Tuesday 20 November 2012

Welcome everyone today to our AGM 2012. Your attendance and support today and throughout the year is greatly appreciated. Before proceeding, I would like to thank the P&F Executive for 2012, our Principal - Mr Peter Kerrins, the teachers, parents and friends who have tirelessly supported the P&F committee and its initiatives during the year.

2012 has been a year of growth and we continue to learn some valuable lessons along the way.

P&F is about building a sense of school community and raising funds for the ongoing improvement of the education of our children

In reviewing the past year, the following P & F Executive was elected during Term 2 for the year 2012:

President: Cilla Russell  
Vice President: Nicole Hintz  
Secretary: Kylie Dodd & Melissa Hyland  
Treasurer: Karl Tack

I am proud to have served the Parents’ & Friends’ Committee as the President for it’s first 9 months. I am particularly proud of the Committee and its achievements in that period as, the P & F have enjoyed an extremely busy and productive inaugural year.

The P & F Executive operates within a framework, which provides clear direction for us to follow; thereby our actions enhance our events that we host throughout the year.

This past year, the P & F along with the Events Management Team have contributed to charity and fund raising events for the school.

Our major events have been:
- Ormeau Car Rally
- School Disco
- Play Day
- Car Boot
- Ladies Market Night

While each member / parent deserves our thanks, a special word of thanks needs to be directed, to our project leads on each of the activities. These are the people who start with a concept and follow it through – Melissa Hyland, Sumaya Lane, Karl Tack, Trudy Stanborough and Cheryl Evans.
Also, special mention to Rhonda Alp who produced the literature for the highschool petition, our first newsletter and also our photographer for the P & F Executive photos.

As ever I, and the various members of the P & F Executive, would like to thank the many, many parents and friends who volunteer their time, expertise and good-will to support the various fund-raising and friend-raising activities that lie within the gamut of the P&F Association. The fund-raising side of things, of course, benefits the students – present and future. The friend-raising side of things benefits us all.

Our fundraising efforts throughout the year reflect the generosity of our wide school community – the parents, extended families, friends and suppliers to the school. We appreciate and value the support of those who have donated goods and their time this past year.

The P & F is thankful for the tremendous support that we enjoy from the Mother Teresa staff and teachers and also the Parent Reps, we value the assistance that we receive from all of you.

Thank you also to our students who have helped at various events throughout the past year, this truly represents the school culture.

I would also like to note the tremendous Treasurer’s role that Karl Tack has handled with remarkable ease, along with our Secretaries Kylie & Melissa, to produce agendas, meeting minutes and a multitude of other activities probably some of which were not known when they volunteered for this position. And finally to our Vice President Nicole who has stepped up for me on a number of occasions this term including tonight… thank you very much for your continued support.

I have been very privileged to work with such a wonderful, hard working, dedicated group of people. Your enthusiasm, sense of community, and willingness to work for the good of Mother Teresa community is inspiring. Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity and I wish the incoming P & F Executive every success next year!

Thank you

Cilla Russell

P&F President
Mother Teresa Primary School