



PARENTS & FRIENDS *of Dio*

Did you know that the Dio Café serves approximately 750 to 1000 girls a day and that all profits from the Café are returned to the School in the form of donations for school development? Even more notable is that most of those girls are served in the space of about an hour and a half! It certainly is a bustling business that proudly nourishes Dio girls and works for the betterment of the school.

The Dio Café is administered by the P&F Committee, in particular our Treasurer, David Pacey, alongside our exceptional manager, Jenny Wood, and fantastic team of hardworking and dedicated employees. We also incorporate parent volunteers and student volunteers into the daily roster, making this café not just a place to grab a bite, but a hub for our Dio community to come together and pitch in.

Each year the P&F Committee is then able to make decisions on how our café profits can be used to give back to the School. As a committee we are proud to work to support the development and growth of Diocesan. Since 2002, P&F have



distributed over \$1.75 million to Diocesan across many areas of the School including the library, the Aquatic Centre and Turf, the FAB-LAB, the P&F courtyard, the Sports Department, the Arts Centre, the food technology gardens, the Norfolk Pine redevelopment and the cafeteria refurbishment. This year we have been raising funds to refurbish the whanau areas and common rooms, looking to enhance shared spaces where students and staff can come together for team building, relaxation, socialising and study.

We had a fantastic event in early Term 4 to contribute to our 2023 fundraising goal, with our '80s Flashback Party. Held on election night, we brought in comedian Alan McElroy and band Arcade Avenue to create an evening not to be forgotten. We were thrilled to see so many attendees in costume, enjoying a chance to get up on the dance floor and mix and mingle with friends. Our food trucks, the Roaming Flamingo and Akemi Gyoza, were kept busy all night serving up culinary delights to keep everyone well fed and energised. And best of all, our committee worked so well together, each contributing to

aspects of the evening's organisation, making this a brilliant team effort.

Rolling on from the success of our event, we hosted the year-end cocktail party in November. This event is always a favourite of parents and friends. The Arts Centre foyer is a beautiful setting and the evening enables our community to come together and celebrate the end of the school year and reconnect with one another before we roll on into summer.

Thank you to our entire committee for a tremendous year of hard work. Furthermore, a tremendous shout-out to our café manager, staff and all volunteers for another successful year. We are always keen for new members and/or employees, so please email us at pfa@diocesan.school.nz if you would like to learn more.

Have a wonderful summer!

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