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## Friends of St John Bosco

### 2019-11-25 ANNUAL COLLEGE COMMUNITY MEETING PRESIDENT REPORT

The Friends of St John Bosco is all about building a sense of community and raising funds for the ongoing enhancement of the education provided at St John Bosco College.

This sense of community was illustrated perfectly in Week 1 of Term 1, when in the face of the catastrophic Forrestdale bushfire, we witnessed members of our College community reach out to assist one another with offers of transportation, short term accommodation, agistment, pet care and child minding. I believe our response to this one incident set the tone for the College community for the remainder of 2019.

During her 2017 report, Friends of St John Bosco President, Mrs Sharon O'Neill-Brown used the old adage of a duck on a pond to describe the efforts of her team – calm and unruffled on the surface but paddling like crazy underneath. It was in this same spirit we laboured in 2019 and I would like to acknowledge the leadership and dedication shown by your Executive team – Mr Vice President - Craig Meyer, Mr Secretary - Jon Knox and Madam Treasurer - Kristie Bell.

#### Some of our highlights for 2019:

- ❖ The Friends of St John Bosco Facebook page has been the leading method of sharing information with our wider College community. If you have not already liked it, you should do so tonight!
- ❖ Bosco Welcome Evening and Trolls Movie night – our first official event. It was great to see our Bosco community having family picnics on a balmy evening and the children dancing in front of the giant movie screen at the end of the show.
- ❖ College Disco – the night of the year on the children's social calendar. This year's format of the three separate discos for our different age groups and the inclusion of a sausage sizzle and coffee van made the evening a huge success. The College was buzzing with staff, parents and children enjoying themselves and one another's company.
- ❖ Bosco Quiz night – a highly successful event and an opportunity for the adults in our community to get out and have some fun without the responsibilities of parenting.
- ❖ Bunnings Sausage sizzle – once again, the Bosco community threw themselves behind this annual fundraiser through donations of food and drinks and of course, manning the stall at Harrisdale Bunnings on the day. Special thanks go to *Crossroads Mechanical* for their generous donation of sausages, onions and napkins.
- ❖ Run4Fun – a fun-filled and highly successful afternoon for students and adults alike. The magic of this event, due to its online platform, was that we were able to engage the wider community (interstate and overseas) in our fundraising efforts. Once again, the crown for highest amount raised went to Mrs Crane's Year 1 class, who raised a whopping \$2,790.

Some of our other events hold a lesser status but are by no means any less crucial to our fundraising efforts.

They are:

- ❖ Baker's Delight Harrisdale doughraiser
- ❖ Stuck on You labels
- ❖ Entertainment Books
- ❖ Easter raffle
- ❖ Baker's Delight Hot Cross Bun drive
- ❖ Car bay raffle
- ❖ School Banking
- ❖ School lunches
- ❖ Christmas photoshoot with Puddle Duck Photography.

In addition to fundraising events, we have continued our efforts to Friend-Raise. This year we once again held highly successful and memorable celebrations for Mother's Day and Father's Day. We are always amazed at the level of joy and goodwill these events bring into the College.

None of our events would have been possible without the generous donation of time and material items from you, our Bosco community. I would like to acknowledge all volunteers, whether ongoing or otherwise. As they say, many hands make light work; and every single contribution has assisted us this year. I would like to give special thanks to our College leadership team and staff, Friends Executive team, past Presidents of The Friends, Friends sub-committee volunteers, class representatives, lunch helpers, school banking volunteers and event volunteers.

As previous Friends executive would attest, we also need to recognise our partners. Without their ongoing support behind the scenes to balance our family lives we would not be able to give as much as we do to the Friends. So thank you to my wife Julia, Craig's wife Siminette, Jon's wife Anne-Marie and Kristie's husband Dave.

Last but not least, I would like to thank ALL of our Bosco families for attending events and supporting our fundraisers.

Since the last AGM, the net funds raised by The Friends of St John Bosco (including family levies and all events) are in excess of \$40,000. These funds have gone straight back into the College and our children's education. Donations made by the Friends include:

- ❖ \$1,600 towards decodable readers
- ❖ \$639.80 towards Marbotics Deluxe Learning Kits
- ❖ \$440 towards the annual subscription to The Fathering Project
- ❖ \$960 towards Year 6 Graduation gifts

We have also committed \$20,000 towards the production and installation of a new fitness/exercise area.

Full details of our income and expenditure can be found in the Treasurer's report on the College webpage under 'Our Community/Annual Community Meeting'. The Treasurer is available to take any questions regarding the report.

Despite our successful year of fundraising, there have been some challenges along the way.

- ❖ Based on the feedback from our College community, it was necessary to source new suppliers for our both our Wednesday lunches and Subway lunches this year. The process was long and tedious, but we eventually found success with new suppliers, Cart21 Café Lunch Bar in Forrestdale and Subway Success. We thank parents for their understanding and ongoing feedback throughout this process.
- ❖ Since 2016, we have had a very dedicated team of volunteers running the Commonwealth Bank School Banking. It has been a fantastic fundraiser, with the added benefit of teaching our children how to save their pocket money. We are now on the lookout for new volunteers to take on the role, or we risk losing this initiative. Please let us know if you can help.

Those of you who know me will know I am a numbers man and for this reason I would like to share some of our statistics with you this evening. Buckle in!

In 2019:

- ❖ The current Friends Executive has been working with you for 371 days.
- ❖ 19 fundraising opportunities and 4 friend-raising opportunities were held by the Friends of St John Bosco.
- ❖ 17 families took advantage of reduced-price tickets to the Perth Royal Show.
- ❖ 21 families dressed up for family photo shoots.
- ❖ 77 Entertainment Books were sold.
- ❖ 106 Car Bay raffle tickets were sold, leading to 4 very happy winners.
- ❖ 268 packets of Hot Cross Buns were purchased – that is 1,608 Hot Cross Buns!
- ❖ 467 prizes were claimed after our Run4Fun
- ❖ 500 scones were eaten at our Mother's Day Celebration.
- ❖ 899 Boost juices were purchased over 3 events.
- ❖ 2,587 sausages were cooked and sold at Sausage Sizzles.
- ❖ 3,163 online lunch orders were placed, consisting of 13,682 food items.

Some final fundraising reminders, as we move into the Festive season and summer break:

- ❖ When you head out to do your Christmas food shopping, drop in to Baker's Delight Harrisdale for your baked goods and tell them St John Bosco sent you. This is part of our continuous doughraiser fundraiser.
- ❖ Entertainment Books have now gone 100% digital, have single or multi-city options and are valid for 12 months from activation, which makes them an attractive Christmas gift. Refer to the Friends Facebook page for the unique fundraising link.
- ❖ As you purchase new uniforms, lunchboxes and water bottles, do not forget to order your name labels from Stuck on You. Again, the unique fundraising link is on the Friends Facebook page.
- ❖ A final callout to all families in our Bosco community, we need you! We know everyone has work and family commitments, but if each family were able to volunteer their time for even one event in 2020, imagine how much more we can do to support our children and this wonderful College!

Wishing everyone a Wonderful Christmas and every happiness in the New Year.

Brett Mallott  
 President  
 Friends of St John Bosco