

As the Chair of Parents and Friends Committee (P&F), it is pleasing to report that 2016 has been a wonderful year at the College. This year we have seen some changes, notably the reduction of the Family Involvement Program hours, which was in response to the feedback provided to the College by our parents.

The year provided a vibrant calendar of events and activities to choose from with all parents and friends of the College encouraged to contribute to the P&F's aims and objectives of providing the whole parental community with a voice and a means with which they can support the growth and development of the College and its community.

In 2016 P&F fundraising efforts contributed to the construction of the new soccer pitch at the Taylors Lakes Campus. The soccer pitch will not only cater for the ever growing popularity and interest in soccer but the turf surface will also enable the flexibility of playing other sports.

Apart from our usual Mother's Day stalls, Father's Day stalls, Easter Raffle and Chocolate Drive, that raise funds to devote to the College, we held two additional fund/friend raising events this year.

The first event was a fantastic Mother's Day evening held at the College and hosted by Libby Gorr (Australian broadcaster working in both TV and radio who first came to prominence with the satirical television character that she created called 'Elle McFeast'). This was an outstanding event for the College, providing us with great entertainment.

The second new initiative this year was a 'Breakfast with Dad' in the Senior School for Father's Day. We had approximately 50 attendees and we are looking forward to this activity expanding and gaining even greater momentum in 2017.

Our weekly BBQ outside the Taylors Lakes campus gymnasium continues to be a success with \$15,000 raised by this work group in 2016.

Our Annual Fair, which showcases who we are as a community, was again an amazing success and raised \$30,000.

The P&F fundraising continues to contribute to the RACV energy challenge, to support Chibobo, Auskick, and the Artist in Residence Program.

This would not have been possible without the support of the Overnewton community and the amazing work done by the Parent Support Teams, the Fair Committee, the P&F Fundraising groups and the work-group coordinators.

The P&F Committee is passionate and dedicated to assist with the growth and maintenance of the College and we are planning for further new initiatives in 2017.

To our Principal, Jim Laussen, the College Board and staff who support the P&F, their activities and events

held throughout the year, thank you.

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