A Message from the P&F President

Welcome to the first Parents and Friends Association Newsletter for 2014

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Angela Cassidy and this is my second year as P&F President. My husband and I own and operate a local business in Kingston and our daughter Sophie attends St Aloysius Catholic College.

2013 was a very busy and productive year with over $33,000 being raised by the P&F Association. I am looking forward to working with our wonderful and dedicated parents and staff to raise further funds that directly assist our College and children in 2014.

If you would like to become more involved with the Parents and Friends Association, we would love to hear from you. The P&F always needs more helpers to share the workload.

If you see me about the College, please stop and have a chat. I am very interested to hear other parents’ ideas and welcome feedback from P&F events and activities. Please feel free to send me an email at atscassidy@bigpond.com or give me a call on 0438 293 638.
This year we see some key changes to the P&F Executive Committee and P&F Coordinators. My sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to our outgoing Vice President Caterina Thompson. The P&F would like to thank Caterina for her work and dedication in 2012 and 2013. Caterina will still be a key member as she takes on the role as the Fair Collection Coordinator for 2014 and also as a Grade Representative for Grade 2.

I welcome our new Vice President Debbie Wills who brings many hidden talents and skills that will assist the P&F Association. Unfortunately our current Treasurer Toni McGinniss is unable to continue in her role as Treasurer and Newsletter Editor in 2014. Toni has been an invaluable member of the team and the amount of work she has done for the P&F over the years is simply amazing. Toni, on behalf of the P&F Association, we cannot thank you enough for your hard work, your time and support. Toni will continue as Treasurer until the position is filled at the first P&F Meeting. I also welcome our new Editor for the P&F Newsletter Caroline Jager.

I also thank and welcome our P&F Coordinators, Grade Representatives and volunteers and hope that 2014 is a rewarding and successful year for us all.

Angela Cassidy

2014 Parents and Friends Coordinators

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Sausage Sizzles
Tanya Griggs (Kingston Campus)
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Lisa Kean and Corina Loveluck
(Huntingfield Campus)

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 commence at 7pm. Meeting dates for the 2014 school year are on the back page of this newsletter.

Executive Committee

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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. You are encouraged to contact your Grade Rep with queries.

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.

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The Parents and Friends Association and the College’s Department of Health and Physical Education both have their own Facebook pages. Join the pages and stay connected with the College. The pages are updated with events and activities, as well as College news.
On the first day of each new school year, the Parents and Friends Association host a morning tea for all parents, in the Sisters of Charity Centre on the Kingston Campus and in the Library on the Huntingfield Campus.

Thank you to the many parents who came along and took the opportunity to catch up with other parents, some of those already known and some new faces, over a friendly and relaxed cup of coffee and a delicious morning tea.

Special thanks to the P&F Catering Coordinator Bec Sward, P&F President Angela Cassidy and College Pastoral Associate Leanne Prichard for organising the morning teas and thanks to all the parents who took time out of their already busy day by generously baking morning tea or assisting on the day.
Birthday Books

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 close to 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. Books that have already been donated in 2014 will be acknowledged in the next P&F 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.

Calling all Cooks

Every year, the Parents and Friends Association assist with the catering for the monthly College Board Meetings, which serves as an ongoing fundraising source for the Association. In 2014, the P&F are once again looking to assemble a small team of helpers.

The meetings are held at the Huntingfield Campus once a month on a Monday evening. Those offering their help are asked to prepare 12 to 24 items of savoury or sweet finger food for the Board members to enjoy while they conduct their meeting.

Delivery of the food is preferably to the Huntingfield Campus Office on the day of the meeting, but can be arranged to be collected from the Kingston campus if this is easier.

The more names on the roster, the less times you will be called on to assist. In 2013 those that offered their help were only required 2-4 times throughout the year. The Parents and Friends Association are able to reimburse your costs if desired.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the Catering Coordinator, Bec Sward at swarbec@gmail.com.

Sausage Sizzles for the Students

The Sausage Sizzles hosted by the Parents and Friends Association have become a very popular lunchtime event for students and have proven to be a successful fundraising activity for the Association.

The Sausage Sizzles are held at both the Huntingfield and Kingston Campuses in Terms 1 and 3.

We warmly welcome volunteers from the College Community to help on the day with cooking sausages and preparing the orders for students.

Volunteer cooks are also sought to provide delicious surprise treats for the Kingston Campus students.

If you can assist, please contact the Sausage Sizzle Coordinators:
Tanya Griggs (Kingston Campus) e: tangriggs@hotmail.com
Lisa Keenan and Corina Loveluck (Huntingfield Campus)

2014 Sausage Sizzle dates:

**Huntingfield Sausage Sizzles**
- Wednesday 12 March
- Wednesday 13 August

**Kingston Sausage Sizzles**
- Thursday 13 March
- Thursday 14 August

Further information will be sent home to families closer to the date.

P&F Newsletter

This first edition of the P&F Newsletter is being issued to all families as a paper copy. For all future editions, as is the College's established practice, the newsletter will be available on the College's website on the Parents and Friends page under the Community section.

If you have any queries, ideas or comments on the Parents and Friends newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Coordinator, Caroline Jager at: jager7073@gmail.com
The Welcome BBQ for 2014 was held on Friday 21st February at the Huntingfield Campus. Although the weather was a bit chilly, the rain held off and the wind settled down and over 250 people came together to enjoy the BBQ. People were delighted to listen to music played by Oliver Ditcham and Mr Eade, while the children headed off to the oval to enjoy the activities provided by Life Be In It. Later on Betta Bee and the Betta Bee Boys provided additional entertainment, leading up to the highlight of the night when they handed out ice creams and icy poles, with the help of Mrs Doran.

The P&F thanks everyone who came along and enjoyed the night. On behalf of the P&F Executive Committee we extend our sincere thanks to the wonderful people who helped make the Welcome BBQ possible. We thank: Rachael Adams & Simone Reynolds (Office Admin Huntingfield), Scott Robertson (Utility Officer Huntingfield), Mr V (Utility Officer Kingston), Fiona Dimsey, Celebrations Bottleshop Blackmans Bay for supplying discounted ice, JB Nicholas & Son Pty Ltd for supplying and delivering the sausages and hamburgers, Stephen Dimsey from Life Be In It, our food preparation helpers Ronnie Palmer and Erica Ramage, our lovely ladies for making the salads Tanya Griggs, Leah Kelly and Karyn Quin, Michelle Bromley for her yummy veggie burgers and kind donation of apples and our delivery mums Ronnie Palmer and Caroline Jager.

More thanks to our servers, BBQ cookers and general helpers: Melissa Dance, Jane Steele, Mardi Ditcham, Kylie Shelverton, Von Bomford, Bec Sward, Tanya Griggs, Leah Kelly, Mariza Stott, Caterina Thompson, Grant Thompson, Michael Hunt, Leanne Prichard, Ken McGinniss, Spencer Dance, Terry Cassidy and Nerissa Peake. Special thanks to the College Student Leaders for their assistance and especially Betta Bee and the Betta Bee Boys and lastly to Mr Eade and Oliver Ditcham, the response to the lovely music played has been very positive, we thank you for your time and sharing with us your musical talents.
Parents and Friends Noticeboard

The Parents and Friends Association Noticeboard is currently under repair in readiness for it to be installed on the Kingston Campus very soon. It will be located on the exterior wall of the Sisters of Charity Centre, adjacent to the Canteen, next to the Move Well, Eat Well sign.

All Parents and Friends notices will be displayed on this noticeboard so families can easily stay up-to-date with the latest news and events.

The first Parents and Friends meeting of 2014 will include discussion about a similar Noticeboard being installed on the Huntingfield Campus.

The College newsletter will advise when the noticeboard is up and running.

Important dates for 2014

Parents & Friends Meetings

- Wednesday 12 March
- Wednesday 9 April
- Wednesday 14 May
- Wednesday 11 June
- Wednesday 6 August
- Wednesday 10 September
- Wednesday 15 October
- Wednesday 12 November
- Wednesday 3 December (AGM)

Parents & Friends Events for Term One

**March**
- Wednesday 12 March
- Thursday 13 March
- Friday 14 March
- Wednesday 19 March
- Sausage Sizzle – Huntingfield
- Sausage Sizzle – Kingston
- Easter Raffle Tickets distributed to families
- College Fair Meeting

**April**
- Tuesday 15 April
- Thursday 17 April
- Easter Raffle Drawn
- Easter Buns Delivered

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