



PARENTS & FRIENDS *of Dio*

What a fantastic year 2022 has been! We started behind masks and ended it rockin' in full ABBA costumes. Now that's progress.

Parents and Friends had very busy Terms 1 and 2, as we welcomed parents back on campus with several cocktail parties, an Open Day and our AGM. At the same time, we welcomed many new committee members on board. We are thrilled to have a large, dedicated committee, and needed all hands on deck in Terms 3 and 4.

In September P&F hosted a Moon Festival in the Arts Centre foyer. Inviting parents to come together and share history and culture was a wonderful opportunity to embrace tradition and meet new friends. The WooZoo hospitality group were incredibly generous with their time and energy, providing sumptuous delights for everyone in attendance. Atomic coffee and Jadcup came to the party, caffeinating our guests in compostable cups, ever aware of our carbon footprint. We were very fortunate to have so many sponsors and volunteers to make this event a success. Our thanks go to Eva Zhang, as she played an impressive Guzheng performance, and to Angel Tao, who danced a beautiful ribbon dance in traditional dress.

Not wanting the fun to end, in November P&F hosted our second concert in the Arts Centre. Brought to us by Showtime Productions from Australia, ABBA^solutely FABBA^ulous lit up the Dio Arts Centre stage and gave our audience a night to remember. Rolling on from the success of our Queen Concert in 2021, we were thrilled to have Showtime back working with P&F to bring a world class event to our stage. With almost 30 volunteers working on the night, it was a chance to involve



not just our entire committee, but many other parents from around the School who were keen to pitch in and lend a hand. Costumes came out in full flare and we loved giving everyone a night to remember and celebrate.

Rolling quickly on from our concert, P&F hosted our year-end cocktail party. This event is always well attended and not surprisingly we had a packed house this year. Not only did this event give us a chance to farewell many Year 13 parents, but we were also pleased to have a chance to raise our glasses to Sue Brewin, Head of the Junior School, as she wraps up her time with Dio in 2022. P&F have greatly enjoyed working with Sue and the Junior School on many projects over the years and appreciate her dedication to Dio.

On that note, we also farewelled two of our wonderful cafeteria staff, Pru and HJ, at the end of 2022. Pru and HJ are both known for their incredible energy and efficiency. Together they have guided many of our staff and parent volunteers to make our café a successful one. Furthermore, Pru and HJ have worked closely with our Dio girls who volunteer in the café every day, ensuring there is kindness,



good humour and fun in our café. We wish our dear friends and their families the best of luck in their moves away from Auckland.

P&F wishes everyone a wonderful summer break and happy holidays. We look forward to seeing you all back on campus in 2023. ●



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