A message from our New President

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the first Parents & Friends Association Newsletter for 2013.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new President. My name is Angela Cassidy. My husband and I own and operate a local business in Kingston and our daughter Sophie attends St Aloysius Catholic College and is in Grade 2 this year.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and being part of the Parents and Friends Association.

My sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to three members of last year’s Committee who stood down — Nerissa Peake after 2 years as President, Wendy Nielsen after 2 years as Secretary and Melissa Dance after 1 year as Treasurer. Thank you Nerissa, Wendy and Melissa, your hard work and dedication to the P&F are greatly appreciated and we wish you well with new ventures in 2013.

I welcome our new and existing Executive Committee members, Grade Reps and other volunteers and hope 2013 is a rewarding and successful year for us all.

If you see me about the College, please come and have a chat. I am very interested to hear other parents’ ideas and feedback from activities that the P & F organise.

I invite you to send me an email to atscassidy@bigpond.com or give me a call on 0438 293 638.

Take care.

Cheers, Angela

Welcome BBQ—Friday 22nd February from 5.30pm

Please join us for a BBQ on Friday 22nd February. The BBQ is our opportunity to welcome new and existing families to the College and to celebrate the beginning of a new learning year. The BBQ will be held at the Huntingfield Campus from 5.30pm to 7.30pm and is a fantastic opportunity to mingle and meet College staff and other families. Food, drinks and entertainment will be provided at no charge. Families should have already received an invitation via the eldest child in their family with loads of information about the night and an RSVP slip to assist us with catering. We hope you can attend and look forward to seeing you all there.
The following people have kindly volunteered and accepted positions for 2013:

**Committee**

President: Angela Cassidy  
Vice President: Caterina Thompson  
Treasurer: Toni McGinniss  
Secretary: To be advised

**Co-ordinators**

Sausage Sizzle: Holly Freeman  
Easter Raffle: Mariza Stott  
Fair: Sandra Brady  
Dinner/Fundraiser: Toni McGinniss  
Entertainment Book: Melissa Dance  
Mothers’ & Fathers’ Day Stalls: Angela Cassidy

**Grade Reps**

Kinder: Vacant  
Prep: Katrina Cooper  
Grade 1: Caterina Thompson  
Grade 2: Angela Cassidy  
Grade 3: Jenelle Vince  
Grade 4: Vacant  
Grade 5: Briar Ayliffe  
Grade 6: Katrina Cooper  
Grade 7: Wendy Nielsen  
Grade 8: Wendy Nielsen  
Grade 9: Wendy Nielsen  
Grade 10: Wendy Nielsen

There are still Grade Rep vacancies for Kinder and Grade 4 — if you would like to take up the Grade Rep role for your child’s year, then please contact Angela. Your Grade Rep is here to represent you at Meetings if you are unable to attend or if you are in attendance but a little too shy to speak up. You are encouraged to contact your Grade Rep with any questions about the College you may have. Your Grade Rep is also a link between you and other families in your child’s grade to help you stay connected and informed.

Families will soon be sent home a form requesting your details so you can be added to the contact list for your child’s grade.
First Day of School Morning Tea
Special thanks to Bec Sward at the Kingston Campus and Wendy Palmer at the Huntingfield Campus who, together with a group of wonderful volunteers, provided a very welcoming and friendly morning tea on the first day of school. Everyone was treated to a relaxed cuppa together with some tasty morning tea.

Sausage Sizzles
Sausage Sizzles are an enjoyable lunchtime experience for students and have proven to be a very successful fundraising event. A sizzle will be held at each Campus in Term 1 and Term 3. Volunteers will be sought for helping on the day with cooking and preparing orders and for bakers/cooks to provide a delicious selection of treats for the day. Further information will be sent home soon.

Dates for “Sizzles” are as follows:
Kingston Campus  Tues 12th March and Tues 13th August
Huntingfield Campus  Wed 13th March and Wed 14th August

Funding Submissions
Twice a year the P&F have a round of funding submissions which determine how P&F funds are distributed. Are you aware that parents can also make an application, as well as teachers and support staff? If you have an idea for something that would benefit the students then why not apply? You can obtain an application form by emailing atscassidy@bigpond.com  Applications for Round 1 close on 5th April 2013.

Items funded in previous years include: games, Lego, Flip Cameras, cooking implements, sports equipment, furniture, numeracy and literacy resources, calculators, music resources etc.
Birthday Books and Games Donations

For the past four years the P&F has accepted book donations to boost the libraries at both College campuses. The response to this program has been extremely well supported and we would like to continue this initiative. Both libraries always have room for more books and it’s a great way to provide more resources and up-to-date reading materials for our children to borrow.

If a child in your family is celebrating a birthday and you would like to commemorate that celebration by donating a book to the school library, it would be greatly appreciated and happily accepted.

A special birthday sticker, recording the child’s name and age turned, is placed on the inside cover of the book – this way future generations of St Aloysius students are able to read the details of the child who donated the book. In years to come, imagine if their own child borrowed a book that they had donated!

Books for donation can be left at either College office for a member of the P&F to collect. Please ensure the child’s name and age information is securely attached.

We would like to acknowledge the following children who have already celebrated a birthday since our last Newsletter and have donated the following books:

THOMAS SCANLON turned 8 and donated *The Day the Gogglynipper Escaped*
SARAH SHELVERTON turned 5 and donated *Whose Egg?*
EMMA SHELVERTON turned 6 and donated *The Runaway Hug*
ISAAC BURNS turned 9 and donated *The Gizmo*
JYE REES turned 6 and donated *Rascal and the Hot Air Balloon*  
and *Share said the Rooster*
FINN CHURCHILL turned 10 and donated *Jungle Drums, Banjo Animal Tales, Seadragon Sea, I Love Space* and *Tip the Mouse doesn’t want to Sleep*
BRADLEY SCANLON turned 5 and donated *Crazy Charlie*

**We hope you all enjoyed a very special day and the P&F, along with the library, thank you all for your kind donations.**

Board games can also be donated and will be given to the Lunch Time Games Club.

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**OUR FIRST MEETING FOR 2013**

**WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH**

**7.00PM**

**HELD IN THE PARISH MEETING ROOM UNDER THE CHURCH**

**EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**