not enough helpers offering to contribute to the cooking and it was a decided that the Parents and Friends will no longer cater for their meetings.

The Board will now use the Huntingfield Campus café staff for their catering needs.

The Parents and Friends Association extends a thank you to all of those who have provided many plates for Board Meetings over the years, especially Edna Pennicott and Bec Sward.
Mid-Year Function  
Saturday 16 August 2014

Dig out those fluorescent clothes, legwarmers or punk rocker wear from the 80s – this year’s Parents and Friends Mid-Year function will be as big as the hairstyles and as memorable as the music.

The Mid-Year Function Coordinator, Jane Steele has lots of ideas, but needs a small group of helpers to join her and share their ideas as well, so that it will be a fun and great night out for parents, teachers and friends, along with raising funds for the College.

If you are interested in being a part of the Mid-Year function committee, please contact Jane on 0419532887 or at: jane-steele@hotmail.com

More details will continue to published on the College website throughout Term Two.

Funding Submissions – Round One, 2014

At the next Parents and Friends meeting, on Wednesday 14 May, applications for Funding Submissions will be discussed. Everyone in the College Community has the opportunity to say how the Parents and Friends Association spends the money that has been raised throughout the year. We invite you to attend this meeting to see how the Funding Submission process works, which submissions are considered, which are approved and you can have your input as to where the funds raised should be spent. Items purchased in 2013 have included:

- Storage equipment and furniture for classrooms and the Kingston Campus Library
- Literary readers
- Portable whiteboards and Elmo Magnifiers
- Outdoor games
- Indoor play equipment
- Headphones
- LEGO Robotics
- Funding has been given to support the SRC on both campuses to assist their activities within the College.

In excess of $22,000 in submissions were approved in 2013 benefiting staff and students on both the Kingston and Huntingfield campuses.

There are 5 categories in which funding can be sought – Curriculum, Grounds, Sports/Arts/Culture, Community Enrichment and Discretionary Fund for areas that fall outside of the other categories.

The Funding Submission form is available on the College website for further information.
Important dates for 2014

Parents & Friends Meetings

Wednesday 14 May
Wednesday 11 June
Wednesday 6 August
Wednesday 10 September

Wednesday 15 October
Wednesday 12 November
Wednesday 3 December (AGM)

Wednesday 10 September

Parents & Friends Fundraising Events for 2014

May
Wednesday 7 May
Thursday 8 May

July
Friday 4 July

August
Wednesday 13 August
Thursday 14 August
Saturday 16 August
Friday 22 August

September
Wednesday 3 September
Thursday 4 September
Friday 12 September

October
Wednesday 22 October

November
Sunday 2 November

December
Friday 5 December

Mothers’ Day Stall - Huntingfield
Mothers’ Day Stall – Kingston

Free Dress Day – Sweet Stall Fundraising for the Fair

Sausage Sizzle – Huntingfield
Sausage Sizzle – Kingston
Mid Year Function
Free Dress Day – Bring a Bag Fundraising for the Fair

Fathers’ Day Stall – Huntingfield
Fathers’ Day Stall – Kingston
Grandparents and Special Persons Day

Free Dress Day – Tombola Fundraising for the Fair

College and Parish Fair

Carols by Twilight

Some of these dates may change over time. Please refer to the weekly College newsletter for the most recent dates.