

**Nagle Catholic College Parents and Friends Association**  
**President's Report**  
**2016**

It has been my pleasure to be part of the P&F for the past four years and serve as President the last two years. We are very blessed to have the support of a small group of dedicated and reliable people.

Vice President and Board Representative: Angie West; Secretary: Peta Shepherd; Treasurer: Nicole Benham; Committee Members: Tracey Basile, Megan Abrahams, Monica Ennis, Marijke Travasso; Dedicated Volunteers: Alison Watt and Amanda Silvester.

Each of the P&F members are amazing women who have sport, work, husbands and a myriad of other commitments and still find time to commit themselves to contribute to the betterment of the school. They truly live the school ethos 'For Others' and are great role models to our children.

The P&F focus is working in Partnership with the College to strengthen the Nagle community. The P&F is committed to supporting the school through financial support and running community building events. The events run by the P&F in 2016 were:

- Year 7 Tabloid Sports
- Year 8 Grandparents' Morning Tea
- Year 9 Father's Day Breakfast
- Parent Coffee Morning
- Teacher Thank you

Along with these events we have also supported:

- Einstein Library Interactive TV
- Music storage
- Music Room soundproofing
- Augmented sandbox
- P&F Raffle draws
- Jewellery tumbler
- Outdoor Education bikes
- Faith & Life room furnishings
- Rainbows Program
- Goldcoast netball students
- Staff wellbeing
- Schoolzine Newsletter
- East Timor Immersion Trip
- School signage
- Digital Photography
- Music program
- Woodwork router
- Outdoor Education trailer
- Physical Education hurdles
- 6 Digital Canon Cameras
- Air conditioning
- Lego
- Nano Nagle Statue Podium in Partnership with Presentation Sisters and Nagle Board

### **Year 7 Tabloid Sports**

The first P&F event was held in first term and is an opportunity for parents to be engaged with the school especially if it is their first child coming to Nagle.

This active event allows students to be involved in a rotation of novel, mini sports games from a range of sports including basketball, dodge ball, 4-way cricket and big ball soccer. They are divided into their House groups and emphasis is placed on everyone being actively involved. It is an ideal opportunity for parents to meet new friends of their children and their parents in a relaxed social environment.

I thank the energetic Physical Education team for their planning and organisation of the games and our fabulous Year 12 buddies.

A special mention to our unflappable catering coordinator of this event, Tracey Basile.

### **Grandparents Morning Tea**

On Friday 6 May the Year 8 Grandparents' Morning Tea, now in its third year, welcomed 153 Grandparents to Nagle. The focus is the Gift of Grandparents and is an opportunity for the Year 8s to acknowledge the role Grandparents play in their lives.

The event began with students greeting their Grandparent at the entrance of the school to welcome them to Nagle and escorting them into the Bishop Justin Bianchini Gymnasium. There was a special atmosphere in the gym as Grandparents enjoyed some musical performances, accompanied by a rolling photo display, an address from the Principal and a moving blessing from Father Rob.

The students then proudly guided their Grandparents on a tour of the college which concluded with a lovely morning tea in St Pat's Court. The students took great pleasure in serving their Grandparents, making them a cup of tea and looking after them.

This day is a wonderful opportunity to welcome extended family members to our Nagle community and a chance for children to thank grandparents for their love and support. It has quickly become a highlight within the College for the Year 8s to share this special occasion with their Grandparent.

Special thanks to Peta Shepherd for her awesome organisation and coordination of this event.

### **Year 9 Father's Day Breakfast**

On Friday 2 September the Year 9 students were invited to celebrate Father's Day with the special men in their lives. We would like to thank those who attended and the special Dad who came after working all night, to spend time with his child.

It was great to see so many people chatting and Dads getting together with their child and meeting new people.

Lots of Dads took the opportunity to check out the Woodwork Room which was open for inspection.

Special thanks to Megan Abrahams for her attention to detail and super organisational skills for coordinating this event.

### **Parent Coffee Morning**

The opening of the café at the new Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre coincided with the Parent Coffee Morning. All Nagle parents were invited to attend our coffee morning at the 'Piazza' held over two Friday mornings on 9 and 16 September. It was an opportunity to meet and chat to other parents and enjoy a coffee on us. We were extremely pleased to welcome staff to join us too. The P&F is pleased to provide this occasion to allow parents to connect in a casual, friendly environment and enhance a strong school-home connection.

Thank you to Monica Ennis for the super job of co-ordinating this event.

### **Teacher Thank you**

This event is a chance for the P&F Committee to represent the parents of the College and give teachers the acknowledgement of all the extra work they put in above and beyond what is expected. I am sure you have all had experiences with teachers that give extra and do so happily. There are a lot of things that are offered at Nagle that only happen because teachers are willing to give up their own time, away from their own families. On behalf of all the families at Nagle I express my gratitude and appreciation of all staff.

A very big thank you to our coordinator of this event, Marijke Travasso.

In closing, together we have worked towards creating a welcoming and supportive environment and nurtured a strong and genuine connection and sense of belonging at Nagle Catholic College and I look forward to your continued involvement and contribution to make a positive difference.

Report presented by Mrs Glenda Sibson, President of the Parents and Friends Association