Activities supporting our two key PA objectives of friend raising and fund raising were well managed throughout 2013, thanks again to the very active contribution of our school parents.

The PA AGM meeting is planned for 4 December and results of Committee election/re-election will be circulated to the Board as soon as possible.

The financial report prepared by our PA Treasurers provides a summary of the fund raising and financial position for 2013. A preliminary budget for 2014 has been established and we have an appropriate level of funds to carry forward for the incoming PA Committee in 2014. In addition to allocating funds for the MPR dishwasher and landscaping works at the school, the PA has proudly supported the whole school art program and a Cyber Safety parent information night. Recently, the PA also confirmed it will support the expansion of the school's ipad technology program for 2014 with a $15,000 contribution.

Friend raising efforts have been steady throughout the year with the PA driving events/programs for new and current families such as the Welcome Committee, Prep information sessions and the Prep dinner, various class get-togethers, social functions such as the Mum's dinner, Father's night, the ladies lunch, various sausage sizzles, end of year drinks for grade 6 graduation, the whole school picnic and our gala event this year "Skyfall". The PA has received overwhelmingly positive feedback for their efforts again this year and we are pleased to have the opportunity to support such a vibrant parent community at Sacred Heart.

The PA is also pleased to support Parish activities wherever possible and this year supported the Confirmation Retreat Day at the request of Fr. Michael. We will build this into our ongoing calendar of events for future years.

A PA calendar was developed during 2013 and has provided a useful and consolidated summary of key dates relating to school and some Parish activities each month. Positive feedback from parents will result in this calendar being replicated for distribution in 2014. Our PA class representatives have also done a great job in summarizing their key roles and responsibilities (including "kitty money" and its purpose) and have documented these for ease of reference for next year’s class representatives. This
includes the development of a new template for budgeting and tracking event expenditure for each of our key activities (eg. ladies lunch). Event organizing teams will summarise the key areas of expense for both tracking and budgetary control purposes and this will also serve as a guide for future organizers. The PA is committed to filing all of these tools and documents in a central place for ease of future reference.

Calendar planning for 2014 activities is well underway with class allocations already completed for designated events next year. We are also in the process of "recruiting" Class Representatives for 2014 and hope to complete this early in term 1 at the latest.

Planning for the final activities of the year is advanced, with a key focus on the end of year celebrations. We are looking forward to the opportunity to honour Judy as her retirement rapidly approaches as well as recognizing the milestone of our Year 6 graduants and others leaving Sacred Heart.

Thank you to all of our dedicated "PA regulars" and the broader community of parents at Sacred Heart who contribute to an exceptionally vibrant, happy and caring community.

Kind regards,
Amanda Towe
PA President