A Message from our P&F President

What a busy and productive year it has been for the P&F. Without the P&F Association the College would not have received funds that directly assist our children, worth over $32,000 in 2013. Already the P&F has approved funds for 2014 towards the new netball/basketball courts at the Kingston Campus. Without the dedicated people who work hard and give up their time these funds would not have been raised. There are many wonderful people who have contributed to the success of the P&F in 2013 and I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to some of the key people who have ensured this success, they are:

Vice President – Caterina Thompson – especially the hard work as a Fair Committee Member, generous donations and the many P&F events supported throughout the year. Secretary – Joanne Brooks – especially the direct support given to the P&F President and P&F events supported throughout the year. Treasurer – Toni McGinniss – especially the magnificent work as the Coordinator of the ‘Boot Scootin Bonanza’, Treasurer for the Fair Committee, writing the P&F Newsletters, direct support to the P&F President and P&F events supported throughout the year. Fair Coordinator – Sandra Brady – without Sandra’s enormous contribution the Fair would not have been possible. Entertainment Books – Melissa Dance – especially the hard work given as a Fair Committee Member, direct support to the P&F President and P&F events supported throughout the year. Catering Coordinator – Bec Sward – especially the hard work given to assist with the ‘Boot Scootin Bonanza’ and support with other P&F events. Mothers’ & Fathers’ Day Coordinator – Lesa Ratcliffe - especially the hard work given to assisting with the ‘Boot Scootin Bonanza’ and support with other P&F events. Carols by Twilight – Briar Ayliffe & Wendy Nielsen – what a wonderful way to end the year. Well done and thank you. Easter Raffle & Bun Drive – Mariza Stott – raised an amazing amount of money for the College. Sausage Sizzle Coordinators – Holly Freeman, Lisa Kean, Corina Loveluck - thank you all for you efforts coordinating the sizzles. Grade Representatives for 2013 – Jane Steel, Katrina Cooper, Caterina Thompson, Michelle Turner, Jenelle Vince, Verónica Palmer, Briar Ayliffe & Wendy Nielsen.

Special mentions also go to Tanya Griggs (a quiet worker who has supported many P&F events this year), Erica Ramage (Facebook Administrator), Catriona Faella (working behind the scenes providing many hours of administrative support), Cesar (Mr V) and Scott Robertson for their tireless support with many events and their laughter relief. To our wonderful College Administration Staff—Mylinda, Janet, Melissa, Dyana, Rachael, Sharlene, Simone, Briar and Sam—for always being so helpful and efficient. And, last but not least, to the College Principal Mrs Elaine Doran and the Campus Directors Joe Sandric and Brendan Gill, for their fantastic support of the P&F in 2013. As a College and as a P&F Association we really are working together to make a better College for our children.

I have not been able to list the names of all of those who have supported the P&F in 2013, so please know that whether it be baking treats for sausage sizzles or organising a major fundraising event, your time and hard work is GREATLY APPRECIATED and I sincerely thank you.

As Winston Churchill said, “We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.”

May the blessing of Christmas be with you and your families.

Take care, travel safe & have fun.

Cheers, Angela Cassidy. President 2013
College and Parish Fair

The Annual College and Parish Fair was held on Sunday 3rd November, and despite the challenging weather conditions, the day was enjoyed by all who attended and the money raised was on par with Fairs from previous years. Lots of old and new stalls helped created the much loved atmosphere of the St Aloysius Fair. We hope you enjoyed reading the recent Fair Newsletter and we are proud to announce the College and the Parish were last week issued with cheques for $15,500.00 each. What a fantastic achievement everyone!

The Huntingfield WhAM Night

On the evening of Thursday 21st November, the Huntingfield Campus hosted their WhAM night—a celebration of Wood, Art and Music. The P&F were pleased to support this event by providing free tea and coffee and the sale of some small snacks and drinks. Well done to all those involved! The event was well attended and we’re sure that on such a chilly evening our hot drinks were appreciated.

Volunteers Thank You Afternoon Tea

On Wednesday 11th November it was fantastic to see our P&F Executive Committee and some of our other hard workers sit down and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some afternoon tea. College and Parish Volunteers were invited to attend this occasion hosted by our Pastoral Associate, Mrs Leanne Prichard, and assistance with serving guests was provided by our Kingston Campus Student Leaders.

Birthday Books and Games Donations

Thank you to the following children who have celebrated a birthday and donated a book for the Kingston Library:

THOMAS SCANLON turned 9 and donated *Monsters University Story Book*
HAMISH AYLIFFE turned 8 and donated *Augustus And His Smile*
BRADLEY SCANLON turned 6 and donated *Oops! says Ollie Bear, No! says Ollie Bear & Avengers Story Book Collection*
HAYDEN THOMPSON turned 11 and donated *Star Wars—Crisis on Coruscant & Star Wars—Dooku’s Secret Army*

We hope you enjoyed a very special day.
The P&F, and the library, thank you for your kind donation.

Don’t forget to “Like” us on Facebook!

Come and join the ‘St Aloysius Catholic College Parents & Friends’ Page – very close to 200 likes now! The Page is a great way to keep connected to the College and a fantastic alternative way to receive a reminder about events. Find us and like us on Facebook—St Aloysius Catholic College Parents & Friends.
Fundraising Activities for 2013

Following is a summary of fundraising for the year and the approximate amounts of money raised for each event. The P&F is grateful for the support of everyone in our College community. Entertainment Books $3130.00, Catering for Board Meetings $1280.00, Pre-Fair Day Events $915.00, Sausage Sizzles $2035.00, Mid Year Function $4800.00, Father’s Day Stalls $1060.00, Mother’s Day Stalls $1490.00, College Calendar $510.00, Easter Raffle $1540.00, Easter Buns $330.00 and the Fair $15500.00. Overall, in excess of $32,000.00.

Where has all that money gone?

One of the great things about raising all the money listed above, is getting to approve what it gets spent on. In 2013, the P&F funded the following items/activities: Freezer $445.00, Bunting $275.00, Glasses $190.00, Grade 10 Plaques $275.00, BBQ’s $909.00, Trestle Tables $212.00, Gazebos $273.00, Coin Counting Machines $268.00, Charitable Donations $500.00, Readers for Prep $1489.00, Headphones $909.00, Stools for the Art Room $400.00, Betta Bee Day $200.00, Shelves for the Library $360.00, Wooden Blocks for Kinder $800.00, Sofa, Cushions etc for the Library $950.00, Game Zone Games $1200.00, Canteen Equipment $1500.00, Grade 10 Graduation Dinner $100.00, Shelving for storage Container and Doors for the Drama Cupboards $2000.00, Lego Robotics $2500.00, Storage for Kinder $1000.00, Sofa, Cushions etc for Kinder $350.00, Whiteboards for Grade 2 $1260.00, Elmos for Grade 4 $3000.00, Logic Games for Grade 4 $230.00, Special Learning Equipment $550.00, Games for the Library $200.00, Microphones and Mixers for Huntingfield $1100.00, Petanque Kits for French at Huntingfield $380.00, Brave Hearts Program for 2014 $1600.00, Betta Bee Costume $250.00 and SRC Funding $500.00—more than $26,000.00.

Executive Committee for 2014

At the Association AGM held on 4th December, the following people were appointed to positions on the P&F Executive Committee:

- President: Angela Cassidy, atcassidy@bigpond.com
- Vice President: Debbie Wills, Debbie.Wills@utas.edu.au
- Secretary: Joanne Brooks, sandysamdog@yahoo.com.au
- Treasurer: Toni McGinniss, toniandken@bigpond.com

Names of Grade Reps and other Key Co-ordinators will be announced early 2014 (or refer to the P&F minutes on the College website)
**Carols by Twilight, a message from Briar and Wendy**

Thank you to all the College and Parish families who attended the inaugural *Carols by Twilight* at St Aloysius Catholic College on Friday 13th December in the Huntingfield Gymnasium. A fun night was had with some singing and even dancing with our very own Betta Bee. The event would not have been so successful without the help of the long list of following students and teachers; *Alex Donnelly* for being the host of the evening along with *Ellie Lada and Daniel Prichard*, *The two fantastic "sound boys", Callum Andrews and Sam Howell*, *Amazing readers from Kindergarten through to Grade 10 including, Kate Brodribb, Ella Crayford, Oliver Vince, Hamish Ayliffe, Samantha Brooks, Amber Vince, Zoe McGinniss, Sophie Cassidy, Zoe Palmer, Ethan Jones, Dane Ayliffe, Lachlan Sulzberger, Ella Harding, Evie Page, Ellie Lada, Daniel Prichard and Dylan Geeves*, *Our very own group of Christmas elves and helpers to distribute sweet treats during the evening included Evie Page, Meg Sulzberger, Emily Tunstall and Carys Trotter*, *The singing stars of St Aloysius Carols; Holly Gregg, Ms Hui Furness, Ms Polly Keddil, Mrs Andrea Reece and Mrs Anne Blythe-Cooper*, *Instrument players including Flutists, Lauren Hay and Ms Anne Blythe, Pianist Emma Donovan and Tamborine players Jessica Denton and Abbey Vince*, *Classes 2F and 2S for your singing and drama performances*, *Mr Sandric and Mr Gill for their “singing” and sense of humour and *our College Admin Staff for all their assistance. It was certainly wonderful to be there with you all to spread the Christmas cheer!! We look forward to helping organise next year’s Carols by Twilight event and hope that many more students and their families will come a caroling at St Aloysius. The P&F thanks Briar Ayliffe and Wendy Nielsen for their idea and for all their hard work to organise this very special event.*

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**A Message from our College Principal, Mrs Elaine Doran**

I would like to express my appreciation to the P&F Association for the enormous work you have undertaken in 2013.

Individually and collectively the members of the P&F have been the most capable, motivated and enthusiastic group of parents with whom I have had the pleasure to work with this year. Led so amazingly by the energetic, generous and warm hearted President, Angela Cassidy, the P&F has achieved such incredible social outcomes for the families of the College, as well as raising huge amounts of money to assist with resourcing both campuses.

The staff and I are very grateful for your support in many ways, not just financially. Testament to this support is the volunteer work so many parents do for the teachers, particularly in the classrooms and on excursions. We appreciate the new resources that have been purchased to assist in our teaching and learning programs at both campuses.

This year has been a particularly busy year, with many Masses, liturgies, events and sporting carnivals as well as the busyness of the teaching and learning curriculum. The P&F’s support of all that we do at both campuses is very much appreciated.

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