Dear Parents,

Wishing each one of you and your loved ones a very Happy New Year! A year that happens to be the 99th year for Mary Immaculate Primary school – Annerley!

The P&F met on last Tuesday evening for its first meeting of the year. Our Principal Mike Armstrong and Cathy Conaghan (Prep Teacher / Primary Learning Leader) commenced our meeting by leading us in prayer. The prayer provided us with an opportunity to be introduced to the school’s theme for 2016, *Incline your heart to grow*. This theme will guide us on our journey throughout the year ahead as we collaborate as a team to support our community.

I write to you all to confirm some important details for the term and year ahead:

**Community Event - Welcome BBQ**

The P&F are busily preparing and organising the ‘Welcome BBQ’ for all the family members of our children and staff on Friday 12th February. This year the BBQ will **commence at 5pm** to cater for families and to maximize the daylight available. The evening will **conclude at 7pm** to allow those volunteers assisting on the evening time to pack up and be home at a reasonable hour. The menu has been expanded this taking into consideration our vegetarian friends and the weather. Please do come along and be part of this family.

**Centenary Celebrations 2017**

In 2017 the school will celebrate its centenary! This will be an exciting period for our community and planning is set to commence early this year to adequately prepare for such a milestone. Some members of the P & F will join with both school and parish representatives to form a committee that will work together in preparation for our centenary year. Stay tuned for further information as we progress throughout the year!

**2016 P & F Fundraising**

Over the next couple of years the P & F have committed to the goal of fundraising towards assisting the school with the cooling of learning spaces across those parts of the school not yet covered. Since 2017 is anticipated to be a huge year for our community with the centenary celebrations, the P&F will focus its energies on holding smaller fundraising events in 2016. In order to preserve the energy and resources for 2017, the P & F has decided not to hold the Multicultural Festival this year. In making this decision, the P & F also considered the fact that the school will be a construction zone for much of the year, which could be problematic for running such a big event.

**Fundraising Event No. 1- Bunnings BBQ**

The first fund raising event for 2016 takes place on Sunday 28th February at Bunnings – Rocklea. The P & F will run the BBQ at this site for the entire day. We are looking for some more volunteers to assist for the following times:

- Session 2 - 10am to 1pm
- Session 3 - 1pm to 4pm

If you are able to assist by volunteering to assist on the day, please feel out the form attached to the school’s newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you at the welcome BBQ!

Savio Dsouza  P & F President