



2021-11-22 ANNUAL COLLEGE COMMUNITY MEETING

PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN BOSCO 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.

Following a very different 2020, in which the Covid-19 pandemic meant the cancellation of almost all planned Community events, the Friends have spent this year regrouping and building upon the groundwork set in place last year. Although Covid once again derailed several Friends events, we have not allowed it to break our stride and we have finished 2021 strong.

I would like to acknowledge the leadership and dedication shown by your Executive team – Madam Vice President – Kylie O’Neill, Madam Secretary – Hayley Woodrow and Madam Treasurer – Jennifer Hebden.

Some of our highlights for 2021:

- The Friends of St John Bosco Facebook page has continued as the leading method of sharing information with our wider College community.
- 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 Bunnings Harrisdale on the day.

Special thanks go to *Crossroads Mechanical* for their generous donations.

- Following on from 2020 installations of 40km/h speed zoning and sign posting, we worked successfully with Mainroads WA to initiate installation of three additional school speed zone signs in the streets adjacent to the College.
- The Friends held their first Colour Explosion Fun Run, a hugely successful event and the highlight of the fundraising year for our children.
- We trialled Milo Monday during the cold winter months. This initiative was well received and supported by many of our students.
- Working in support of the College’s Socktober fundraiser, we held our first Jolly Soles Sock Drive, which saw our students fitted out in a vibrant and highly amusing range of socks.
- After being cancelled in 2020, our annual College Disco made it’s highly anticipated return. Students had an amazing night of dancing and fun with Bop Till You Drop, followed by a community sausage sizzle.
- Lastly, but certainly not least, the Friends were honoured to receive the Catholic School Parents WA’s Excellence in Building Positive Catholic School Communities award. This a is a true testament to the whole Bosco Community.

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

They are:

- Baker's Delight Harrisdale dough raiser
- Stuck on You labels
- Entertainment Books
- Baker's Delight Hot Cross Bun drive
- School Banking
- School lunches
- Athletics Carnivals Sausage Sizzles
- Events Partnership with Boost Juice and Groovin' Beans Coffee
- Billie G's Cookie Dough Fundraiser

In addition to fundraising events, we have continued our efforts to Friend-raise. This year we once again held a successful and memorable celebration for Father's Day. Regrettably, our Bosco Mums missed out once again on celebrating Mother's Day at the College, due to COVID-19 restrictions. We look forward to making it up to you next year.

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, the Friends Executive team, 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 College. So, thank you to my wife Julia, Kylie's husband Marcus, Hayley's husband Chris and Jennifer's husband Fletcher.

Since the last AGM, net funds raised by The Friends of St John Bosco (including family levies and all events) total more than \$43,000. These funds plus more have gone straight back into the College and our children's education. In fact, over \$70,000 has been spent or committed to spend during 2021.

Donations made by the Friends in 2021 include:

- \$100.00 towards chess boards for the Year 4 to Year 6 Chess club
- \$810.00 towards the Year 6's Graduation
- \$881.78 towards 10 mobile phones to allow online access to virtual reality glasses
- \$3,753.84 towards the supply and set up of a sensory library to support students with sensory needs
- \$3,829.10 towards a Zip hydro tap in the Bosco café allowing free flow of hot water

We have also committed funding for the following:

- \$4,300.00 towards two new gazebos
- \$4,300.00 towards a new cubby house on stilts in the Early Learning Centre
- \$9,055.93 towards Sphero Bolts, Ozobots and Lego Mindstorms robotics resources
- \$13,300.00 towards outdoor musical instruments in the Early Learning Centre
- \$27,500.00 towards Pavement Painting Games and Activities

After the above mentioned commitments, the 2022 Executive team will begin the year with a healthy balance of over \$25,000 to commit to new initiatives.

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 into Baker's Delight Harrisdale for your baked goods and tell them St John Bosco sent you. This is part of our continuous dough raiser fundraiser.
- Entertainment Books are 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 for 2021, do not forget to order your name labels from Stuck on You. Again, the unique fundraising link is on the Friends Facebook page.

For 90 years the School Banking Programme has helped children learn about money, reinforced the importance of regular savings, and provide structure for parents to support their children to save.

Sadly, 2021 will see the conclusion of the School Banking Programme and fundraiser, not only at the College, but nationwide.

On a more personal note, 2021 has been my third year in the role of President of the Friends of St John Bosco, a role that I have been honoured to hold, in both good times and bad. During this period, I am proud to say that together, we have raised over \$110,000. Unfortunately, a three-year tenure is the limit for holding any one executive position, which means, tonight, I will constitutionally expire. During the past 12 months my leadership of the Friends has been on the basis of succession planning, and I look forward to supporting the new Friends Executive team alongside all Bosco families.

On behalf of The Friends of St John Bosco, I would like to thank our Bosco families for attending events, supporting fundraisers, and coming together during challenging times.

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

Brett Mallott
President
Friends of St John Bosco
November 22, 2021