Mater Dei Catholic Primary School
Parents and Friends Association
2015 Annual Report
It is with pleasure that I present this report for 2015. At this stage of each year we review and report against our Strategic Renewal Plan that was developed in 2012. This plan guides our activities for a 5 year period to the end of 2016. This plan was developed under the guidance of a special taskforce with members representing staff, School Board and P&F. It was prepared in conjunction with BCE’s new 2012-2016 plan for the Archdiocese, and in consultation with the school community.

The plan is designed around four broad strategic priorities for school development through 2012-2016. From this plan, we detail our annual action items for the year and it is in this context that I present my report. There are many other ongoing programs, activities and events that contribute to, and shape the very nature of Mater Dei, and we also acknowledge and thank the many people responsible for these continuous areas of work.

**Priority 1:**

**Mission and Religious Education**

Mater Dei is a parish Catholic school where we will endeavour in partnership with parents to foster a Catholic Identity and Faith Community true to the Gospel Values of Jesus our teacher and mentor.

Therefore we intend to:

- nurture the Faith and Spirituality of staff, students and community members as they grow in the love of God.
- further develop Social Justice and Mission programs to put our beliefs into action.
- integrate a contemporary religious education curriculum that supports the mission and vision of our school community.

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<th>Goals 2015</th>
<th>Achievements</th>
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<td>To create a cohesive and integrated approach to the faith formation of the students with particular reference to the sacramental program.</td>
<td>Liaised with the Parish to streamline the practical aspects of the Sacramental program this and appeared to allow a more streamline experience for families. Linked Year 4 classes with Parish support people to enhance the understanding and knowledge of the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion. Year 3 – aligned the teaching of the Religious Curriculum sacramental unit in the same time frame as the children participating in this sacramental experience. Linked with the Parish with regards to family sacramental preparation nights. Ensured parents knew and understood the new sacramental policy.</td>
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School participated in Parish feedback sessions to review this year’s sacramental program and to plan for 2016 in light of the new sacramental policy.
Acknowledged the participants in the newsletter and acknowledged participants at assembly with a liturgy.

| Ensure high quality Religion curriculum through the BCE validation process. | Planning sessions conducted with the APRE and EORE; teachers planned and refined RE units. Specific focus content areas for year levels were finalised. Vertical alignment of knowledge concepts was sequenced to allow deepening of conceptual understanding from one year level to the next. Moderation with other schools for annual Consistency of Teacher Judgment process affirmed the rigour and level of understanding amongst our staff in providing quality Religion Education experiences. Preparation and nomination for the validation of the school’s RE program has commenced and will be completed in 2016. |

I would like to acknowledge the significant contribution and thank Fr Tuong for the caring manner in which he continues to nurture our parish and school community. He has been actively involved in the school since his appointment as parish priest at Mater Dei in August 2011. We thank him for his input into the liturgical program at our school and for his humble leadership of all at Mater Dei. I would also like to acknowledge the significant contribution our APRE, Renae Collier, has made to the religious life of our school and the leadership provided in the development of our RE Curriculum in collaboration with the teaching staff. Thank you too, to the teaching staff involved in the spiritual formation programs this year – Renae Collier, Louise Scott, Julie Towler, Sherryl Shaddock, Bronwyn Sikavica, Dina Nona, Terry Wally and Jacky Dittmar.

I also thank the many people who work in the Parish and support our school in all of our endeavours. Particularly, Richard James the Parish Manager and the work done by the Sacramental team.

Priority 2:

Learning and Teaching

Mater Dei is a community committed to providing quality inclusive learning and teaching for all. We aim to provide learning that is personalised, active and interactive. As a result of this, we hope to develop successful, creative, confident and informed learners who will shape and enrich our world.

Therefore we intend to:

- Continue to implement the Australian Curriculum within the context of the BCE learning framework catering for the specific and diverse needs of our student population in an environment which nurtures, challenges and supports skills for life-long learning.
- Implement a holistic and accessible pastoral care program relevant to our school community needs and appropriate to the changing structure of schooling.
• Support staff and students in the ongoing acquisition of skills and pursuit of excellence in the use and application of Information and Communication Technology.

• Implement current curricula based on best teaching practice that is data-informed and evidence -based.

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| Implement consistent teaching practice in English so every student has made visible progress in their learning | Participated in the Delivering Excellence in Learning and Teaching English project funded and supported by BCE.  
Reviewed and modified processes and tools for data collection.  
Increased frequency and reflection on data to inform teacher planning.  
Created a data wall for Prep – 2 to make data evidence visible.  
Familiarized teachers with the benchmarks and targets set by BCE in relation to reading and comprehension skills.  
Dedicated professional development sessions to increase teachers’ understanding of effective and expected practices. Engaged BCE consultants (Kim Summers, Maureen Burton and Peta Rowe) and school DELT team, to lead professional development. Focus of learning was ‘Gradual Release Of Responsibility’ and ‘Context Text Model’ in English.  
Planning sessions were allocated for teachers to align instructional practices with research based practices and the Australian Curriculum.  
Introduced the Review and Response meeting process to review instructional practices used at Tier 1 (in the classroom by the teacher) and plan for further strategies to progress student learning. |
| Ensure high quality curriculum and teaching practices that address the Australian curriculum ICT capabilities across all learning areas | Implemented 1:1 laptop program in Years 4- 5. Enabled 1:1 school laptop access for Year 6.  
Prioritised professional learning for teachers particularly involved in laptop programs; this focused on the integration of ICTs and building teacher capacity.  
Extended professional learning for Prep -3 teachers focusing on assistive technology to maximise learning gains in Literacy.  
Explored the creation of resources through the Learning Management System (LIFE) supported by BCE. This enabled students to access Web 2 tools and collaborate online in a safe environment. |
Accessed Digital Citizenship, Cyber Safety, e-safety interactive modules and webinars to support students in being safe and responsible citizens in an online environment.

Mid-year invitation experience to parents to view e-learning in action. Reporting via newsletter.

Familiarisation program for Year 3 students to prepare for the transition to a 1:1 environment in 2016.

Shared best practice for ICT integration amongst Year 4-6 staff.

New initiatives undertaken i.e. QR codes to record students’ development of art work for Sustainability festival.

Familiarisation with the Australian Curriculum Technologies

| Professional development for staff to introduce the two strands of the Technology Curriculum. |
| Investigated the links between Technology curriculum and other learning areas (i.e. Science). |
| Expanded opportunities for children to be involved in programming and coding with Robotics in senior years and Bee Bots in junior years. |

I would like to acknowledge and thank Jacky Dittmar for her work as Curriculum Support Teacher and Renae Collier as Literacy Leader. Both of these teachers capably lead others in the development of year level programs that reflect the intent of the curriculum. Terry Wally, and in Term 4 Bernadette Moodie, as Support Teacher Inclusive Education, have also supported teachers as they plan for the diverse learners in their classes. Both Terry and Bernadette have also linked strongly with our Guidance Counsellors (Cathy Mills in the first part of the year and then Kim Wilson), outside agencies, and families, as we work as a team to support those children with special needs so that all students can access the curriculum.

I would also like to acknowledge the teachers and school officer support staff at Mater Dei for their dedication, motivation and professionalism in their approach to delivering high quality learning and teaching experiences for children in their care. A large part of our work this year was driven by our involvement in the ‘Delivering Excellence in Learning and Teaching’ project and I would like to commend the staff for the way in which they have engaged with this professional development and continue to reflect on their own instructional teaching in order to ensure progress for all learners. I affirm these key professionals in our school and with great confidence know that the children at Mater Dei are being well educated now and into the future.

Priority 3
Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships

Mater Dei is a community committed to promoting professional teams who develop and maintain current, relevant and best teaching practice.

Therefore we intend to:

- Identify staff qualities and capabilities, and align relevant professional development.
• Develop a long term plan to facilitate development of professional standards and staff well-being.
• Implement appropriate coaching and mentoring programs.

**Mater Dei is a community committed to developing and maintaining collaborative communities with professional, spiritual and local affiliations to support holistic outcomes for all students.**

Therefore we intend to:
• Identify affiliations that support the long term goals of the school.
• Implement formal networks and arrangements to support collaborative partnerships.

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<td>Support peer mentoring and coaching through observation, feedback, professional dialogue and reflection</td>
<td>BCE consultant (Michelle Young) worked with staff to introduce and model the process for teacher feedback and observation.</td>
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<td>Approximately half of the teaching staff participated in a two day coaching course.</td>
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<td>Established goal setting cycles each term with designated coach to assist teachers in developing their teaching capacity in English.</td>
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<td>Designated time for peer observation and feedback.</td>
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<td>Promoted teachers’ understanding of themselves and others in the working environment to develop a culture of connection and trust. Focus areas included Myers Briggs personality types, how to have professional/difficult conversations, developing a staff protocol and introduction to emotional intelligence.</td>
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have been involved in the numerous ongoing school community activities throughout the year. These have included the Trivia Night, Music in The Moonlight, Mater Dei Race Day, School Discos at the beginning and end of year, the morning teas and various social activities, the work of the ‘Class Parents’, the school working bees, Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, the tuckshop operations, the instrumental activities, the Dance school, the Directory production, School Banking and Sustainability work. These successful events and ongoing activities have helped to both maintain and enhance Mater Dei’s sense of community. Much of this work has been coordinated by the dedicated members of the P&F. I am very grateful to Nicole Quinn (President), Beth Toon (Vice President), Sheleigh Pallister (Treasurer) and Belinda Power (Secretary) for their leadership of this group, and to all of the other parents who have taken a lead role in the various sub-committees. The work of this group of people has a significant impact on the positive nature of our school and the expansive opportunities afforded to the children. I give thanks for your dedication and enthusiasm toward the many projects that have taken place this year. For those who are stepping down from P&F positions this year, I sincerely thank you for your valued contributions.

We have also continued to support parish and pastoral activities such as the sacramental program, children’s masses, the Multicultural Mass and celebrations, community meals and other support for
families in need, and continued to link with organisations such as the local Respite Centre, St Vincent de Paul, Caritas and Project Compassion.

**Priority 4**

**Strategic Resourcing**

*Mater Dei is a community committed to maintaining integrity, respect, accountability and excellence through its implementation of policies and practices.*

Therefore we intend to:

- Embed sustainable environmental practices into our school structure and processes.
- Continue to plan for the allocation of school resources informed by stewardship, contemporary learning and the changing needs of our students.
- Focus our attention on information and learning management systems and technology to enhance engagement with learning, teaching and evolving technologies.
- Prioritise resources and budget allocations to support our goals in achieving best teaching practice.

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<td>Prioritise school funding and resource allocation to support whole school goals</td>
<td>Held a Stewards of the Earth Festival in July and initiated inter-school (BCE and EQ) sustainability conference. Appointed Literacy Leader and funded staffing for e-learning coordinator. Appropriately funding expended to support professional learning goals for staff. Funding was allocated to update teacher laptops and annual and ongoing maintenance of existing technology platforms. Developed a systematic way of tracking technology hardware and its obsolescence. Completion of new student amenities and Administration block. Investigated in conjunction with the P&amp;F, building services and landscape architect, the redevelopment of the existing Prayer Garden to be completed in 2016. Prepared a Block Grant Authority application to secure funding for an Undercover PE space over existing tennis court.</td>
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I would like to thanks the Leadership Team (Renae Collier, Jacky Dittmar and Terry Wally) for their commitment and support of the strategic planning for our school community. Each role -holder brings a much valued perspective and insight into planning and decision making to ensure our school is a place of forward thinking and continual development.
I would like to thank the parent body and in particular, the P&F, for their financial support. The P&F contributions enable us each year to provide fantastic resources and facilities for the children. These will be outlined in the President’s report to follow.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the significant contribution of the P&F executive: Nicole Quinn (President), Beth Toon (Vice President), Belinda Power (Treasurer) and Sheleigh Pallister (Secretary) and all the members of each of the committees. The personal time commitment given by this group must be recognised. Many extra hours happen behind the scenes to assist our parent group to be involved and active members of our community.

I particularly thank Nicole for her strong leadership and support of the school as President for the last 2 years. The school community is much richer for her efforts and contributions.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the secretarial staff and ancillary staff. Theresa Fry, Treena DellaVedova, Sciobhan Bingham, Marie Whitten and John Empson are tremendous in their enthusiasm and work ethic. They are responsible for so much of the operational aspects of our school (Administration, Tuckshop and Grounds) and provide support to so many people in our community.

**Farewells**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who will be finishing their current role at the end of this year.

*Rachael Reaves, Tania Jeffery and Therese Raleigh* will be finishing in their current capacity as class teacher and school officers at the end of this year. We thank each one of these staff members for the gifts and talents they have shared with us during their time at Mater Dei. Our school community, and most importantly, the children, are all the more richer having had experience and the opportunity to work with these dedicated people. We wish them Rachael and Tania many blessings as they go forth from our community.

**Departing Families**

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the families and the children who will be ceasing their association with Mater Dei at the end of this year. We hope that you can look back with fond memories of your time with us and that you remember positively the partnership you had with this great community. We wish you all the best as you transition to new school communities in 2016.

**With thanks**

I would also like to take this opportunity to say farewell. The journey of Principalship over the last 4 years at Mater Dei has been an experience that will hold special memories for me in the years ahead. It is with a great sense of appreciation and gratitude that I reflect on the past 4 years. Mater Dei has been a wonderful community that I have had the privilege of leading. I have been very committed to this role and I am very proud of what I have achieved and learned along the way. I have been well supported by staff and families, and my work has always been grounded in wanting to make a positive difference for the children at Mater Dei. Coming together with a shared sense of purpose that what we do together, makes a difference in the lives of others has always been the motivator of our work together.
I have the greatest respect for the staff in the many and varied roles for their commitment to their work, for their sense of welcome, presence and purpose. The staff are relentless in their efforts to bring quality to what they do. I have enjoyed the professional and personal connections made amongst this group of people and pray a special blessing for each and every one of them now and for their future days ahead.

I have been completely in awe of the parents who commit their time, talent and energy to grow, sustain and nourish all in this community both at times of celebration and at times of immense sadness. What a gift you are to each other in continuing to form and shape this special community. Parents, you value quality education and you work in partnership with staff to support your children.

And most importantly, I thank the children at Mater Dei. They have given me great joy and I have always been proud of knowing the children and their achievements. As the years continue, I look forward to hearing of their successes in whatever they may do, knowing that they have been given a wonderful start in their educational journey within this community, and that this education has been grounded in faith, academic and social/emotional development.

I wish you all a happy and Holy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year and beyond. Best wishes for a relaxing and safe holiday break.

Kathryn Nulley
Principal
PRESIDENT’S REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I present this 2015 Annual Report on behalf of the Mater Dei P&F. It always amazes me what our P&F is able to achieve, particularly when you consider there are only approximately 220 families at the school.

A few the highlights of 2015 are:

- the 25th Music in the Moonlight – a rock concert to bring back your youth.
- Inaugural Sustainability Conference with local schools.
- New tables and chairs for the Art Room.
- Band performing at Queensland Catholic Music Festival.
- 4 dance classes for boys.
- Introduction of JiuJitsu and re-establishment of Speech & Drama classes.

Mater Dei is a very active thriving community. This report captures just a small part of the generosity and sense of community shown throughout 2015. Many a time I have been asked just how do I do it, my response is always the same. “I don’t. The parents and staff do.” I only have to put an idea or request out and someone responds.

When considering the many activities and requests of the community an assessment is always made against the strategic objectives of the school together with the benefits for the community as a whole. We are privileged to have a very clear and workable strategic plan for the school. The current P&F Executive value participation and ensured not all activities are fundraising focused. However, there is a recognition that the countless donated hours should yield a positive outcome socially and financially.

The P&F was honoured to contribute to the infrastructure planning for the school. This has been a 3 year process. The P&F consulted with parents to gauge their priorities and then worked with the school and parish in developing plans. This process resulted in the new furniture for the Art Room and the soon to commence rejuvenation of the Pray Garden Outdoor learning space.

As the year draws to a close some people on the P&F will move on and new faces will appear. I extend a huge thank you to the P&F Executive for their wisdom and counsel, the committee coordinators and members who reliably step up and deliver wonderfully each and every time and the enthusiastic army of parent volunteers for their time and support over the last 2 years.

Our P&F can only effective when working in partnership with the school staff. This is a task made easy with the inspirational leadership of our Principal, Mrs Kathryn Nulley and support of all the teaching, support and administrative staff of Mater Dei and in particular the P&F Administrator, Scibhan Bingham.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Mater Dei Community in the capacity as President. It has been a privilege to volunteer alongside the parents, staff and parish in our common desire to provide the best possible learning environment for our children.

Nicole Quinn
President
TREASURER’S REPORT

1. Summary
It has been another profitable year for the P&F with a net profit of $62,000. This profit was mainly derived from Dance and Music in the Moonlight, supported well by the Social committee activities and Directory. These funds enabled the P&F to donate over $54,000 to the school. The contributions funded important activities and items for the school including:

- Capital projects – prayer garden and a landscape plan
- Arts room furniture
- Go Sports
- Air conditioning
- Canberra Trip and Leadership shirts
- Grounds work
- Play is the way
- East Timor teacher
- A new BBQ
- The new sound system in the hall
- and other items (see Table 4)

It has been a relatively straightforward year for the finance team with the following highlights:

- Use of the Try Booking payment/ticketing system for both Race Day and MIM;
- Focus on timely invoicing and managing debt collection;
- Trial of a permanent mobile EFTPOS machines for all P&F activities;
- Establishment of a dedicated P&F Room, staffed on Wednesday mornings;
- Supporting committee finance requirements;
- Completing the audit of 2014 accounts, preparation of monthly accounts, and end of financial year statements for the year ended 31 October 2015.

Debtors have been well controlled however we are still awaiting receipt of $4,500 relating to Race Day 2015. The P&F have been advised that these funds are currently still collectible.

Thank you to Sciobhan Bingham our Accounts Officer for her hard work throughout the year. Thank you also to the P&F committees for working with Accounts to enable us to provide timely invoices and assist our debt collection process.

2. Financial Performance Summary

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<td>Contributions to the School:</td>
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<td>Net Profit/Loss After Contributions:</td>
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<td>Cash Position as at 31 October 2015:</td>
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<td>Total Equity as at 31 October 2015:</td>
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3. Committee Results

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<td>Dance</td>
<td>Many happy children and another successful end-of-year concert</td>
<td>$25,720</td>
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<td>Directory</td>
<td>Production of the Mater Dei family directory. $1,600 improvement to last year’s profit.</td>
<td>$5,745</td>
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<td>Jiu Jitsu</td>
<td>A new service added this year.</td>
<td>$784</td>
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<td>MIM</td>
<td>An excellent result for the 25th year of Music in the Moonlight. Achieved through the dedicated work of the committee and a parent body who love a good party.</td>
<td>$28,235</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>A great result from the Instrumental programme primarily aimed to provide a service to our children.</td>
<td>$2,123</td>
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<td>Race</td>
<td>A good day had by all trialling a slightly different format with Stuartholme.</td>
<td>$2,806</td>
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<td>Social</td>
<td>Includes Trivia Night, Disco, Carnivals, M/F Day Stalls.</td>
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<td>Speech &amp; Drama</td>
<td>A new service added this year.</td>
<td>$838</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>Includes Interest, Kids Banking, Donations/Grants, House T-shirts, 2nd Hand Uniforms, Sustainability Day and Sports Uniforms.</td>
<td>$1,357</td>
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(see Table 2 for additional details)

4. P&F Overheads
P&F Overheads have been maintained at the prior year level. Bank fees are lower this year as we received some sponsorship of the mobile EFTPOS machine. We had some set-up costs for the new P&F room. Thank-you gifts are higher as they include gifts made in 2014, and some supplies which were used at the Dance concert and will be used at the end of year Disco (leftover supplies from MIM).

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<td>P&amp;F Accounts Contractor</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>$13,020</strong></td>
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### Table 1 - Draft Mater Dei P&F Results for 2015

#### Profit & Loss Summary

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<td>Interest</td>
<td>4-9000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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#### Expense

| Direct Expenses         | 6-1100 to 6-3100 | $115,891 |
| Profit                  |                 | **$74,335** |
| Overhead                | 6-4100.         | $13,020  |
| **Net Profit/Loss Before Gifts/Donations** |         | **$612,315** |
| P&F Gifts/Donations to School | 6-5100. | $54,525 |
| **Net Profit / Loss After Donations** |         | **$7,790** |

### Table 2 – Draft Mater Dei P&F Results for 2015

#### 2015 Activity Profit/Loss - Actual

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Table 3 – Mater Dei P&F Financial Performance This Year plus last 4 Years

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BANKING

School Banking has had a very successful year in 2015. There are currently 177 students enrolled in the banking program at Mater Dei, of which 134 have banked this year. Children receive a reward after each 10 deposits and we have given out 142 rewards on assembly this year as of 31 October 2015. 35 new bankers have joined the program this year.

Our committed band of parent volunteers have processed 1646 deposits in the first three quarters to date this year. Further, in this time, the students have deposited $12 078.90 for which we have received $773.64 in commission so far. Whilst the number of bankers at Mater Dei has reduced from 156 in 2014 to 134 in 2015 (largely due to students graduating in 2014 or leaving Mater Dei), the amount of money banked and commission made has increased. We have banked over $4000 more in 2015 compared to last year resulting in a 33% increase in commission received compared to last year. This success is in part mainly due to the competitions run by the Commonwealth Bank and internally through the school, which have increased the motivation of active bankers to continue consistent saving’s behaviour throughout the year.

Our sincerest thanks must go to Libby Huth, Ana Bellosa-Jaimes, Therese Anderson, Kellie Dyer, and Helen Morris for their time, dedication and good humour. Without their commitment to School Banking each week, we would have been unable to run this program for our students. Veronika Engeman has kindly volunteered to take on the role of School Banking Coordinator in 2015 with the support of our volunteers.

I am confident the School Banking Program will continue to be successful at Mater Dei Primary School in 2016.

Jodie Beaton
School Banking Coordinator

DANCE REPORT

2015 was a positive year for Mater Dei Dance. Despite losing a year level, we still maintained enrolment numbers with many children enrolling in multiple classes. This resulted in an end of year profit of $25,700.

We introduced Contemporary Dance to the class format and this proved to be a huge success in the program. Additionally, for the first time, we had four classes specifically for boys. Again, a first for Mater Dei Dance. Early discussion is suggesting that many of the current Year Four boys who will
leave Mater Dei at the end of 2015 will return to Mater Dei Dance in 2016!

We are thrilled to report that all teachers (except one who is pursuing a career in business) have agreed to return to Mater Dei Dance in 2016, which is wonderful news for the dance school. We are fortunate enough to have teachers whose education, experience and love of dance is second to none. Thank you to our wonderful teachers.

The Mater Dei Dance Committee introduced numerous initiatives this year with an Enrolment/Open Day, additional classes, compulsory Mater Dei Dance uniform and the introduction of the vocal groups to the end of year concert. We are also currently exploring some exciting options and opportunities for 2016.

Naturally, the success of Mater Dei Dance and the aforementioned initiatives could not have been implemented without the support of many. We would like to thank the P&F Executive for their assistance and advice; Vanessa Russell (Raspberry Creative) for her continued assistance with the design work required for Mater Dei Dance; Mt St Michael’s College for their willingness to assist us with every aspect of our concert; and to Kathryn Nulley and the Mater Dei Administration team whom regularly provide us with assistance and are imperative to the success of Mater Dei Dance.

Finally, in what has been a truly wonderful dance year, our thanks must go to the students, parents/caregivers and families of Mater Dei Dance; your support and enthusiasm has been fantastic and ensures the ongoing success of Mater Dei Dance.

Thank you.
Mater Dei Dance Committee
Angela Cervetto, Marie Bond, Rebecca Harris and Rosemary Horton

DIRECTORY

The Family Directory is an important communication tool and continues to provide vital information for Mater Dei families. This year’s Directory Committee included Cath Clarke and Claire Malloy. Maureen Wicks also contributed her expertise in design and printing.


300 printed copies of the Family Directory were printed and copies distributed to all families on 12th March 2015. The directory continued with the successful format of previous years.

29 businesses advertised in the 2015 Family Directory, generating $8,495 in advertising revenue. Expenses for layout, design, typesetting and printing were $2,970. The amount raised in profit through this year’s Directory is $5,525. This is an increase, compared to last year, by approximately $1,350 and was due to decreases in printing costs.

A summary of advertising sales is as follows:

- 1 x premium placement $475
- 8 x full page $3000
- 9 x ½ page $2940
- 9 x ¼ page $1980
The Directory Committee would like to express our gratitude to Gerard and Cassandra Davis of Screen Offset Printing for their generous provision of printing services at a greatly reduced rate.

The Directory Committee would like to thank Kathryn Nulley and the Mater Dei staff for contributing content and helping to ensure that the publication is accurate and up-to-date. We would particularly like to thank and Siobhan Bingham, Treena Della Vedova and Theresa Fry for their ongoing support.

Most importantly, we would like to thank the families and businesses that have supported us through their advertising and for ensuring the ongoing success of this P&F initiative.

Yours sincerely,
THE DIRECTORY COMMITTEE
Cath Clarke, Claire Malloy

INSTRUMENTAL

Vocal classes - Teacher: Stephanie Hill

Private Singing classes:
3-5 Students per term – some in pairs and private lessons.

Vocal groups (in school break times):
Junior – 6 to 9 students per term
Intermediate – 9 to 13 students per term

Private singers having small showcase for their parents/family on 26 November.

Both vocal groups participated in the Mater Dei Performing Arts concert (with Dance students) for the first time - which was a great success in November 2015.

Intermediate vocal group participated in Multi-cultural Mass in August 2015 with assistance of Stephanie Hill.

Creative Kidz - Instrumental Lessons

Term 1 = 31 students;
Term 2 = 36 Students;
Term 3 = 32 students; and
Term 4 = 46 students.

Increased numbers in Term 4 as some new Year 2 students allowed to participate in the instrumental program and Creative Kidz staff did a demonstration day for Year 2 and 3 at the end of Term 3 – this worked out well and would be great to repeat at beginning of 2016 and then in Term 3 again.

Creative Kidz showcase scheduled for 24 November 2015 (6pm for 1 hour).

The band and a guitar group were to perform at Multicultural Mass however this did not occur due to some students not being able to attend and only small numbers in the groups involved.
Concert Band participated with St Kevin’s Catholic Primary (Geebung) at the Queensland Catholic College Music Festival which is an annual event held in August each year. Creative Kidz teacher arranged and organised a combined band rehearsal which took place at St Kevin’s Geebung in term 3 prior to the QCMF festival.

**Instruments played by students:**

- Alto sax – 5
- Clarinet – 5
- Drums/Percussion – 4
- Euphonium/Baritone -1
- Flute -5
- Guitar -21
- Keyboard -2
- Trumpet – 3.

**Concert Band**

Up to 10 members in Term 4 – some will be leaving next year for new schools.

**Instrument Hire**

Average hire has been 5 to 7 instruments per term for 2015 – increased in Term 4 to 14 instruments hired in total.

Increase of up to 7 more instruments hired in Term 4 with new Year 2 students and also with an offer of “free hire” for Term 4 in 2015.

The hire process needs some ‘fine tuning’ with assistance of library staff but an inventory of instruments has been completed this year and records are up to date.

Costs for repair on one instrument has been $30 this year to date. There will a number of instruments need servicing at end of the year – if not using next term. This cost will hopefully will be covered by the hire fees.

**Instrumental Music Policy** updated in July 2015 and is available on the parent portal. Music enrolment forms also available for Creative Kidz and Vocal groups/singing. These forms are also available at the office.

**JIU JITSU**

Jiu Jitsu was introduced as an extra-curricular activity for the first time in 2015. Jiujitsu is often recommended by educational and therapy professionals for children to build their core strength, concentration and body awareness. Classes commenced in Term 2 with an initial enrolment of approximately 17, this expanded to over 25 by the end of the year.

The classes are conducted by Kyl Reber, Chikara Martial Arts on Friday mornings before school, with an invitational Master Class for children wanting to extend their skills held during Wednesday lunch break. Kyl is an experienced and knowledgeable trainer, who has earned the respect and admiration of the children.
MUSIC IN THE MOONLIGHT

It is with great pleasure that the Music in the Moonlight committee submit our final report to the P&F Association for 2015

This year marked the 25th Anniversary of Music in the Moonlight. The theme chosen was ‘Rock of Ages’ and encapsulated all the elements that make Music in the Moonlight such a great event as a fundraiser but also a fun night out. The committee was extremely pleased with the results with 6 hours of entertainment, 400 revellers and a profit of over $28,000.

This year’s objectives were:-

- Continual encouragement of attendance from Mater Dei Families without the requirement of being in a group
- Allow people the flexibility to choose whether to wear a costume
- Further decrease the amount of work and contribution required by families for the event and in particular on the night itself
- Achieve a profit of over $25,000
- Increase sponsorship
- Create a sustainable event by utilising John Robertson Oval and simplifying logistics wherever possible
- Hire professional sound, lighting and entertainment as well as staff to run the event on the night

Outcome of Event:-

Venue

The committee was given a mandate from the principal to provide an event that celebrated and showcased this event to the school and the community. The committee therefore decided it was fitting that Music in the Moonlight be held on the John Robertson Oval. John Robertson was the original principal who assisted on the first Music in the Moonlight.

The change from Dorrington Park was also supported due to the cost and logistics of holding the event away from the school. The hockey club imposed onerous time restrictions and much of the gear for MIM lives at Mater Dei. The oval proved highly successful with the committee able to work with the school and setup over a longer period. The effort in setting up was halved with all major infrastructures including Marquee’s in place on the Friday afternoon prior to the night.

The attendee’s also commented that the oval provided a better atmosphere then Dorrington Park as it created a cosy, more intimate space that added to the atmosphere of the event.

Entertainment/Theming

The overarching theme of ‘Rock of Ages’ was selected to ensure people had multiple choices for costumes as well as an opportunity to come in simple ‘jeans and t-shirt’ and still feel they were in
costume. This was extremely successful as evidenced by the Bruce Springsteen’s, Dollies, MC Hammers, Techno Fairies, Alice Coopers and AC/DCs.

To ensure numbers and in keeping with the spirit of the 25th Anniversary the budget for entertainment was increased by $2,821 however with savings on venue hire and other places the overall expenses (excluding bar) was an increase of only $1,690. The increase in entertainment was also necessary given that half of the professional entertainment last year was provided for free and was not repeatable.

Four bands provided entertainment, namely:

- Tie Dyed to Hell
- The Meatloaf Tribute Band
- Chrome Dragon
- The Bon Jovi Tribute Band

These four bands provided a combined total of 4 and half hours of live music ranging from the 70s to present day. The cost of having four bands was mitigated by each of the tribute bands also belonging to the other two bands, which provided us with a substantial discount.

Louise Marshall provided DJ music for free and the MC Natalie Bochenski was secured at a heavily discounted rate of $500. All the entertainment was extremely well received. Natalie kept the night flowing exceptionally well and the air guitar competition was a lot of fun and provided an opportunity for the audience to get involved. Many people have commented that the event felt like a professional music festival, which was a great outcome for our 25th Anniversary.

In support of the entertainment, theming was kept simple but effective. Stonehenge provided the wow factor at our entrance and the glow cubes, CD curtains and laser lights really added to the atmosphere. Again having the committee provide theming allowed the event to create the necessary atmosphere without requiring many volunteers and came in at budget.

Bar/ Food Vans

This year the food was provided by Meat at Billy’s (sponsor), Roamin Pizza, Char Baby with LJ Hooker and Sweet Fix (donation) providing coffee and cake. Whilst Meat at Billy’s was satisfied with the night’s takings, the other vendors reported a loss in takings. No money was taken from the Food Vendors and it is recommended that the food vendors be limited to two with the preference that they are also sponsors.

The Viper Bar proved to be extremely successful. Staffed by paid bar workers, the bar made a substantial profit of $6,071. Drinks included bottles of Crosser, premium beer, wine and cider as well as the choice of two cocktails namely, Mojito and Moscow Mules. Patrons enjoyed the cocktails and the choice of beverages was well received.

Attendance/Ticketing

There were approximately 400 people in attendance on the night. Ticket prices were $60 with Early Bird staged in two lots for $50 and $55. The 1st early bird stage sold 160 tickets, which combine, with 41 sponsor tickets gave us 200+ ticket sales by the 1st September. Ticket sales were then slow however the executive letter to the school community greatly assisted in increasing ticket sales. It is
recommended a more aggressive strategy be explored with ticket sales to ensure local community, especially schools such as St Peter Chanel and St Finbarr’s are aware of the event.

**Sponsorship**

MIM attracted the highest amount of sponsorship this year. Our platinum sponsor of Sizzler was retained. Our Gold Tier sponsors were, Ordanga, CBA and Meat at Billy’s(a new sponsor for the school). Silver Sponsors were, Drive me Corporate Cars, Hummingbird, Midas, Stepz, Speedy Constructions, McGrath & Frisby, LJ Hooker and Millers Swimschool. In kind sponsorship was provided by Screen Offset Printing, Sweet Fix, Masters and BCF. Donations were received from Clarity IT, State Member Hon Kate Jones and from the Lord Mayor Suburban Initiative Fund. The committee’s goal of obtaining free printing through sponsorship was met by Screen Offset Printing. All of our sponsors provided a high level of assistance, often going over and above what they were required to contribute and we are extremely grateful for their support.

**Raffles/Auctions**

44 businesses contributed to the Raffles and 8 businesses to the Auctions as well as the Mater Dei School Community who again gave generously. Raffles this year contributed a profit of $8,119 and the Auctions generated $5,744. A new format was utilized for the auctions. Silent Auctions were held the week before the event. This was extremely successful and allowed the night to flow. Two auctions were still bid on the night namely, the car park and the Roar Package. Return of Raffle tickets was down this year and over 30 families never returned tickets. This may need to be looked at for next year in terms of encouraging the return of tickets. Raffle Sales were down by $1,800 on the projected Budget.

**Infrastructure/Security**

With the knowledge gained from last year, Infrastructure was well planned and under budget. The location of the John Robertson Oval greatly assisted with a smooth, quick set up. Security on the night as provided by Barry was well done and kept incidents to a minor level. The use of staff also assisted the overall smoothness of the night.

**Finances/Profit**

Revenue: $53,675 ($6,366 less than 2014)

Expenses: $25,440 ($1,039 less than 2014)

Profit: $28,234 ($5,327 less than 2014)

Notes:
- Bar revenue and expenses were both down from last year. Despite the lower revenue the profit was virtually the same with a profit of $6,071
- Both raffle and auction results were down $4,332. For example, the carpark went for $650 rather than $2,200 in 2014.
- Good result with Sponsor and donations up $3,000
- Tickets sales were $1,600 less than 2014 but up $3,320 from 2013

**Thanks**
To all our Sponsors we give our sincere thanks. This year our sponsors time and time again gave us assistance over and above what was required. We are extremely grateful and acknowledge that without their support MIM would not be possible.

To the Mater Dei office for all they do each year to help facilitate the promotion, ticketing and communication for Music in the Moonlight.

To Katherine Nulley and the staff of Mater Dei we thank them for their support and practical assistance. Of special mention is the hands on support Katherine Nulley has tirelessly provided each year in particular her hard work bumping out and cleaning up she will be sorely missed next year.

Thank you to the 2015 MIM committee members – Nicole Simpson, Annette Henry, Louise Marshall, Anthony Frawley and Paul Engeman.

Further thanks to the following people who greatly assisted, Sally Plever (theming), Claire Malloy (theming), Julia Bunn (theming), Danielle Devine (theming), Rachel Drew (theming) Shaun Price (Stonehenge), Daniel Drew (Stonehenge), Mick McGahan (Electrical), Damien Lundberg (Electrical)

Some recommendations for 2016 include but are not limited to:

- Professional acts are booked this year to ensure we can obtain a premium suite of acts
- John Robertson Oval continues to be the venue for MIM
- Sound and Lighting be secured this year
- Limit the food vendors to potential food sponsors
- Determine whether the photo booth is financially viable
- Continue with the hiring of staff for the night

And finally our sincere thanks to the Mater Dei community for, year on year, supporting Music in the Moonlight with your attendance, enthusiasm and sense of fun. Music in the Moonlight would be nothing without the great people who come along every year. We look forward to celebrating the 26th Anniversary of the event with everyone next year.

MIM Committee
Louise Marshall, Annette Henry, Anthony Frawley, Paul Engeman

PARISH

This year the Parish Committee was involved in assisting host the Parish Multicultural Mass on August 23, 2015. The Multicultural Mass was a very successful event this year, with the introduction of showcasing student extra-curricular groups from Mater Dei and St Peter Chanel.

The Multicultural Mass is an event hosted by the St John’s Wood/The Gap Parish, within which Mater Dei resides; its purpose is to bring the community together and to celebrate its diversity.

This year, the Parish Committee consulted with the various Mater Dei extra-curricular committees to provide entertainment for the Parish that was performed at a luncheon after the conclusion of the
Mass. It was with great pleasure that the Parish Committee was supported by Mater Dei Dance and Mater Dei Instrumental Music to provide such entertainment.

Mater Dei Dance provided three wonderful dance acts and the Intermediate Vocal Group also performed. These entertainment items were well received and enjoyed by the Parish, and the experience also enabled our Mater Dei Children to build confidence and develop familiarity with showcasing their talents in front of an audience. We thank Mater Dei Dance and Instrumental Music for your support and willingness to assist us with this community event. Our thanks must also go to the students, parents/guardians and families of the Mater Dei community who supported these entertainment requests with great enthusiasm; as well as to Renae Collier and Kathryn Nulley for their support.

The Multicultural Mass aside, we must also thank the many Mater Dei families who have been involved in assisting with the Church Cleaning each fortnight. The Parish has made many wonderful comments that the Church has never looked so clean and fresh. It is wonderful to have so many Mater Dei family volunteers to assist during the school terms in cleaning the church, and wonderful to be supported in the School holidays by the Parish Members. Thank you to all those involved and we hope you will be able to assist us with this role once again in 2016. Many hands make light work and fewer cleaning rosters between!

The Parish Committee
Jodie Beaton and Lorelei Frawley

RACE DAY

The 9th Mater Dei Race Day was held on Saturday 21 March 2015 at Eagle Farm Racecourse. Over 200 parents and friends enjoyed a day of racing in the Western Terraces with the Mater Dei fashion on the fields being the usual highlight. Guests were treated to a grazing style buffet throughout the day, with drinks available for purchase at the bar. This year Mater Dei jointly sponsored the day with Stuartholme, sharing the sponsorship advantages and expenses.

SOCIAL

The Social committee had a great 2015. Although our main objective is to ensure all families feel included and supported, we are also very proud to have raised funds towards the P&F funds.

The P&F would like to thank the Mater Dei Class Parent Liaisons who are vital in achieving the Social Committee objective. They have generously volunteered a significant amount of time and hard work, been thoughtful and caring and have done an outstanding job this year supporting Mater Dei families, class teachers and the P&F committee. The main event for the social committee in 2015 was the trivia night that provided a low cost, catch up for parents. Other events in 2015 that were supported and/or co-ordinated by the Social Committee included working bee BBQs, Caritas award and liturgy morning teas and P&F kitchen maintenance including stocking and cleaning.

We look forward to a great 2016.
Social committee
Ruth Whiting, Sandra Kurowski, Judy Horan, Libby Gallagher, Marg Reid, Claire McGahan
SPEECH AND DRAMA

- 2015 has been a year of re-establishment of Speech and Drama, after Sprout Drama ceased to operate in 2014. The new format has added Speech to the Drama curriculum, and the P&F is working directly with an individual contractor, Louise Marshall, to teach the lessons.

- Speech and Drama is offered as a service to the school, and as such is not focused on making a profit.

- One class per week was run in Terms 2, 3, and 4. The lesson format was 50 minutes per lesson, and was delivered in the school hall at 7:30 am, one day per week.

- 10 students participated in the program throughout the year.

- An end of year Showcase Concert performance is being held on 25th November, and short performance was delivered at School Assembly on 16 November.

- Positive feedback has been received from parents and students.

- Thank you to Louise Marshall for her skills, enthusiasm and dedication to the role.

- Profit for the P&F is approximately $800 for 2015

- 2016 looks to be much bigger, with enough interest already to justify running four classes per week. Most likely these will be made up of Year 3 and 4 students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, and a Year 5 and 6 class at lunch time.

- Recommendations for 2016: 1. Fees remain at $14 per session. 2. Prioritise a class for years 5 and 6, even if there is a shortfall in numbers, so that Mater Dei can deliver these students with opportunities commensurate with other local schools. 3. We also plan to run an End of Year Showcase in 2016 in the school hall at no additional cost to parents.

Julia Bunn
Speech and Drama Convenor

SUSTAINABILITY

A festival year for Sustainability, 2015 has been a big one. Our work also continues to develop in other aspects.

The BCE guidelines for Sustainability activities - “7 Steps to Sustainability”- provide the template for how we act out our call to be Stewards of the Earth here at Mater Dei. Of the six focal areas in this document, our efforts in 2015 have continued in:

- Energy
- Waste, and
- Greening and Biodiversity

In 2016, we hope to expand this to include some work on Active Travel.
Marketing

This year saw the re-naming of our sustainability festival to the “Stewards of the Earth Festival”. This was held on 29-31 July, once again to coincide with Catholic Education Week. The format from 2013 was expanded to include:

- Three full days of art display;
- Addition of a sustainability conference with local schools (also including presentations from BCC and Engineers without Borders); and
- Inclusion of “Mater Dei’s Got Talent” as the entertainment for the afternoon (inspired and expertly co-ordinated by Janine Rees).

The main comments received from the school community about the festival were:

- What a great and relaxed feeling there was on the Friday afternoon;
- Extraordinary artwork; and
- Applause for the introduction of QR codes.

All of the schools who visited the conference on the Thursday expressed their gratitude for being able to attend. A wonderful day of networking and idea exchange was had. For Mater Dei, we were able to make some contacts with local schools who have been conducting sustainability activities for close to 20 years. We connected with the Fish Creek website, and gained many insights into how best to go about greening projects.

Energy

Achievements in energy have been the result of work completed by Theresa Fry, and Kathryn Nulley, with the assistance of a consultant, Stuart Richards, from Insoleaf. Results have been reported this year through the Sustainability Committee, and we maintain an interest in supporting this work wherever it is viable.

Key actions for 2015 have been the installation of energy efficient light bulbs in the Truscott building, and installation of automatic timers on photocopiers. It is planned to expand the automatic timers and lighting work in 2016.

Waste

Petrea Mansul continues to provide her support for the Bokashi system, in conjunction with Julie Towler and Years 5 and 6. The system has been fully functional out of the greenhouse on the oval for the duration of 2015, with the use of the raised garden beds for dumping the waste. With the help of John Epsom keeping the covers in place, this has remained a turkey and rodent free zone.

The success of this system was celebrated at the Sustainability Conference where the product of a full term of waste rejuvenation was uncovered during the Bokashi tour. Everyone present was very impressed with the colour and texture of the soil.

In 2015, our key action in recycling has been the normalising of recycling for social events held on school grounds. Recycling bins were provided and used without fuss or instruction for Trivia Night and the school discos. Music in the Moonlight utilized the services of green skips for the major event on the school calendar.
Clarifications around the quality of recycling have enabled the bins to be left in the yard more permanently. In essence, a single piece of non-recyclable material does not compromise the whole bin or truck load. This was resolved during discussions at the sustainability conference with BCC representative, Christine Blanchard.

Greening and Biodiversity

On Friday 24 July we celebrated Schools Tree Day with a liturgy prepared by Louise Scott. This was followed by tree planting along the perimeter of the oval.

We are very grateful for the assistance of SOWN, in providing the plants, providing some other general guidance around the planting and upkeep, as well as the supply of booklets highlighting local species which can be utilised in the classroom. Thank you to Damien Lundburg, and Daniel Clearly for digging the holes. Thanks also to Rita Morley, John Epsom, Michelle Dickson, Louise Scott, Petrea Mansul and our 65 student tree planters for all the preparations and planting.

Quotes were arranged and discussions held with BCC and Brisbane Bush Care around progressing the next stage of the Orchard Road rehabilitation works. This area encompasses the sloped bank that runs alongside the Prep playground perimeter fence. It is planned to apply for the BCC grant February round with the view to completing this work in 2016.

Financials 2015

Financials for Sustainability have been going through the school accounts. It is understood that Sustainability moneys have recently been transferred to the P&F account. At the time of writing this report, a complete account of incomings and outgoings has not been compiled for 2015 within the Sustainability Committee. Some work will need to be done in 2016 around how financials are managed going forward.

Some key items as provided by Theresa Fry are:

- Mugs made a loss of $385.66 (only a small portion of the stock was sold during the festival);
- Smencils made a profit of $65.87;
- A loss was made on the hiring of the display boards for the Art Show (which was expected). This was partially offset by the takings from gold coin donations;
- Recycled books from the festival made a profit of $141.20.

At the September meeting, the Sustainability Committee (with Renae Collier’s approval) made the decision to donate the remainder of the Smencils stock to Unity College who had a fire in the Year 2 classroom. This decision was based on the understanding of the stock being held on the school accounts.

Plans for 2016

At our October meeting, the following were agreed as the committee’s desired priorities for 2016:

- Transport – Walk to School Wednesday and Two Minute Zone optimization
- Orchard Road Creek Stage 2
- Continuation of the Bokashi optimization
• Energy – kids doing energy audits and energy monitoring, Stuart to present to staff, continue all other energy initiatives
• Conference for Catholic Education Week in the Hall

Acknowledgments

Our year is not complete without acknowledgement of the efforts of our committee members for 2016:

• Kathryn Nulley
• Louise Scott
• Julie Towler
• Angela Platt
• Bronwyn Sikavica
• Louise Easter
• Rita Morley
• Petrea Mansul
• Michelle Dickson
• Sharon Mahoney

Special mention also needs to be made to:

• Our year 5 and 6 students, under the direction of Julie Towler, who perform the day-to-day management of the Bokashi system
• John Epsom, who attracts many action items, and is full of insights on how it all works in the real world of sustainability – in the school yard and on the grounds.
• Stuart Richards from Insoleaf who continues to support our energy work here at Mater Dei.
• SOWN and Geraldine Knapp (retired in June) for their consistent and ongoing support of our greening projects.

Sustainability is a ‘family friendly’ option for people who would like to join a committee. Our meetings are held in the library at 7.30am on a Wednesday morning. Babies and children are welcome and expected.

This work is indeed very rewarding. As a committee, we all look forward to enjoying the benefits visible both now and for generations to come at our beautiful school here at Mater Dei.

Donna Lynn
Co-ordinator

TUCKSHOP

• Farewell to Therese Walsh after 5 years as convenor
• Welcome to Marie Whitten as the new convenor
• Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers – 68 parents assisted this year
• QKD App has streamlined the ordering/payment process proving to be useful tool
- New “Meal Deal” offers
- Home baking and gluten free options proving to be popular
- Live Volunteer Rostering system

Tracey Allen
Co-ordinator

UNIFORMS

The P&F offers support to the uniform requirements at Mater Dei by co-ordinating

- Second hand uniforms.
- Sports clothes

Uniforms are donated by families and sold for $2 an item. This is always a wonderful way for families to have an extra set of uniforms, especially jumpers. House T-shirts in each of the 3 sports house together with sports shorts and bike-nick style pants, swimming caps and netball visors are also available for purchase. The sports shorts in a quick dry fabric are a particular favourite for the boys, who may wear them in place of the standard school cotton sports shorts.

With the opening of the new P&F room in Term 2 the uniforms now have their own storage space and are easy to access with a change room available. The uniforms have been available for sale each Monday afternoon after school.

Emma Matiazzi
Uniform Co-ordinator

WORKS

A FANTASTIC RESULT
THANK YOU ALL!

The P&F Works Sub-Committee would like to thank all the parents & friends that contributed to the Working Bees. It was extremely rewarding, not only seeing the completion of many jobs that help make the school a wonderful environment for our children, but also the spirit in which everyone contributed. A fantastic example for the children.

During the year we had 2 working bees

- Sunday afternoon 17 May
- Saturday afternoon 12 September

We had a turn up in excess of 100 attendees at the two events. More than 60 people at the first working bee and 40 at the second. We were able to share the load and have a chat & laugh along the way. Lots of good hard work was completed and everyone left with a great sense of achievement knowing they could contribute to the upkeep of the school.
There was a broad range of skills on offer. We had painters & oilers, carpenters, power washers, cleaners, builders, tree loppers & cane cutters, gardeners, shovelers & forkers, and cooks. Of course, there were many dad jokes and idle banter around the barbecue & drink session put on by the P&F at completion. A great way to finish the day.

Key achievements included;

- Bamboo removal & pruning
- Gardening & school beautification projects
- Various painting, repair & carpentry jobs
- Oiling of decking areas and seats
- Pressure washing projects
- Sand pit & play area soft fall maintenance
- General rubbish removal, cleaning & de-clogging of gutters.

A big thank you to all who contributed in the lead up to the working bees including members of the P&F committees, teaching staff and class mums. Knowing we had the support & the numbers really took the pressure off. A special mention goes out to the Poole-Warren family who have been regular volunteers for the past 18 years. A legendary effort!

What a great effort and great result. We hope to see you at the next working bee next year. Spread the news and let’s see if we can bring some new blood into the team for 2016.

Thanks again & keep well,
The P&F Works Sub-Committee
Jim Gordon & Stephen Mattiazzi