

Michael Maguire, Holy Family P&F Presidents Report Term 2 - May 18th 2022

A warm welcome back to term two. I hope you all had a restful holiday break!

To our wonderful Holy Family mums, we hope you all enjoyed your Mothers Day celebrations. Thank you to all our volunteers that made it happen, especially to Em who led the way!

Term two for the P&F will continue to focus on events that bring the school community together with our mid year dinner, planning for the Art Show & Fair later in the year, and much more.

Excitingly over the break, the installation of our new Solar panels has been completed and the new ramp construction has commenced. Capital works that will improve our school for children and families for generations to come.

With the demolition of Coles commencing this term, the P&F will continue supporting Mr Dogao with developer engagement and ensuring the voice of our P&F is heard. If you have any concerns or questions as the construction commences, please let an executive member of the P&F know.

I hope your families are keeping well, and the children are enjoying being back in the classroom.

Michael Maguire
Holy Family P&F President

Michael Maguire, Holy Family P&F Presidents Report Term 1 - March 30th 2022

A very big thank you to the staff who have been dealing with an extremely challenging environment given the proliferation of COVID cases in the school over the last few weeks. We hope that things will settle down come term 2.

It was fantastic to see so many parents enjoying themselves, getting to know each other, and fostering our Holy Family community spirit at our recent Cocktail night at The Greengate. A very big thank you to Emma and Anna for putting on such a wonderful evening, and to our parents who donated prizes.

To Jane Solomon, congratulations on bringing together such an informative evening for our parents and children with 'Amazing Me'. I personally received very positive feedback on the evening.

Term two for the P&F will continue to focus on events that bring the school community together, starting to plan for October's Art Show & Fair, and supporting Mr Dogao with the Solar project, capital works planning, and Coles development.

I hope you and your families are keeping well. Enjoy the last few weeks of the school term, and the Easter holidays to come.

Michael Maguire
Holy Family P&F President

Michael Maguire, Holy Family P&F Presidents Report Term 1 - February 16th 2022

A very warm welcome to 2022, especially so to new families joining Holy Family for the first time. We hope you and your children are settling in well.

By the way of introduction, my name is Michael Maguire and I'm the President of the Holy Family P&F. I have three daughters at the school, Olivia in grade four, Eleanor in grade two, and Isobel who's started in Kindergarten this year. Our family loves Holy Family, and we hope you have as great an experience as we are having.

I'm looking forward to partnering with the P&F executive team and Mr Dogao again this year, welcoming new members, and making 2022 a bigger and brighter one for our school.

Who are and what does the Holy Family P&F do? Our P&F is made up of parent volunteers, with our core mission focused on fostering a strong and inclusive community spirit via social and fundraising events throughout the school year. Events include the annual Art Show & Fair, Mother's Day and Father's Day celebrations, Christmas Markets, parent support seminars, Colour Run, year Group masses and morning teas, and year group parent functions.

These events can't happen without parent volunteers. Volunteering is the life blood of a thriving Holy Family, so being involved will only serve to strengthen our community and support your family through your Holy Family journey.

The P&F committee meets twice a term, and works closely with Mr Dogao to implement our objectives and funds raised centred around strengthening our community, discreet pastoral care of our families in need, and enhancing the school experience for our children and families.

We warmly welcome all across Holy Family to participate in our P&F activities, either as a committee member or as an event volunteer. The more the merrier!

Details on our P&F can be found on the Holy Family website. For parents who would like to know more or get involved, email info@holyfamily.nsw.edu.au who can then put you in touch with a P&F representative.

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2021 Parents & Friends AGM Report

2021 was unfortunately another year of challenge for our school, staff, parents, and children. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, extended time spent home based learning, and an inability to hold P&F events like the Art Show & Fair, this year was another very tough one.

As in 2020 it was the strength of the Holy Family community that shone brightly through. From Mr Dogao's leadership, to the staff's extraordinary contributions with once again pivoting to home based learning and back to the classroom in term four, to our children's endless adaptability and positivity, and our parents' support for each other. It's a true testament to the deep sense of community we have at Holy Family.

On behalf of all parents, the P&F, and School Advisory Board, a heartfelt thank you to Mr Dogao, Mrs Board, and to all the teachers and staff. We can't express enough our gratitude for your contributions in 2021, and to your unwavering devotion to our children and their learning.

A core role of the P&F is fostering a strong sense of school community, via events and social activities held throughout the year. Unfortunately with COVID-19 we were once again unable to hold these events in the way we were hoping. The P&F was acutely aware of how this impacted parents (especially new parents to the school) interacting and getting to know each other. We were however able to hold an all school cocktail party earlier in the year, our virtual trivia night, and the Colour Run and Crazy Camel Art Fundraiser for the children. The P&F looks forward to 2022 being a bigger and better year for Holy Family events, where all at the school can get together in person.

From a financial perspective, the P&F continues to make a significant contribution to Holy Family with this year's funds being directed to the upgrade of our childrens Google Chromebooks, supporting the schools grant application for solar panels, new digital screens in all our classrooms, and furniture for Holy Family's agile learning environments. We also provided sponsorship to the School of St.Jude in Tanzania,

with whom we've had a long standing relationship. The funds go towards assisting students to achieve great educational outcomes and thereby transformational life opportunities.

To the many parents who volunteered their time to the school this year, especially the individual class parents ably led by Emily Manion and Anna Roberts, your contributions have been greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who made a contribution to the P&F in 2021. I'd especially like to thank Jane Solomon for her role as our P&F secretary, our co treasurers Michael Willett and Min Garrott Dai, social committee heads Emily Manion and Anna Roberts, and our BBCSP representative Olwyn O'Dowd. Thank you for your consistent support and dedication to our P&F.

Wishing you and yours a very happy Christmas, a restful break with your family, and here's to a much brighter year ahead for all at Holy Family in 2022!

Michael Maguire
P&F President

Michael Maguire, Holy Family P&F Presidents Report October 19th 2021

It's wonderful to see after many months of HBL learning for our families and staff, that classes resumed for our kindy and year one children this week. The warm welcome at drive through from all the teachers put the biggest smiles on our kids' faces, and I know my daughter Eleanor is so happy to be back! Only one more week to go for the others.....Nearly there!

On behalf of all parents, the P&F, a heartfelt thanks to Mr Dogao, Mrs Board, and to all the teachers and staff for their HBL efforts. We can't express our gratitude enough for your contributions during this very difficult time, and to your unwavering devotion to our children and their learning.

It's highly likely that we'll be once again unable to hold in person social events in term four that get the entire school community together due to the COVID restriction. We'll just have to make 2022 even bigger!

I hope you and your families are keeping well. For those who've had children return to school this week, I hope they're enjoying being back in the classroom.

Michael Maguire
Holy Family P&F President

Michael Maguire, Holy Family P&F Presidents Report September 1st 2021

As I highlighted in our last P&F meeting and to reiterate again tonight, the strength of the Holy Family community has been evident throughout this very tough period with Sydney's prolonged lockdown. From Mr Dogao's leadership, to the staff's extraordinary contributions with home based learning, our children's endless adaptability and positivity, and our parents' support of each other, it's a true testament to the deep sense of community we have at our school.

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The number one priority is our school's collective mental wellbeing, so please take care of yourself and your families. The P&F is here to support in anyway needed.

I am currently supporting Mr Dogao on his work to identify capital work projects to further enhance our school grounds, and that may require P&F funds (also the parish's contribution) to make happen. Projects under consideration include the playground, digital whiteboards, and back grassed area / kola redevelopment. Once these proposals have been formalised (including financials) we will bring them to the P&F meeting for discussion.

I hope everyone is doing well with HBL, taking care of each other, and keeping safe.

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Michael Maguire, Holy Family P&F Presidents Report July 28th 2021

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There's no question that the P&F's charter of fostering a strong and inclusive community spirit via social and fundraising events throughout the school year, will be severely tested in the immediate future. Will focus our efforts on making term three and four action packed. Here's hoping they are all in person!

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Holy Family P&F Presidents Report June 28th 2021

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Friday's March 26th Cocktail Party promises to be a fantastic event, and given it sold out in record time I think everyone is very keen to reconnect in person. Thank you again to Emily and Anna for all your efforts with organising.

A big P&F thank you to Olivia for facilitating our recent HF Open Days. It was so encouraging to see the number of prospective families for 2022, and how the school was showed up. To Emily Manion, Anna Roberts, Alice Muharrem thank you for your parent testimonials.

The P&F executive will be meeting for a 2021 planning session early in term two, so as to set ourselves up for success for the year ahead. Think points of discussion such as:

- Our voice with CSO / engagement with other P&F bodies
- Our school community and how we foster an even more inclusive culture across the wide ranges at HF
- How best to deploy P&F funds to improve the school's amenities, etc
- 2021 P&F social / events strategy
- Improving connection between our school & parish

Regarding the Art Show & Fair, the core team will be meeting on March 29th to strategise how we bring in back to life in 2021. Aiming for late October timing.

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Michael Maguire, Holy Family P&F Presidents Report May 18th 2021

It has recently come to light that there's an opportunity to reinforce the role our P&F plays across Holy Family.

The Holy Family P&F is made up of parent volunteers, recognising and valuing the role our parents and carers play in the education of their children and aims to strengthen the partnership between families, school, parish and the wider community for the benefit of our children's overall development and learning.

Our core objective is broadly focused around fostering that strong and inclusive community spirit via social and fundraising events throughout a year school. Such events include the Art Show & Fair, Mother's Day / Father's Day celebrations, Christmas Markets, parent support seminars, and much more.

These events can't happen without strong parent volunteers. Volunteering is the life blood of delivering our P&F events successfully, so we encourage you all to get involved in 2021!

How are the P&F fundraising dollars allocated? We work very closely with Mr Dogao on where the funds should be applied, centred around enhancing the school experience for our children and families.

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In April the P&F had a very constructive 2021 strategy session, focused on planning the year ahead. We have built out a calendar of these events through the year, to be presented and discussed in tonight's P&F meeting. Our goal for each is as follows:

1. Social = Bring the school community together to celebrate key events in the calendar (e.g Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Christmas Markets)
2. Fundraising = Larger scale event raising funds to support a defined program / activity to benefit the school (e.g Mid Year Dinner, Art Show & Fair)
3. Community = Providing the school community (families and staff) with an opportunity to engage around themes / topics important to achieving inclusion, wellbeing, personal growth

We hope these events have broad appeal for all families, and continue to foster that Holy Family community spirit we know and love.

Lastly. A massive thank you to Emily and Anna for putting together a memorable Mother's Day celebration for our amazing Holy Family mums!

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Wishing you and yours a very happy / restful Easter, and look forward to seeing you all in term two.

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