St Michael’s Parents and Friends Association

Chairperson’s Annual Report 2013

In 2013 the Parents and Friends committee had a very successful fund-raising and friend-raising year. Overall, we made approximately $18,000, of this total $8000 (our set benchmark budget amount) will be donated to the new “Discovery Centre” which is going to be situated in the old Uniform Shop room. With a very enthusiastic and willing committee we have had many fundraising events organized and enjoyed by the children and general school community.

At the beginning of the year we bought and distributed, in a morning chapel service, a Bible to the Foundation children. This gift provides a memory for each Foundation child who enters our school community.

For Sports Day this year we designed and sold polo t-shirts of the house colours, yellow - Prince George, green - Bengalee and red- Zebra. These were a great success and boy didn’t they look great!!

Colour was the theme for this years disco, which the P & F happily accepted as a yearly fund-raising event. It was held in Term 2 so as we could dim the lights and really dance as if no one was watching. The committee had a great time organizing and blowing up the thousand or so balloons, hanging the lights, and selecting the music for the night which made it so much fun. We danced, we ate and we danced some more, even the children enjoyed it!!!

The entertainment books once again provided a great revenue raiser and we must thank all those families who bought these books.

Mother’s and Father’s Day were again important dates on our agenda. This was an amazing feel good stall, in which the kids showed so much delight in.
Their little faces gave me goose-bumps when watching what they had specially bought all by themselves for their mum, dad or grandparents. It was priceless!!!!

At the end of week 3 in Term 4 we had our amazing FAMILY FUN DAY. It was our MAJOR fundraising event for the year. This was the first fair/fun day the school has put on for over 7 years, and it was a HUGE success. It took hours, days, nights, weeks and terms of un-relentless hours spent, to provide the school and local community with an amazing successful event.

We were very, very fortunate to have some school families and local businesses provide us with “major sponsorship”. The P&F would like to acknowledge and greatly thank the following 12 businesses for their very generous donations ($500 or more) whether it be money, goods or a combination of both. We, as the committee are grateful for your contributions in making our Family Fun Day the most successful it could be. It would be greatly appreciated if the school community would support these businesses as a return of our thanks. The businesses were Taking Care of Trees, Access and Construction Equipment, Paech Motors, Mt Barker Council, Belair Fine Wines, L J Hooker - Stirling, Hahndorf Farm Barn, Toy World Mt Barker, Crystal Springs, Bunnings Warehouse, Marston Tipper Hire, and Noske’s Butchers. We also had smaller businesses along with donations from school families to their year stall that contributed and we again thank you very much. Along with the school community we would like to acknowledge the teachers for the continual support leading up to and on the day of the fair, especially Mrs Rene Kruger who was our go-between staff and committee, thank you Rene.

Also a big thank-you to the handful of parents who came forward to offer assistance whenever needed, again it is much appreciated. Such a massive event cannot be so successful without the help and support of these people, thank you. We look forward to another Family Fun Day for St Michaels possibly in 2016.
I would like to thank my most amazing, supportive, and enthusiastic committee that has helped to have such a successful fundraising and 'friendraising' year. A big thanks to Rachel Knappstein who supported the committee in the role as secretary and Tony Winn, our Treasurer who is bowing out of this position this year. Tony it has been a pleasure working with you. Paul Baker and Jenny Longmire will also be leaving us as their children have moved onto Cornerstone College, we will definitely miss all your help and support. It goes without saying a massive and extra special thanks must go to Robyn Naughton who has the most enormous amount of knowledge and understanding of the school and her immense support she has given me throughout the year. Thanks must also go to Steve Seidel, Tracy Downing, Anne Jones and Sheree Hampel who also do a lot of behind-the-scenes work. Last, but never least Karen Judd, Vice-chair, thank you once again for your amazing work ethic, nothing is ever too much trouble and I really appreciate all the time you put in to help me lead this committee making it successful and as much fun as we can.

I look forward to leading this committee for another year and am confident it will be as fun as the last. I trust we will support and encourage each other because at the end of the day all our efforts benefit our children in the school community.

Donna Rayner
Chairperson