



Presidents Report 2022 AGM

Friday 25th March, 2022

Welcome to all returning families and to the new families that are here for your first Café night. It took us a little while to get this one up and running but it feels good to be having the chance to catch up one time in this first term of 2022.

For the new families, we try to have a Café night one night a term, one of the nights is a trivia night and the other will follow the format that we are having tonight.

Firstly I would like to thank last year's P&F group for the energy and fun we had during the year. The last 2 years have had continued challenges in relation to Covid but I think last year we managed to achieve most of things we set out to do. Our aim at the start of the year was to return the sense of Community back to the River School family after the previous year of offsite learning and access restrictions on the school grounds. We had three great Café nights which saw the return of the open Mic nights which we loved seeing, we managed to have a great Spring Fair, organised the first Pie Drive and started a bulk stationary purchase. The group funded improvements to all class groups and donated money to our sister school in Loas to help them with the building of much needed classrooms.

We leave the P&F account with a healthy balance sheet that can be used this year to fund projects around the school and we will pass the responsibility of spending these funds to the incoming group.

We have also had the help of many volunteers along the way from the school community to make these events possible and I would just like to stress how much easier the job of the P&F is when you have a healthy supply of volunteers putting their hands up. A special acknowledgment to Kamala who never fails to provide continual support for the Café nights with her amazing cooking and presence. And of course to Ann



and the administration staff of the school who are always there to help out when we called on them.

This year is shaping up to be another interesting year. Whilst it may throw up some more challenges in how the P&F and the school is able to operate, I would invite the new P&F group to be flexible and to do the best with what they have to continue to foster the sense of community within our school community. As individuals we are all part of this community for a relatively short time, but the impact that it will have on our children will last well into their adult years so I would encourage any of you that have the energy, time and or inclination to play an active part of the P&F and to make the most of the opportunity while you can.

Thanks for your time and enjoy the rest of the night.

Ross Doherty
P&F President