



Parents & Friends Association  
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## **Chairpersons Report - St Peters Lutheran Parents & Friends**

### **2015**

The Parents & Friends association gathered together for the first time in March 2015 with a small group consisting of 7 parents, 1 teacher and the school principal. The aim was to continue to promote friendship ties within the school community as well as fundraising for the school. The P & F account balance was around \$8000.

#### **Beachouse Fundraiser**

Held on a Thursday night in March, this new event for our school was an exclusive 'lock in' at "The Beachouse" in Glenelg. It was attended by almost 140 students both past and present, their families and friends. Superbly organised by Nicola Hart this event was very successful and raised almost \$800. Another such event is already planned for 2016 in the hope of making it an annual event.

#### **Special Food Days**

The special food days continue to be popular with both students, parents and teachers alike. All special food days including Sports Day, Twilight Tea, Lunchtime Special food Days, SPLASH day and the end of year Christmas lunch are very well patronized and return excellent profit margins for the school. I would like to thank Anna and Reinhardt van den Berg and Jenna Phillips–Wilkinson for co-ordinating these days. Unfortunately holding these days is very labour intensive and finding parents willing and able to devote the time necessary to coordinate such events is becoming increasingly difficult. I would like to thank the many parents who assisted on these days and encourage others to have a go coordinating such events. They are fondly anticipated by our school community.

#### **Cake Stalls, Ice Block Days, Netball Break Up and Grandparents Day.**

The Term 2 & 3 Cake stalls were as popular as ever with the students in 2015 and remain a significant fundraiser for the school. I am grateful to the parents and carers who continue to make and bake the most amazing items for these stalls. These stalls would not occur without the efforts of the class coordinators to whom I sincerely thank.

A limited number of Ice Block Days were run in Term 1 and proved very popular with the students. Unfortunately with the departure of Samantha Liddicoat from the P & F committee, these days were not replicated again in Term 4. Hopefully we can find a parent volunteer willing to co-ordinate these days next year. A suitable and simple winter alternative has yet to be discovered but hopefully the P & F team in 2016 will find a solution.



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Once again the school community contributed for the Grandparents Day morning tea. I'm grateful to everyone who donated their time on the day and donated food for the event. Unfortunately a borrowed Urn from St Peters Lutheran Church shorted out during the event but fortunately no one was injured and no other property was damaged. The P & F has offered to replace the Urn but this offer has been declined.

Netball break up day has now become a familiar annual fixture on the Netball calendar and the sausage sizzle along with the presentations are popular with both students and their families. I would like to thank our volunteer netball coaches Nathan Smith, Ruth Cameron and Bec Hutchinson for assisting in the coordination of this year's breakup day.

### **St Petersfest 2015**

The major fundraiser for 2015 was St Petersfest 2015. Held in early November there was a very dedicated committee who ensured the event was well organised and run. Unfortunately the weather was not kind with the afternoon temperature reaching 37 degrees Celsius. This had a significant effect on the event with attendance down significantly from previous years.

There was also a significant difficulty in obtaining volunteers from the school community to help on the day. This year less volunteers were needed even though the event ran for an hour longer. Despite this, not all of the volunteer spots were able to be filled and it was a little disappointing that many parents and caregivers were unable to assist in our biennial major event.

St Petersfest 2015 raised approximately \$6000 which although less than previous years, is an amazing return given the difficulties the day presented. I'd like to pay tribute to the St Petersfest committee of Mel Russell, Janine Brodie, Cheryl Rollison, Amanda Martin and Monique Gray who worked tirelessly for 12 months to ensure a successful day. I'd particularly like to mention Nicola Hart who was the convenor of the event and without whom the event would not have occurred. It is a very high standard these ladies have set for any future school fetes.

Not all fundraising initiatives were financially successful. Selling coffee and sausages at Netball games on Saturday mornings did not prove financially worthwhile but such initiatives are worth pursuing in the future as they add to the school experience.

I would personally like to thank each and every member of the P & F team for their significant contribution in 2015. I would particularly like to thank our office bearers, Melissa Sharrad, Jenna Phillips-Wilkinson and Bec Mohr for the extra duties these roles involve. I'd particularly like to thank members Reinhardt van den Berg and Nicola Hart for continually going above and beyond for the school.

I would also like to thank the St Peters Lutheran Front Office Staff and Principal Mark Rathjen for their help and support over the previous 2 years. This position is made much easier with their support and assistance.



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I finish my role as Chairperson of the Parents & Friends association with an account balance around \$19000. I hope that the P & F association can continue to grow and prosper in 2016 and can attract more parents to join and actively participate.

It's been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as Chairperson over the past 2 years and I wish my successor continued success for 2016 and beyond.

Narelle Adams  
Chairperson  
St Peters Lutheran Parents & Friends Association