

2022 Parents & Friends Annual Report

Another big year has come to an end at Holy Family, and what a fantastic year 2022 was for our school community. On behalf of the P&F, 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 this year, and to your unwavering devotion to our children and their learning.

It's with heavy hearts that we farewell Mr Dogao and Mrs Board from Holy Family this year. The indelible impact that Lou and Maree have had made to so many students and families over their many years at Holy Family can't be understated. We will miss them both greatly, and wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

A core function of the P&F is fostering a strong sense of school community via social events. In 2022 our P&F events were back, bigger and better than ever! These included the welcome BBQ, welcome cocktail party, Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Grandparents Day, Colour Run, external speakers, kids disco at the Christmas concert, and after a two year hiatus our Art Show & Fair / Cocktail Party. These events wouldn't have happened without the tireless leadership of our P&F social committee heads Emily Manion and Anna Roberts. To the many parents who volunteered their time to the school this year, your contributions have been greatly appreciated.

Holy Family also made an impact across the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay, with our 'Amazing Me' program led by Jane Solomon being a finalist in the 2022 CCSP 'Roger O'Sullivan Memorial Award for Family, School, and Community'. What a shining example of how Holy Family fosters community and the development of our children.

From a financial perspective, the P&F continued to make a significant contribution to Holy Family across 2022. P&F funds enabled the installation of new solar panels, fully funded new digital screens for all remaining classrooms including the library, new furniture for the office, new readers for the younger year levels, rejuvenated the band program with a fully funded music coordinator, two new school BBQ's, and a highly regarded curator to convene our Art Show.

Thank you to all who made a contribution to the P&F this year. I'd especially like to thank our P&F secretary Jane Solomon, treasurer Michael Willett, social committee heads Emily Manion and Anna Roberts, marketing lead Olivia Herlambang-Tham, and BBCSP representatives Olwyn O'Dowd and Vincent Giang. Jane, Michael, Emily, Anna, Vincent are all departing the P&F executive at the end of this year. It has been my pleasure working with you all, and thank you for the invaluable contributions you have made over your time on the P&F.

This year marks my last year serving as Holy Family's P&F President. It's been my honour to play a small part in our wonderful school community over my three years in the role, and I have appreciated everyone's support and counsel, especially Mr Dogao's.

We look forward to 2023 being an even better year for Holy Family. I encourage you all to get involved in the P&F next year. Parent volunteering is the life blood of a thriving Holy Family, so you all being involved will only serve to strengthen our community and your journey.

Wishing you and yours a very happy Christmas and a restful holiday break.

Michael Maguire
P&F President