

It is honestly very hard to write a report this year. Our mission and objective is build community, convene a forum to connect parents to the school management and for parents to become educated about the school's direction. Our Parents and Friends organisation and our operations was yet another sacrifice we put to one side in 2020. Some may say it does not really matter but I challenge you and say it does. For me one of the greatest, intangible losses this year has been the erosion of community and I feel this has been particularly true of the loss community and interconnectedness at School where the Parents and Friends is one vehicle that typically brings our Inaburra family together.

The Parents and Friends had a wonderful start to the year!

We hosted a fantastic new event; a welcome event for families new to Inaburra. One Friday evening in February we hosted a welcome supper to bring new families into our fold. I hope those who attended had a lovely night and felt welcomed, as well as connected to their new School community. The Parents and Friends are grateful to Rosanne and her team in the School Canteen for the amazing catering for the evening.

Shortly afterwards we hosted our first, and the only in-person meeting in 2020. The first meeting of the year has historically been a meeting where parents are introduced to teachers new to our School and this meeting was chance to showcase the twelve new teachers. It was an excellent turn out of members and the teachers were very generous in sharing details of their faith, education and personal interests.

One of the main events on the Parents and Friends calendar is the organisation of the School's Fete and Open Day. The 2020 Fete Committee, led by Melissa Johnson and Kate Watt, had been planning and working on the Fete for months prior. Unfortunately, the Fete was heartbreakingly cancelled in early March due to the tightening restrictions. In the lead up to the cancellation, our School community had been so generous with donations for lolly stalls, bargain lane, Billa Books, Silent Auction and more. The Fete Committee had hoped to run the event in September but as time went on, restrictions changed it was decided to cancel the event altogether for 2020.

The Garage Sale was held in June in the carpark as a socially-distanced event to honour all of the donations. All the donated items from Bargain Lane, the Second Hand Uniform stall, Billa Books, as well as donated food items were for sale to the community. It was an enormous task to unpack, create a socially-distanced display in one day and host the Sale the next. A huge thank you to the team of people who helped with this; Kate Watt, Melissa Johnson, Kristen Lawes, Louise Leong, Tara Johnson, Linda Moss, Zoe Panto, Alyssa Taylor, Angelo Gatzastras, Bec Hunter, Natalie Holden, Amanda Drury, Dr James Pietsch, Danielle McGrath, Monique Clement, Dean and Grant, and the Year 12 prefects. Most items were sold to our community and any leftover items were donated to St Vincent de Paul, Dandelion and an organisation selling second hand books for charity.

The annual fundraising effort by the 2020 Year 12 cohort was severely hampered by the health restrictions and Fete Committee decided to donate the takings from the Garage Sale and the lollies for the Lolly Stall to the Year 12 fundraising campaign.

A feature of our Fete has been the Silent Auction. So many wonderful items were donated by local businesses and Inaburra families. We decided to put the items online and auction went very smoothly. We hope those who participated in the auction found it an effortless experience.

In closing, I would like to thank and pay tribute to two of our incredible volunteers who have given their time so generously to our organisation for so many years; Daniyelle Tardent and Amy Richardson. Daniyelle has served on the Executive for over 10 years in many capacities and together with her husband, Peter, has been a constant and hand-on volunteer. Amy has served on the Executive as Treasurer, bringing a considerable degree of professionalism to the role. She has also been very active and effective in major fundraising efforts at the School. Both women have set a wonderful example of service to their community for their children and we are richer for their giving.

Wishing you and your family good health and God's blessings in the year to come,

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