

**Nagle Catholic College Parents' and Friends' Association
President's Report
2017**

Welcome everyone to our AGM, your attendance and support today and throughout the year is greatly appreciated. It has been my pleasure to be part of the Parents' and Friends' (P & F) for the past five years and serve as President for the last three years. To my fellow Executives, I thank you for your time and dedication throughout the year: Vice President – Mrs Angie West; Secretary – Mrs Peta Shepherd; and Treasurer – Mrs Nicole Benham. I would like to thank the P & F team for 2017, we were blessed to have the support of a small group of dedicated and reliable people. Committee members: Mrs Tracey Basile; Mrs Monica Ennis; and Mrs Marijke Travasso. Dedicated volunteers: Mrs Alison Watt, Mrs Amanda Silvester, Mrs Megan Abrahams; and Mrs Narelle Cocking.

I also appreciate the relationship with our Principal, Mr Rob Crothers, who has tirelessly supported the P & F and its initiatives. My thanks also extends to the teaching staff and the Nagle Community as a whole.

Our meetings were held on the second Wednesday of each month in the College Conference Room, and our start time was changed to 5.30pm to endeavour to attract new members. We are a small but active P & F and I am extremely proud of the activities that have taken place over the past twelve months, with a major event being held each term.



*Tracey Basile, Monica Ennis, Angie West, Megan Abrahams,
Alison Watt, Glenda Sibson, Amanda Silvester, Nicole Benham and Peta Shepherd.*

The P & F focus is working in partnership with the College to strengthen the Nagle community. We are committed to supporting the College with financial support and the running of community building events. The events run by the P & F in 2017 included:

- Year 7 Tabloid Sports
- Year 8 Grandparents' Morning Tea
- Year 9 Fathers' Day Breakfast
- Parent/Guardian Coffee Morning
- Teacher Thank You

Along with these events, we have also supported:

- Faith and Life - East Timor Immersion Trip
- Gold Coast Netball Trip
- Schoolzine Newsletter
- Signage around the College
- Guest speakers for Pastoral Care Periods
- Visiting authors for the Library
- A new iPad, oven and microwave for Learning Support students
- New ovens for Home Economics students
- Literacy games, phonics charts and cards for the English department
- A drone for Digital Learning students
- A new router for Woodwork students
- Staff wellbeing
- P & F raffles

Year 7 Tabloid Sports

The first P & F event was held in Term 1 and is an opportunity for parents/guardians to engage with the College, especially if it is their first child attending Nagle.

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

I thank the energetic Health and Physical Education department for their planning and organisation of the games, the Director of Students – Year 7, Mrs Gina Falzon, for her leadership and our fabulous Year 12 buddies.

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



Year 8 Grandparents' Morning Tea

The Grandparents' Morning Tea, now in its fourth year, once again welcomed grandparents to Nagle. The focus of this event is 'The Gift of Grandparents' and it is an opportunity for the Year 8 students to acknowledge the role their grandparents play in their lives.

The event began with students greeting their grandparents at the entrance of the College to welcome them to Nagle and escort them to the Bishop Justin Bianchini Gymnasium. There was a special atmosphere in the Gym, as grandparents enjoyed musical performances, accompanied by a rolling photo display, an address from the Principal, Mr Rob Crothers, and a moving Blessing from the College Chaplain, Father Tai Trinh.

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 or coffee and generally looking after them.

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

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



Year 9 Fathers' Day Breakfast

It was my pleasure to coordinate the Year 9 Fathers' Day Breakfast this year, where students were invited to celebrate Father's Day with the special men in their lives. We would like to thank all those who attended, and we once again this year had a special father who came after working all night, to spend time with their child and interact with the College community.

It was great to see so many people chatting and meeting new people.

Lots of dads took the opportunity to check out the Woodwork area which was open for inspection.



Parent/Guardian Coffee Morning

The aim of the Parent/Guardian Coffee Morning is to ensure the lines of communication between the parent/guardian body and the P & F are open and accessible.

All parents/guardians were invited to attend at the Monsignor Hawes Heritage Museum, with coffee made by The Yard Bar. This event was held over three Friday mornings in August. It was an opportunity to meet and chat to other parents/guardians 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/guardians to connect in a casual, friendly environment and enhance a strong school/home connection.

Thank you to Mrs Monica Ennis for the super job of coordinating this event.



Teacher Thank You

This event is a chance for the P & F to represent the parents/guardians of the College and acknowledge all the extra work completed, above and beyond what is expected, by our teachers. I am sure that you all have had experiences with teachers that do extra and do so happily. There are a lot of things that are offered at the College 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, Mrs Marijke Travasso.



After five years with the P & F, I feel I have made a valuable contribution to the school that has impacted positively on the community spirit and has made lasting changes to its culture. It is time for new parents/guardians to come on board with fresh ideas and enthusiasm, and I am excited to see how the P & F will evolve.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to all that have helped me in my role as President over the years. I have been proud to be able to contribute to the College in this role. I wish the new President, and both incoming and existing Committee Members, all the best in their roles for 2018.



Mrs Glenda Sibson