Parents & Friends Committee

Treasurer's Report

Date: **14 December 2023**

Dear families,

As we know, this year has been financially challenging for all of us, with prices increasing all around. More than ever, every donation in 2023, every dollar fundraised, was a continuous challenge – but it has made and will continue to make a real difference for our school and community.

The Parents & Friends Association (P&F) has historically aimed to mix and match a number of fundraisers that can deliver high monetary results, but also enable our kids to enjoy social events where they make and expand their friendships.

In 2023, this remarkable group of parents and friends has led an even more amazing number of family members to organise and volunteer on a total of 9 different events and fundraisers across all 4 school terms of the year, which in turn raised a profit of $22,000 (twenty-two thousand dollars) for the school.

We have also been very lucky to have had an experienced grants officer to join us this year, who has succeeded in securing a total of $4,000 (four thousand dollars) in grant awards.

This puts the P&F in the staggering position to transfer at least **$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars)** to the school at the start of the new year – which shall be invested in projects such as the Tram renovation and some other projects which we know the kids will love.

Here is how everyone contributed in 2023:

- The traditional **Easter Raffle** kick started the year raising **$1,800**.
- Our **Mother's** and **Father's Day** stalls have given the kids the opportunity to choose and purchase their own gifts for their parents, grandparents, and special people in their life whilst practicing money handling and maths in general, and still have raised **$1,400** combined.
- The **Pizza Drive** and the **Family Photo** were a lot of fun to be a part of, and raised **$1,300** together.

- The **Bunnings** Barbecue and amazing Cake Stall raised a total of **$5,500** within our community.
- The **Kids Disco** and the Family **Movie Night** still raised **$2,000** combined, despite being targeted only as social events for the kids' benefit.
- Our beloved **Walkathon** was a success, raising **$10,000** alone. A small percentage will be donated to The Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Thank you so much for your generosity and support. Your gift will have an immediate impact on all students and set them up for a bright future.

If the work of the P&F interests you, if you've got great ideas on how we can raise funds and friends for our school, then consider coming along to a meeting next year. They are held at 7pm on the second Wednesday of every month for one hour, during school term only.

We would love to welcome as many new members as possible and achieve even greater things in the upcoming years. Simply fill this form and we'll be in touch at the start of the new academic year.

For now, have a merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

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