A Message from the P&F President

I attended my first P&F meeting in February 2015 and walked out of that meeting as President. In March, I chaired my first meeting and I’d like to thank all the people who have offered me their congratulations and support thus far.

Once I got involved with the inner workings of the P&F, I found it reassuring to find so many parents passionately donating both their time and resources to continue the great work the association does. I’d like to take this opportunity to shout out to all parents to take a moment and familiarise yourselves with the P&F and what it actually does for our College, and most importantly our kids. It is important for parents and friends to understand where all those gold coin donations and proceeds from the sausage sizzles, College/Parish Fair, raffles and mid-year function go. All these fundraising efforts have a cumulative effect and as a result, the P&F have a bank balance of approximately $30,000. This is money that you have contributed and you can have a say on how it is allocated throughout the College and student body.

The first meeting I chaired had a turnout of around 60% teaching staff and 40% parents, which to me, just isn’t right. Whilst I understand that it is not easy to attend every meeting, I believe it is important for parents to attend the meetings that really matter. Our May meeting will be dedicated to assessing funding submissions for resources that the P&F will purchase with their hard earned funds. It would be great to see more parents involved in this process – we would rather hear parents’ opinions in the meeting than in the carpark.

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Furthermore, I also believe that P&F meetings don’t have to be all about business. That’s why we have decided to start our meetings with a glass of wine at 7pm and be ready for a 7.20pm start. If you haven’t been to a meeting before, or just not for a while, I invite you to come along and see what it’s all about.

Please take the time to read this newsletter and find out what goes on in your College community. If you are keen to get involved, please let me know.

Looking forward to the year ahead,
Dion Flanagan

The 2015 P&F Executive Committee

Dion Flanagan - President
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Selina Munro – Vice President
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If Dion’s face is familiar, it’s probably because you have seen him on a real estate sign. Dion is a local real estate agent and father of Mason (1T) and Anahi (SL).

Selina has 5 children at St Aloysius - Seth (Yr9), Lillianna (Yr7), Raegan (4), Faith (3) and Jhonen (1). When not running around after her children, Selina is studying for her diploma in Community Services and Social Work.

Kate Broadhurst – Secretary
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Lizzie Donovan - Treasurer
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Kate has her hands full with 4 children - William (4W), Henry (3G), Eloise (1T) and Miriam who will start at St Aloysius in Kinder next year. She works at Puddleducks Playcentre running the Pre-Kinder sessions for 3 & 4 year olds.

Lizzie’s son Noah is in 1W at St Aloysius. She has a science degree with honours, majoring in physics and Antarctic Science.) and works at the Bureau of Meteorology. In her spare time she rescues and raises orphaned animals and teaches piano.
Grade Representatives are here to represent you at P&F meetings and provide a link between families in your grade to help everyone stay connected. They will keep you informed of P&F events, requests for assistance and any events that have been organised at a grade level.

By now, families would have received a form requesting their details so that they can be added to the contact list for their child’s grade. These lists are completely optional, but do allow for improved communication within the year group.

Kinder – Jenelle Vince
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Prep – Amanda Vince
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Grade One – Caroline Jager
jager7073@gmail.com

Grade Two – Philippa Morgan
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Kinder – Jenelle Vince
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Prep – Amanda Vince
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Grade One – Caroline Jager
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Grade Two – Philippa Morgan
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We are still looking for Grade Reps for Grade Six, Year Eight and Year Ten.

If you are interested, please contact Selina Munro at: selinmunro@gmail.com or on 0450 203 845

Prep – Sarah Godwin
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2015 Parents and Friends Event Coordinators

Event Coordinators for 2015:

- **P&F Newsletter**: Caroline Jager, jager7073@gmail.com
- **P&F Flyers**: Sarah Godwin, sarah.godwin@catholic.tas.edu.au
- **Birthday Books**: Tanya Griggs, tangriggs@hotmail.com
- **Entertainment Books fundraiser**: Melanie Crayford, mel@the-crayfords.com
- **Easter Raffle**: Jane Steele, jane-steele@hotmail.com
- **Mothers Day & Fathers Day Stalls**: Martina MacFarlane, martinamacfarlane@myway.com
- **Sausage Sizzle Coordinator – Kingston**: Selina Munro, selinamunro@gmail.com
- **Sausage Sizzle Coordinators – Huntingfield**: Corina Loveluck, Corina.Loveluck@tasnetworks.com.au
- **Mid Year Function**: Veronica Palmer, ronnierhubarb@gmail.com
- **Grandparents and Special Persons Day**: Parents & Friends Committee
- **College & Parish Fair Coordinators**: Joanne Brooks, sandysamdog@yahoo.com.au
- **Carols by Twilight 2015**: Angela Cassidy, atscassidy@bigpond.com
- **Carols by Twilight 2015**: Wendy Nielsen, wanielsen@yahoo.com
- **Carols by Twilight 2015**: Briar Ayliffe, ayliffejbdh@bigpond.com

If you have another idea for a fundraising event for the College, the P&F would love to hear from you. Please contact Kate Broadhurst via email at: broadhurst-family@bigpond.com

An update on Car Parking at the Kingston Campus

At the end of 2014, the Workplace Health and Safety Compliance Officer from the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office conducted an audit on the car park and provided some recommendations as to how to improve the safety of the car park.

The Parish Finance Committee met to discuss the suggestions, and while discussions are still to continue, some changes will occur in the car park:

- Lines will be replaced in the car park.
- A staff member is now assigned to car park duty each morning and afternoon. Feedback from parents has been that this has had a positive impact.
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 in excess of $1,500.00, 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 68 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 Dion Flanagan for conducting the draw. The smiles on the faces of the Easter Raffle winners really said it all!
College Fair – Sunday 8 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.

In 2014, the Huntingfield Campus hosted its first Fair and from the positive feedback received, it has been decided that this year’s Fair will once again be at Huntingfield.

Joanne Brooks and Angela Cassidy have kindly offered to coordinate the Fair for another year, but are looking for parents and members of the College community to assist with the planning and coordination. Please contact Joanne or Angela if you are able to assist.

The first Fair Meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 30th April, commencing at 7.00pm.

Mothers’ Day Stall for 2014

The Mothers’ Day stall will be the first fundraiser for the Parents and Friends Association in Term Two.

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.

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

All gifts have been purchased. However some assistance is sought for wrapping the gifts. Mothers’ Day Stall Coordinator, Martina MacFarlane is keen to organise a few sessions of gift-wrapping at her house and young children are most welcome to come and play.

Alternatively, Martina will organise a wrapping kit for anyone who would like to help but cannot make it to her house.

If you are able to assist, please contact Martina McFarlane at: martinamacfarlane@myway.com or on 0429 647 039.
On Wednesday 13th May at the Parents and Friends Meeting, applications for Funding Submissions will be discussed. Everyone in the College Community, from teachers to students to parents, have the opportunity to request funding for College resources.

Likewise, all members of the College Community have an opportunity to say how the Parents and Friends Association spend the money that has been raised throughout the year. We therefore invite you to attend this meeting to see how the Funding Submission process works, which submissions are considered and which are approved.

Items purchased in 2014 that directly benefited our children included:

**Kingston Campus:**
- New basketball posts/backboard rings & safety padding for the new courts $15,000.00
- Bravehearts Program for Prep to Grade Four students $ 1,520.00
- Mobile library shelving $ 1,176.20
- Precision paper slicers $ 2,200.00
- White board easels $ 3,050.00
- Wooden block sets for Kinder $ 500.00
- Run a Garden Program $ 200.00
- Dance Fever Skipping Program $ 250.00
- Fine Motor Resources for Kinder $ 250.00

**Huntingfield Campus:**
- Curriculum text books $ 750.00
- 10 x heart rate monitors $ 1,398.00
- Jam Hub and Electronic Kit $ 5,000.00
- 3D Printer $ 1,000.00
- Curriculum Support Materials for Grades 5 & 6 $ 600.00

**Cross Campus:**
- Wireless Timing System for Swimming and Athletic Carnivals $ 550.00
- 2015 Andrew Chin Concert/Workshop for students Prep to Grade 4 $ 1,500.00

It is both exciting and rewarding to see the funds directly assisting our children across both campuses over a great number of programs and events.

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, along with further information.
Over the past eight 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 Tanya Griggs who coordinated this initiative in 2014 and has kindly offered to continue running this program in 2015.

Thank you to Hollie Lowe (6) and Angus Bicknall (5) who both celebrated birthdays in February and kindly donated books to the Kingston Campus library. The Parents and Friends and the library thank you for your donation, which your fellow students will enjoy.
A reminder that the Parents and Friends Noticeboard is fully installed on the Kingston Campus, located on the exterior wall of the Sisters of Charity Centre, adjacent to the Canteen.

Parent and Friends Meeting Dates for 2015

Wednesday 22nd April
Wednesday 13th May – Funding Submissions Meeting
Wednesday 10th June
Wednesday 12th August
Wednesday 9th September
Wednesday 14th October
Wednesday 11th November
Wednesday 2nd December

Important Dates for Term Two, 2015

Thursday 23rd April Entertainment Book distributed
Wednesday 30th April College & Parish Fair Meeting
Tuesday 6th May Mothers Day Stall (Kinder R only)
Wednesday 6th May Mothers Day Stall (Huntingfield)
Thursday 7th May Mothers Day Stall (Kingston)
Thursday 7th May Sausage Sizzle (Kingston)
Wednesday 21st May College & Parish Fair Meeting
Wednesday 25th June College & Parish Pair Meeting

We have a wonderful and dedicated group of Parents and Friends, but are always welcoming of more members from the College Community to help make a better College for our children.

P&F Committee meetings are held in the Parish Meeting Room located under the Church, with the entrance off the College car park. Meetings start with a glass of wine at 7pm, with formalities commencing at 7.20pm.