

Community Annual General Meeting - Thursday 28 November 2019

**Friends of Salvado President Report**

Friends of Salvado exists for many reasons. To bring community together, raise their spirits, create memories and raise funds so we can continue to provide our own children and Salvado students with the best resources and facilities available.

As someone who is studying to be a teacher, has four kids of her own and worked in a field of community and team building, I felt I had the credentials to back up the work of the previous two executive committees that did an incredible job with laying the foundations for FoS.... I still don't think I could've prepared myself though! However, looking back at what we achieved, I feel so honoured that I was a part of making it all happen.

I found myself in a position of extreme growth this year, so I wanted to speak of the positives that this President role has seen for me.

I started to build up my own strength and resilience. I had to step back from being that perfectionist and someone that has ideas up to her eye balls, to focus on simplicity.

I got to work with some amazing parents in the college community that gave their all into events, whether coordinating, volunteering or busy working now to prepare for the next event.. as well as local community businesses that are so generous with what they are willing to donate to our college. We truly are blessed to be surrounded by such giving people and I am so lucky to call many now, my friends.

It was so interesting to see behind the scenes of how the college operates. There is so much that needs to be considered when it comes to FoS related events and I can confidently say that we have such a remarkable staff team here within the college.

And of course, I found out first hand that Santino is not only a dedicated man to his job and maintaining the name and reputation of this College, but how he is entirely committed to executing the vision. So thank you for keeping us all on track, informed and making sure that we only ever aim for the best here.

The position and role of an executive member of Friends of Salvado isn't just something that sits on the surface. It's a lot of work, patience, sometimes tears and a lot of sweat! When our children are involved, it's something that we hold onto very closely. You want to offer them the best and provide it also.. sometimes that comes in the form of disappointment in yourself because you can't physically and mentally endure trying to pull off an event because it's just seems to be unrealistic to achieve. But of course, it mainly comes in the form of joy. Pure joy... and this is when all that hard work, sweat and tears becomes worth it... because seeing those kids, your kids.... Having fun, smiling, laughing and enjoying the resources that we are able to provide... that's what we are here for.

I would like to thank my committee, Elna Hoareau (Vice President), Catherine Heijboer (Treasurer), Tayla Bell (Secretary) and Renee Pettit (FoS member on the college board). I would also like to mention Olivia Hampton and Renee Pettit again for their time during term 1 and 2 on the executive committee as the Secretary and Vice President. Within the last few months especially, not only did we band together to get out some great fundraisers and events, but these girls have been such a great support system and to be able to call in an 'SOS!', knowing that they're also raising their children and organising their own bits and

pieces, has been incredible. We often say it takes a village, so I would like to thank you girls for taking the time to really be that when it was needed. I am so thankful for you all.

To the office staff, Kasey, Judy, Julie and Sam, I thank you for tolerating all of the FoS madness. At times you wouldn't see us much, other times it would've been easier just to move in there. We are so grateful to you all and the time you gave us and how you always thought ahead to make everything run smoothly. We definitely could not have done anything without you this year.

The teachers, we also couldn't have pulled off things without you too! From being in the kitchen cooking hotdogs or making sure everyone was having fun, supervised and safe outside of your own working hours, you are truly such assets to this college, each and every one of you.

And so it began!

Let's talk events, profits and where the money we all raised as a college community went in 2019.

In Term 1, Renee Pettit and I first attended the PFFWA (now CSWA) induction evening and it was a big eye opener for us when it came to planning events for the year. Although we couldn't see through with the full vision of "it's not how much money is spent on events, it's how the money spent can bring happiness", it is something I am hoping that we can follow on with FoS as the college community grows every year.

Our first college event was a student disco which made a profit of \$1294, the students danced up a storm to the DJ and we learnt here, just how much kids really love glowsticks as we had to hide them so we could make sure everyone got one! For the first time ever, we sought a donation of an easter egg per family for our Easter raffle, we were so blown away with the amount of donations that we managed to get 7 small prizes per CLASS, as well as 5 major prizes. This brought in a profit of \$679.74.

In Term 2, We finally had access to that beautiful, luscious green lawn outside near the flag poles, so of course we had to hold a sundowner! With ice cream, face painters, popcorn machines, magicians and the first time we experienced Mr Leeder and his amazing band.. it was a beautiful night, enjoyed by all that attended and was fully funded by FoS to bring the community together. Thank you to Renee Pettit for coordinating the event.

This also meant that we could start up Student Bootcamp! This was kindly ran for a gold coin donation on a Tuesday afternoon for any student after school that wished to attend. Thank you Olivia Hampton for your time and expertise in following this on until the weather rained us out! We raised \$90.90.

Following on from there we held the annual Mothers Day Stall, A huge thank you to Nicolette Fowler, your job gets a little harder every year as the college grows, but you do such a great job ordering, wrapping presents and running the stall, we are so grateful for your help and those that assisted. Mothers Day Stall profit was \$438.89.

Next up was the quiz night, a big event for the adults where we saw the college community and local businesses generosity help us profit \$4032.82. There are a few of you in the room that donated towards this event, so thank you again. We couldn't pull off large events like this, without you! I would also like to thank Karen and Kylee who ran the bar. Elna, Kristel and Renee for assisting in coordinating. It was a crazy time, but it was worth seeing everyone trying to build towers with anything they could find on their tables ... or posing like Jack and Rose from the Titanic!

To finish Term 2, Cross Country! It has become a little bit of tradition to have a Subway lunch order for our athletic events, a profit of \$174.55 was made. Huge thank you to Elna who took charge to find the best price. It definitely did not make life easier on your own time, but I do know that it made a huge difference to those that ordered, I am so appreciative of you.

Term 3. I think a stand out event this year would have to be the Book Fair, Mrs Shadia White, your creativity and how seamlessly you run the fair has us all in awe. It is such a great night had by all and something I know all the kids look forward to each year. We were lucky to have a sales total of \$6331 on the night with a commission donated to the college. Thank you also to all the volunteers that helped at this event, whether you cut out dinosaurs, leaves, set up or assisted on the night. You are all amazing.

Next up saw a raffle to celebrate our new College houses, Benedict, Frayne, MacKillop and Vincent! We were also incredibly lucky to receive a donation of two scooters and helmets from Matthew Swinburn MLC, which meant 2 major prizes! we paired the scooters with a House shirt and College Hat and raised a profit of \$341.90

Once again, Nicolette saved the day with the Fathers Day Stall, profiting \$431.05.

I just want to stop here for a second, \$2157. I bet you didn't think that, that was the amount of money that was raised from selling COOKIE DOUGH TUBS! It appears, we have a few cookie monsters in the college. Amy Reckers, you are an absolute star. It took Amy and her husband, a 4WD and trailer to transport the crazy amount of cookie dough tubs that we sold. I remember walking into this area and just seeing boxes everywhere. It was crazy to hear that over 600 tubs were purchased! Thank you also to the volunteers that picked and packed everyones orders, it was executed BRILLIANTLY.

Winding up term 3, we had the Athletics Carnival Subway Order, 3C's Coffee Van and a cake stall, thank you to the year 1 parents that provided such delicious cakes, because of your donation we profited just shy of \$300 through the stall. Combining the days fundraising ventures, we saw a profit of \$594.40.

Term 4, we had another disco! Mr Leeder and Molly absolutely rocked the night. It was also AMAZING that we were able to invite our 3 year old kindy students to join in, they had an absolute ball and I seriously can not get over just how incredible some of your children dance! A profit of \$1039.37 was made.

As for our ongoing fundraisers throughout the year, School Banking, thank you to Kylee, Taren, Sarah and Bec for being such rockstars, because of your dedication to this role we have seen a profit of \$655 for the year. Entertainment book, a profit of \$320. Thank you to all those who ordered!

All up, all completed events have given us a total fundraising profit of \$17535.62.

Right now, We are also doing another raffle based around experiences that the kids can enjoy on the summer holidays and also something for mum and dad too! And we are very lucky to have Amy and Nicole baking up some yummy Christmas treats for a stall on the night of the Christmas Concert. So please get on board and see if we can continue to raise these funds a little more 😊

The profits raised have been directed throughout the year to assist in bringing to you the Cyber Safety Information evening, resources for the maker space and Early learning area which was a donation total of \$5000. \$1899, was the book fair commission from our sales, this was used to purchase more resources from Scholastic. We had a huge request for more shade this year, we were able to pass on to the college \$6600 for more gazebos for our students events which also match the house colours now too. \$2550 was donated to purchase more musical

instruments for 2020! And finally, a donation of \$240 on behalf of each year group was made to the Schoenstatt Shrine and their roof restoration. The Schoenstatt Shrine is a place where the students visit and admire, so it was seen as a great way to give back.

And there you have it! Now what is set for 2020 and the next executive committee members? We have organised a Bunnings Sausage sizzle, a term 1 'welcome' sundowner and the continuation of Student Banking and Entertainment Book and if you don't know already, Salvado's first community fair to celebrate our colleges 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is well on its way! Nicole Green, is all hands in, as are the subcommittee members and it is seriously shaping out to be a whole lot of family fun and an incredible fundraiser that will involve our entire outside community too!

To those that follow my footsteps, I wish you all the best in what is set to be an incredible year as we become a 3K – Year 6 college, welcome brand new families and begin to transition into a high school not long after! We are here whenever you need, to help guide you through the crazy times and to be your biggest cheerleaders as you navigate the year.

Finally! The parents..It has been a pleasure to be able to provide the college these resources, get to become friends with you through this role and continue to make Salvado a great school. I know at times it feel like we ask for so much, but know, we would not have been able to have achieve any of this without you.

Thank you so much.  
Kayla Moignard