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I wish to welcome everyone to the 2019 AGM. The year has gone so fast, it seems only yesterday that the last AGM was held. Although we sometimes only just scrape together enough numbers to make a quorum, our merry little band of dedicated committee members are always cheerful, constructive and passionate about our wonderful school.

It has been a busy year for John Paul College, with all of the many activities that is undertaken by the students, staff and community. School balls, camps, sports carnivals, science nights, first aid courses all taking place amidst lessons and exams keeping teachers, staff and students all extremely busy. Between all that, I never know just how Brad Hall and his team can keep up the pace all year and still keep the smile on their faces – has to be their commitment and dedication!

With construction of the trades building now completed and new work commencing on the canteen, I am pleased that the P&F has played a role in this. Installation of the P&F funded water bubbler fountains this year were a hit with the students and instruction of the water bottles are going to be a great addition with an added bonus to helping reduce our environmental footprint.

Humphries dance lessons again have turned our students into graceful gazelles and viewing the footage from the various balls, shows the fantastic skills they have learned! It was also really wonderful to see the video footage of the students showing off their ball skills when the basketball rings were installed. Seeing the end result reinforces why we get together and have our meetings.

This year the P&F has funded:

- Buses for ACC
- Choir excursion to Perth
- Science Investigation Night
- Yr 12 Graduation gifts - Keyrings
- Humphries dance lessons
- Teacher morning tea
- 500 Water Bottles
- VISN Camp
- Basketball ring
- Water bubbler fountains
- First Aid courses

Special thanks to the labours of Mrs Franklyn with her ongoing quest for the perfect uniform and edged shirt. I know that she could probably teach textiles and fashion design with the amount of knowledge she has acquired. And next year the teachers will be sure to thank her immensely (all year) for saving their voices because they won't have to keep reminding the students to tuck in their shirts.

I thank every single one of my fellow P&F members and commend them on their passion for the JPC Community. In the busy world we all live in, the fact that we all come together in our precious personal time should not be discounted. I am also especially thankful to have met such incredible people who are considerate, polite and generous - getting to know you all has been a pleasure. It has been my honour to be your president and let me conclude by thanking all of you for your time and valuable insights.