

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
RINGWOOD NORTH

ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

15th MAY 2014

PARISH GROUP
REPORTS

COMMUNITY AND HOSPITALITY

SHARKS FOOTBALL CLUB

Park Orchards/North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Club

The Sharks is one of the largest clubs in the Yarra Junior Football League, with over 400+ registered players which make up our 17 x teams - 3 x Tackers (U9), 3 x U10, 2 x U11, 2 x U12, 2 x U13, 1 x U14, 2 x U15, 2 x Colts (U16/17). The Sharks also promotes football to those new to the game through our AusKick Program which runs each Saturday morning accommodating more than 130+ children aged 5 and above.

The Sharks work on these visions:

- To provide an opportunity for young and maturing children to have fun and establish new friendships with their teammates.
- To provide a competitive environment for young and maturing children to develop their skills in Australian Rules Football.
- To provide opportunities for young and maturing children to develop both as sports people and as individuals.
- To encourage family involvement across all levels, from supporting through to coaching.
- To ensure that all volunteers are appropriately trained and accredited.

To this end, the Sharks run a development program supported by parents who have played AFL or are working in specialist roles within AFL Clubs. The Sharks also run education evenings which focus on pathways to the AFL and the development of life skills and knowledge around alcohol, drugs, motor vehicle accident and appropriate use of the internet.

Whilst there is a focus on developing our players, parents and helpers, we pride ourselves on being a family oriented football club where we welcome all.

This is my second year as President, and I am again well supported by the parents, players and community. Special thanks to my dedicated committee- who's support and hard work enable players to take the field each week.

Go Sharks!!
Sean Woods, President.

HOLY SPIRIT NETBALL CLUB

HSNC is the largest club at Melbourne East Netball Association (MENA). We have 212 registered players which make up our 3 U9, 4U11, 6U13, 5U15 and 6 open teams.

We have been very fortunate to pick up 3 new committee members this year which helps to spread the work load for every committee member. One of the most pleasing parts of being involved in this Club is that girls from Holy Spirit continue to maintain primary school friendships through netball once they leave primary school.

Being such a large Club, girls have the opportunity to coach and umpire and give back to the Club. Our netta program at grade 1 and 2 enables our Club to continue to grow and provide girls with the chance to play a team sport, keep fit and stay socially connected.

Special thanks to my dedicated committee - their support and hard work enables players to take the court each week.

Go Spirits!!
Karen Woods, President.

LITTLE SPIRITS PLAYGROUP

The Little Spirits Playgroup has changed significantly in the past year with 7 children from our 2013 group going into Prep at Holy Spirit in 2014. We farewelled Cath Stone as playgroup leader at the end of 2013 after 3 wonderful years. Cath has handed over to Kate Doherty. This year's playgroup consists of 14 children from 1-4 years of age. We meet from 9-10.30am on Tuesday mornings. A usual session consists of a craft activity, playdough, snack time and an outdoor play if weather permits. We usually finish the session with story time and some "action" songs which the children really enjoy participating in. Little Spirits is currently at capacity in terms of numbers due to 4 new families joining in 2014 and 8 children between them. For these new families it is their first experience being part of the Holy Spirit Community and it has been lovely to welcome them.

Kate Doherty, Playgroup Leader.

HOLY SPIRIT FETE No report received.

PARISH DINNERS

The Parish Dinners have been held successfully for the past 15 years. Megan Whitworth and I organise and attend these dinners for the parents of different year levels. Dinner is held in the Mary Bresnan room with as many as 34 attending approximately 6-8 dinners a year. Father Jo and Peter Camilleri also attend.

Our vision is to continue to provide the opportunity to enable the school families and Parish Community to unite over a meal and familiarise themselves with the Parish environment so they know they are welcome and to be a part of our special community and to continue its growth. It is also a chance for parents to meet each other and grow some special friendships.

This is quite a unique opportunity we offer to our school community as there are hardly any other School/Parish's that do. I am proud to be associated with the Parish Dinners. Our achievements over the past year include:

LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

- To ensure the dinners continue into the future.
- Make parents aware of their Parish surroundings
- Make parents aware of the various ways they can volunteer in the School and Parish.
- To make parents realise that our community is special and we need them to continue to promote this into the future.
- Have fun at the dinners, meet new people and spread the word amongst other school parents.

Marisa Smeed, Coordinator.

SPIRIT MAGIC BASKETBALL CLUB

2013 was a milestone year for Spirit Magic, as the club celebrated its' 20th Anniversary. The occasion was marked by a family night that was attended by some 450 people including players, coaches & families both past and present. Long serving coaches & committee members were recognised on the night and feedback from the event suggest a good night was had by all. With approximately 340 players currently on our list, club numbers continue to be strong and if anything growing slightly.

In the year ahead the challenges remain around the enticement of volunteers to help out the club both as coaches and at the committee level. In particular, succession plans for long serving key committee office bearers need to be addressed.

Leon McKenna, President.

LITURGY GROUP

Over the past year we have continued to offer our Parishioners a variety of themes to encourage different groups to participate in our weekly Liturgies.

In June, 2013 we had a Winter Warmers Mass. Hot food was served after Mass and was well received and well attended.

On Sunday 17th November 2013 at 5pm we had a Mass followed by a community meal. This proved to be a great success and we hope to have another later in the year.

The Christmas Masses were very well attended with a large number of people staying after the 7-00 Mass for drinks and a chat.

In February we had our Prep Welcome Mass which gives the new families of Holy Spirit School an introduction to the 10-30 Family Mass and the Children's Liturgy Program. After Mass the parish provided a Sausage Sizzle and most families stayed to socialize. It was wonderful to have the School Leaders helping at this Mass.

In March we had Sportsman's Mass with few people attending. We hope to improve the numbers for next year with more advertising and a set date.

This year Holy Week was in the second week of the school holidays. All Liturgies were well attended and well received.

Throughout the year we are very blessed to have dedicated teams of people who show up every week, to set up & clean the Church, decorate the foyer, change banners, altar cloths, flowers, lighting, sing or whatever is needed to enhance our weekly Liturgies. I would encourage anyone to share in writing their thoughts, ideas and suggestions on how we can continue to improve our Liturgies to either Father Joe or a PPC member.

Marita North-Coombes, PPC.

LITURGY TEAM

The Liturgy Team is a small and dedicated group. Several members are also choir members. Whilst these roles go hand in hand, it does also create some "conflicts of interest" for major occasions, as those members are not available to assist during the Masses. However, we do manage to recruit helpers, often with a tap on the shoulder before Mass begins to get us through the liturgy.

We meet to discuss, prepare and co-ordinate special Masses (including Introductions, Prayers of the Faithful, Reflections, etc), Forgiveness Rites, flowers for Mothers' Day, Chocolates & bookmarks for Fathers' Day. We prepare the church for various occasions - changing the altar linen for the appropriate liturgical season, putting up relevant banners, decorating the church and preparing the foyer with artwork, messages etc. Many Saturday mornings there will be a bevy of activity going on, attending to the small details which can make a liturgical celebration so much more meaningful, i.e. altar cloths & banners being ironed, or creating a 'focus' near the sanctuary which reinforces the theme of the Mass.

You would have noticed the constant changes to the church environment over the Easter period. This is a huge effort from the team and the many parishioners we "recruit" to assist - to those people we say "Thank you, we couldn't manage without you". We are always looking for new ideas and several members of the team regularly attend workshops run by the Archdiocese specifically to glean new ideas and resources which we can use in our Parish celebrations. These workshops are run on a Saturday from 9am - 4pm, usually before Advent and Lent, however, there are also other times when an opportunity is presented, and someone will go along. There is a music workshop next Sunday afternoon, which 4 of our choir/liturgy members will attend.

Unfortunately our numbers have declined over the past few years, with some members moving away from the parish, or in some cases, life style changes which have meant members are not able to continue. We are all getting older too, which limits our ability to climb ladders etc. We have been fortunate to have great support from Lawry Ceconello, Silvio Volombello & Don Schroder, who often do the climbing & fastening or hanging for us. New members would be very welcome to join us, we

would love to have new ideas to re-invigorate our liturgies, so if any one is thinking that they might like to help out, please don't hesitate to ask!

Marilyn Grant, on behalf of Liturgy Team.

CHOIR

Over the last year Choir numbers have remained stable - around 12 to 14. We have sung monthly at mass throughout the year as well as the big Church Feasts of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Our musical sound and volume has been enhanced greatly with amplification at Christmas and Easter thanks to Peter Philp's sound system.

Two occasions we represented the Parish last year were in May at the Inter- Church Celebration a week before Pentecost and at the Parish Family Carol night in December.

Getting new members is still our greatest challenge even though we do have an annual recruitment drive. Another challenge we all enjoy is introducing new music to the choir and congregation.

The information gathered from the Parish music survey last year gave us some direction and confirmed that what we are doing is broadly in line with what people want.

We are a very happy group singing well together to enhance the liturgies.

Maree Buttler and Marilyn Grant, Choir Leaders.

ROSARY GROUP/PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm with rosary prayed from 7.30 pm till 8.00 pm. We are now in our 23rd year and have a core group of 14 or so but seldom have more than 10 people on any given night. During Lent we include The Stations of the Cross. This usually attracts a few extra people.

First Saturday Devotion

This has been going since 1995 in our parish. Again a core group of 12/13 people with 10 most times. Our Lady asked for 5 First Saturdays when she appeared to the 3 children at Fatima, Portugal in 1917. The format is much the same as for Wednesday night, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after 9.30am mass, plus the rosary and Fatima prayers.

Marian Movement of Prayers for Priests

Meet at 10.00 am each Saturday morning in the Chapel (with the exception of the first Saturday of the month). Most are from our own Parish, but there are people from other Parishes who also join us. We have been praying for Priests through the Immaculate Heart of Mary since 1988, since our Priests are our 'Shepherds' and 'Living instruments of Christ the Eternal Priest'.

Carmel Hill and Lyn Thwaites.

TUESDAY CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

This group has been running in the Parish for 2 years. Every Tuesday morning from 9.15am to 10am during school terms we meet in the Parish Chapel. In the presence of the exposed Host in the Monstrance, we listen as the previous Sunday's Gospel passage is read, followed by a short narrative of this Gospel passage. We then commence 30 minutes of silence with soft background music as an aid to help us meditate or contemplate in our Lord's presence. Usually 3-5 people attend.

I can see this group is of great benefit to our Parish because it is helping people get in touch with the spiritual side of themselves and the obvious benefits of meditation is a new inner awareness and a real sense of true peace, joy and happiness which is only found by being in touch with ourselves, nature and our God.

Len Moore, Facilitator.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy program has continued over the past year on both Saturday nights at 6pm and Sundays at 10.30am during school terms. There are 16 current leaders who are all parents or adolescents in our Parish. Two Leaders left during the year due to other commitments. I am about to advertise for additional leaders and one new leader is about to start in Term 2.

Attendances can vary from a couple of children up to about 20 and there is no distinct difference in attendance between Saturdays and Sundays. The average numbers are down on previous years and we recently had no children for liturgy on Sunday 30th March. There were no scheduled class masses which had positively impacted the average numbers during 2012.

We introduced new coloured activity sheets which the children love and are in addition to our usual meditation, reading, discussion and prayers. The children also love listening to all the wonderful songs from our school and Parish. We often play CD's whilst they do their activity. The children love being involved in our mass whether they get to carry the candle, children's cross, bible or being part of the Offertory procession. They all feel very special on these occasions.

Sue Wallace, Co-ordinator.

SUNDAY HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY

We have a dedicated group of volunteers who go out in pairs, one pair each Sunday, to take Communion to Nursing Homes and private homes of those unable to come to Mass due to age or ill health. We visit 3 nursing/group homes and 1 private residence. Currently there are 7 pairs. Ideally we would like 8. Over the course of the year we have lost 5 volunteers from the roster and recruited 3.

We introduced an Advent wreath this year and changes to the prayers used during Advent and for some of the major feasts. This was intended to refresh us all and inspire a new interest in the changing seasons of the liturgical year.

The advice on police checks was revised and we found that we needed some of our volunteers to apply for Working With Children Check and Police Check to continue on the roster. Many thanks to our group of volunteers and may God bless them all.

Helen Scorgie, Coordinator.

MONDAY EVENING MEDITATION

This Meditation Group was formed early 2013 and meet fortnightly in the Holy Spirit Chapel at 8.00 pm. The group varies, but typically 7-10 people attend each gather. We are ably lead by Clare Gill who has trained in guiding meditation. Whilst Clare is not a parishioner, she volunteers in her role with us. We are indebted to her for her leadership and the preparation she does for our sessions. Anyone with an interest in learning to meditate or continuing their meditation practice is welcome to join the group. Should you wish to learn more, please email Yvette Collins at hsinfo@fastmail.com.au or call 0407 873 432.

Yvette Collins, Coordinator.

FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY

FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

This small but committed group of up to 8 people meet most Tuesday mornings in the Parish House to pray, read the Gospel and discuss the relevance to our daily lives. During first term 2014, from Ash Wednesday until Easter, we used the program *You Have Set Us Free* Lenten Reflections for Year A.

This comprehensive guide used the Gospel passages as the main source of reflections, with guided contemplation, personal sharing and discussion. Each week we also listened to a personal story on the CD, which were very powerful testimonies to God's love in that person's life.

Over the course of last year, we continued reading the following Sunday's Gospel and discussing it each week. We used catholic commentaries, including those on various websites to guide our reflections. We also had a time of intercessory prayer each week, praying for the needs of our parish, families, wider community and world.

Maryann Street, Coordinator.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT

During 2013-14, we have continued to use the RCIC model as the pathway for the reception of the sacraments for primary aged children in Grade 3 and above. Children and their parents come along to sessions together and the process follows the same stages as the RCIA.

Twelve families (17 children) participated in this journey of initiation which culminated in reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil (4 children) and Sunday 27th April at the 10.30am Mass. Altogether we celebrated 14 Confirmations and 13 First Eucharist (one family have deferred their reception date until July).

Children's Liturgy at the Saturday night 6pm Mass/Sunday 10.30am Mass was an integral part of the RCIC.

Past High Spirits families continue to be directed to attend children's liturgy on a regular basis and slot into the Parish Sacramental Program where appropriate. Most of these families are not connected to the regular weekend worship. Children's mass and bible story books are available at the door of the Church for children to use at any weekend mass and are well received.

Parish Sacramental Program (in partnership with Holy Spirit School)

Confirmation - 25th/26th May - 83 candidates

No First Eucharist in 2013 due to transition from Grade 3 to Grade 4 for reception)

Reconciliation - 6th/7th November - 90 children

Thank You As this is my final report in my role as Parish REC, I would like to express my gratitude to the PPC for the wonderful support and encouragement I have received over the years. The RE/Sacramental programs have been a collaborative and communal effort for the children and families participating and I have always felt able to rely/call on the PPC for assistance when needed. Thank you so much.

Mary Ryan, Parish REC.

BAPTISM PREPARATION GROUP

The Baptism Group provides the very special and privileged role of welcoming families to our Parish Community as a family seeks Baptism for their baby /child. We are blessed to have 5 members of our group who on a monthly basis conduct a warm, welcoming and informative session for parents. Each session accommodates up to 8 families that have made contact with the Parish Office requesting Baptism for their child here at Holy Spirit.

Baptism Meetings are held in the Mary Bresnan Room on a Tuesday evening once a month. The sessions provide information and relevant documentation required for Baptism. The Baptism Group would like to thank Ruth Smith for her service and wish her well as she leaves our group in 2014. It is with great delight that we welcome Janet Feher and Julie Murphy to our Baptism Group and hope that they too enjoy the role that our Ministry plays in welcoming families as they begin the journey in preparation for the Baptism of their child.

Holy Spirit Baptism Committee Members 2014:

Yvette Collins
Lisa Keedle
Julie Murphy
Janet Faher
Leanne Thompson.

We are always keen for new members to join our committee and our vision for our group in the future is that we may be able to add a more personal touch to our sessions with video and photos of Baptisms that take place in our Parish Community. The DVD that is currently available to us is informative but somewhat dated.

We look forward to continuing our privileged role within the Holy Spirit Parish Community.

Leanne Thompson, Baptism Group Co-ordinator.

RCIA - No report as there are no candidates this year.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

EVERGREENS

The "Evergreens" continue for the Seniors, providing support by way of transport, visitation, monthly meetings and social outings with a yearly three day trip away - this year to Lakes Entrance which was enjoyed by all. With the high cost of bus hire, we have been pleased to welcome people from St. Anne's and St. Gerard's and "Healthy Ageing Groups" to join us to help allay costs with spin off of new friendships being formed. Our activities are promoted in "The Word" and "Chatterbox" magazine. Our outings are organised by our Social Committee, part of the Support Team.

Jean Smith.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We have 22 members and meet weekly to review and plan our visits to people who request assistance. Over the past 12 months, we provided the following assistance:

Home visits -365
Assisted 574 adults and 400 children
Supermarket food vouchers - \$21,645.00
Donated food - \$10,200.00
Fruit and Vegetable Runs - 45
Bread Runs - 8

Members also do visits in South Melbourne and serve meals at Ozanam House. We derive our funds from our monthly \$2.00 collection, the poor box, donations and proceeds from our shop in Ringwood - we do not receive any Government funding.

97 Christmas hampers and toys were distributed to families in our community. Our Parishes and Schools provided donated food and bedding as part of our annual Winter Appeal.

Bill Eccles is being honoured this month for his 60 years of service to The Society. Bill's story will be told in The Society's "A Call to Service" publication which will be launched at a function at Head Office, Box Hill.

Kevin O'Callaghan, President.

GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT MINISTRY

Although grief and loss can come in many forms, the major role of the Ministry is supporting the bereaved in the Parish. A register of bereaved parishioners is updated regularly and a letter is sent within a few months of the bereavement. A card is also sent around the time of the first anniversary of the deceased.

In November, our annual Mass of Remembrance was held for the recently bereaved who were experiencing their first Christmas without their loved ones. Approximately 50 letters of invitation were sent to the recently bereaved inviting them to this Mass on behalf of Father Joe and the parish community. The invitation was also in The Word (in case there were others of whom we didn't know). The Mass included a simple ritual involving the bereaved and was followed by supper in the Mary Bresnan Room.

Robin Walsh, Coordinator.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH WEBSITE

The Parish Website is essentially the same as last year. A new Group Monday Evening Meditation has been added and a new Parish Chapel Page <http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/MassTimes/ParishChapel.aspx>

Michael O'Leary.

PASTORAL CARE

Firstly, I would like to give thanks for being gifted with this role as Pastoral Worker at Holy Spirit Parish, North Ringwood. The privilege of working in such a loving and supportive community gives my life much depth, meaning and appreciation of my blessings from Our Lord.

There are two key parts to the life of our Community, our mission and our reason for being.

One is to be a place where God's love revealed in Jesus Christ is proclaimed and where every person can come close to God - a place where they will find love, reconciliation, hope, belonging and a glimpse of the Kingdom of God. A place where they can worship God in spirit and in truth.

The second is to be a community that reflects God's hands and feet in the world - a gathered group of people who love unconditionally, particularly to those most in need. It is a great honour to be part of a parish that does both of these things with great grace and goodness.

We are tremendously lucky having many wonderful volunteers who so generously give of their time and talents to do this work for Our Lord and in turn helps me in my role of Pastoral Worker. The past year 2013 has passed very quickly and in my role at Holy Spirit I have had the honour of working with many of our parish families in preparing, planning and execution of funerals. From May 2013-2014 we have lost 15 people from our community through illness and death. This valuable ministry gives comfort and strength to those grieving and I also offer follow up visits to recently bereaved, when time allows, for them to know that we care about them and for them to sit and share their stories.

Many of our parishioners are also going through the transition of moving from their family homes into Retirement Villages, Units or Nursing Homes which increases home visits due to illness, infirmity or not being able to drive. In many cases through the kindness of others, we provide driving rosters so these parishioners can still attend Sunday worship. Many ill in Nursing Homes or at home receive weekly visits provided so

well by our Sunday Communion Ministers who give up their Sunday mornings on a monthly roster to serve our people. Fr. Joe celebrates monthly Masses at Gracedale Nursing Home and Cherry Tree Village, which also includes private visits to those who are not well enough to attend these Masses.

I myself have a roster of approximately 6 parishioners of whom I visit regularly with Eucharist due to the Sunday roster being at capacity. Hospital and home visits to those who are ill, lonely, depressed or struggling with life issues is also a very busy ministry within our Parish.

At times in our lives, we all have crisis and Holy Spirit Parish offers care, love and support to everyone in the parish who asks for our help. Many parents from Holy Spirit Community School come to our door when life becomes too difficult for them to handle and we spend time with a listening ear and we try to find resources for them to tap into which can help them with their problems.

Spiritual and religious issues are often part of a quest for a deeper meaning of life and an understanding of self, so time is spent with parishioners to help them journey through their times of doubt.

Home visits to new parishioners, meeting their families and being made welcome in their homes is a wonderful part of Pastoral Care and I pray that this continues to increase so we can build on the community of Holy Spirit.

I feel that it is most important that we need to keep working hard at approaching more people to help with parish pastoral care, as the demand is certainly much greater than the resources we have. We all must constantly reach out and empower others so that we continue to build on enriching this community and keeping the spirit flowing.

Thank you for the support I receive. Peace and blessings.

Tina Toomey, Pastoral Worker.

SCHOOL

On behalf of the school community of Holy Spirit Community School it is my pleasure to present the 2013 school report. I wish to point out it would be impossible to explain all highlights/achievements in a limited space of time. This report should be read in conjunction with monthly Parish Pastoral Council reports I deliver.

Student Numbers

August census showed 457 students (313 families) were enrolled; this was slightly down from 2012 but we are still holding on to pleasing enrolments in spite of very strong competition from surrounding schools. In 2013, as with previous years there were 18 classes:

3 x Prep
5 x 1/2
5 X 3 / 4
5 X 5/6

Staff

In 2013 Holy Spirit School employed 46 staff. Teachers 18 full-time; 10 part-time, including Principal, Deputy Principal, Student Wellbeing, Reading Recovery, Literacy and Maths,

Office staff – 2 full-time – Bursar and secretary
Student Support staff – 11, all part-time.

Specialist teachers 4 of Italian, Library, Performing Arts and Physical Education, all part-time.

Counsellor -1, part-time.

In a number of classes we have shared teaching arrangements where two teachers take the class.

Positions of Leadership – Religious Education, Student Services, Learning and Teaching, Maths, Literacy and Level Leaders. Within the above numbers we employed three graduate teachers.

Fees and Levies:

Fees: 94.0%

Levies: 97.00%

Follow up with non – paid fees continued in 2013.

School Improvements: 2013 was a relatively minor year for building works, when compared to previous years, with the major item being the construction of the Prep play area which has been a wonderful addition to our school. Obviously continual maintenance works were done to the site.

Academic Results: Data from sources such as NAPLAN show that Holy Spirit continues to provide a quality education. Our continual aim is to improve in all areas of the curriculum. Although our direct involvement in the CTLM project concluded we have maintained a working relationship with ACU and CEOM. As a school we outsourced an IT company, AHH Computer Tutor, to inservice students and staff alike. Religious Education continued to be central to all we did. Weekly 8:30 masses, whole school Masses, sacramental programs, making the children aware of social justice issues, daily prayer and Christian meditation demonstrated our Catholic faith. We are proud to be a Catholic school.

CEOM School Review: Holy Spirit completed our 4 yearly CEOM School Review. This Review required two whole school closure days, numerous staff and leadership meetings. The results will direct our future directions.

Parent Committees: School Board, Parents & Friends, Maintenance, Uniform Shop, OSHC – are valued and are empowered to fulfil their roles. The School Board, P and F, OSHC meet at each month with Maintenance on a needs basis. The works these groups complete around the school are fantastic; they bring so much to our community.

School Parish Links: A great sense of community exists between our School and Parish. The existing links continue to be very strong and highly valued. The cooperation is evident with the sacramental programs, masses, visits by parish to the school, use of the Community Centre etc. The Parish dinners (6 per year) organised by Marisa Smeed and Meagan Whitworth, continue to be an example of ways we strive to build community.

Our Vision inspires us to set an example in the wider community and make a connection to our constantly changing world. This is our challenge for the future.

Peter Camilleri, School Principal.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE

The Parents and Friends Committee is made up of volunteer parents that meet on a monthly basis to discuss fundraising events, special days at school and plan activities for the school year. We fundraise for additional resources and equipment that will benefit the school. In 2013 we had 25 members on the Parents and Friends Committee.

During 2013 we:

- * Sold icy poles in Term 1 and Term 4 after school
- * We held free dress days for Toy Donations for Fete, Mystery Jars,

Gold coin donations

- * Sold Entertainment Books
- * Held raffles for Mothers day and Fathers day and ran Mothers day and Fathers day Stalls for the kids and for the first time a Fathers Day Breakfast.

Our main Fundraiser for the year was the Adidas Fun Run which was a huge success.

- * We held 4 Food days, assisted with the Cabaret and on Spirit day provided morning tea to the children.
- * Held 2 Dads night and a Dinner Dance.

* We organised a speaker to come and talk on Cyber bullying and both Parents and Teachers gained great knowledge from it. We ran a Supporters café at our School sports, donated money to each Level to source resources i.e. Ipads for each year Level. The Prep Donation purchased the Cubby House and Furniture.

* We ran 2 stalls at the Fete, cooked lunch for the Teachers on World Teachers Day, assisted with the New Prep Parent Information Night, Morning tea and finally our whole school end of Year BBQ. The Parents and Friends Committee had a very successful year. We all enjoyed being able to give back the school community which in turn benefits our children.

Belinda Semos, President.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE - No report received.

FINANCES

Parish Management Committee

Fr Shibu Joseph
Silvio Volombello – Chair
Don Schroder
Graham Eves
Jacek Holewa
Mark Simons – Accounting
Jenny Philp – Secretary

Management Com. Actions - 2013

- Improve Income
 - Achieve income from NRCH lease – failed to achieve.
 - Reduce costs
 - Reduce operating costs - LED's in Com Centre, joined group purchasing for electricity, gas, telephony,
 - Reduce cost of printing Spirit Mag – reduced by half –saved \$4k.
- Improve governance
 - Complete PACS implementation – PACS started Jan 14,
 - Establish operating budgets - achieved,
 - Improve office and chapel security – not started,
 - Review Thanksgiving Tax Deductibility – Cancelling program.
- Execute capital improvements
 - Complete new cross project - achieved.
 - Improve Audio in Com. Centre – new speakers, new lapel mic.
 - New HSP Website

2013 Profit and Loss Statement

Income

• Thanksgiving Donations	\$184,500
• Fete and raffles	\$64,200
• Rent 114 Oban Rd	\$18,000
• Deanery Raffle	\$3,700
• Other (raffle/interest/rent/etc)	\$17,300
➤ Total Income	\$287,700
➤ (Note - 2012 Income \$309,300)	

Expenses

Pastoral

• Faith, Liturgy & Sacramental	\$60,900
• Parish House Open Centre	\$26,600
• Welfare, Grief & Loss	\$20,100
• Outreach	\$6,300

Other

• Light, power, administration	\$76,500
• Insurance	\$8,100
• Archdiocese Levies	\$24,400
• School Building Fund Cont.	\$29,000
• Property costs	\$28,400
• Capital Spending	\$6,000
➤ Total Expenses	\$286,300

(Note - 2012 Expenses \$294,700)

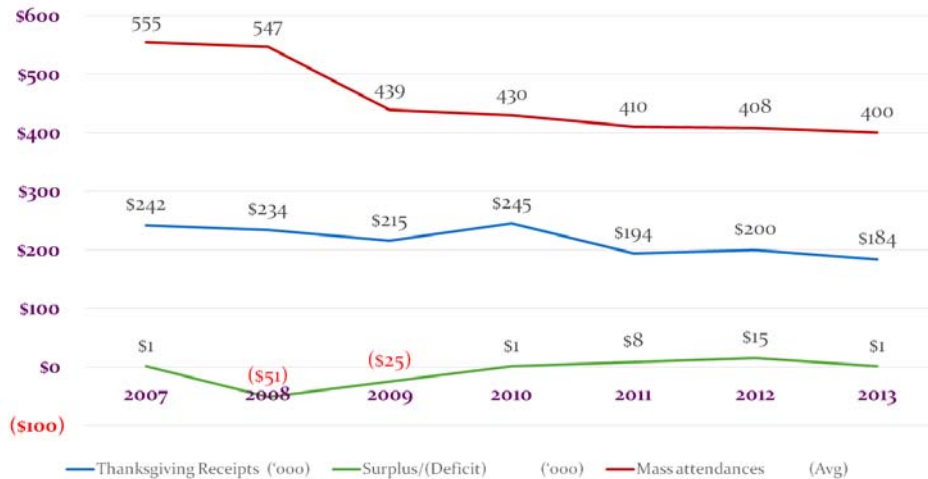
Recap

• Income	\$287,700
• Expense	\$286,300
• Net Operating Surplus	\$1,400
(Note - 2012 Net Operating Surplus \$14,700)	

2013 Balance Sheet

• Cash: CDF, Term Deposit and bank	\$127,800
• Entitlements provision	\$23,100
• Fixed Assets	\$180,100
• Land	\$2,312,000
• Buildings	\$2,753,000
• Total Assets	\$5,396,000
• Total Liabilities	\$28,200
• Net Assets	\$5,367,800

Thanksgiving Performance



2014 Objectives

- Improve Income
 - Promote Thanksgiving program through school
 - Review service provider revenue sharing arrangements
 - Consider alternatives to Deanery Raffle
 - Improve governance
 - Review cash security procedures
 - Improve document and data security
- Infrastructure
 - Replace Comm. Centre projector
 - Recarpet the Sanctuary
 - Repair floor in Community Centre

Silvio Volombello, Finance Committee.

QUESTION AND ANSWER TIME

Closing Song:

HEARTS ON FIRE

We come from ancient Dreamtime
From the bush or by the sea
We come from a thousand city streets
We are the rich and lowly
We are the poor and strong
We come to share this moment
Gathering here singing one song

CHORUS:

With our hearts on fire
With the love of Jesus
Hearts on fire
Let's spread the Word
Hearts on fire
Feel the Spirit blazing
Hearts on fire
Called to live the Good News in this land
Setting hearts on fire
With our hearts on fire
Setting hearts on fire

We long to live in freedom
We yearn for unity
We dream of justice joy and peace
Spirit fill us with your power
Jesus help us live your call
O Creator give us wisdom
So we will be Good News for all

We are the voice of Jesus
We are his heart and hands
We are his Body in our land
Stand up Live the story
To all the world proclaim
Go out to all creation
Lighting the fire fanning the flames

