

Presidents Report 2021

Another year down and it will be my last as president, I would like to thank everyone who has supported and helped me in the role. I have enjoyed my time over the last 4 years with the last 2 being the most trying.

We started our year with our welcome catch up doing things a bit different with a BYO set up or some great pizzas, grazing boards and share boxes. The kids still enjoyed their icepoles. We also welcomed Jessica into her new role.

We followed that with our start of the school year working bee with a good turn out with all jobs getting done.

With covid we missed the BnS ball, but the BnS committee were generous enough to still donate some money towards our cause and we thank them for that.

Sarah and her helpers did a great job serving the hot chips at the golden hammer day.

We lost 2 men this this year in Leo Pain and Bill Leahy with both of them very active members in our school throughout the years. It was with our pleasure to be able to help the families in this time of need by taking care of the food for the wakes.

The golf day was sorted out with a great sponsorship turn out, great prizes, great auction items, we had all our T's crossed and I's dotted to be pipped at the post by a lockdown. We had done our centre pieces for the tables [flowers] so I got in contact with Jessica to find out some names of 8 families doing it tough and then in discussion we worked out how can you pick just 8 so in the end all families at school and teachers got a small bunch of flowers to help try and brighten their day and just to let them know we were thinking of them all.

In April I saw that the Waaia tractor pull wasn't going ahead anymore and they were looking for a new track to use, so I spoke to Jessica and started the ball rolling in the back ground. With many a phone call back and forth to the shire of Campaspe, I finally got in touch with Belinda Owen who then set up a meeting with the Elmore field days committee, which Luke Ryan and I attended. During the meeting we were offered a partnership with them to

which started the Elmore tractor pull. This will be a major fundraiser in the school that is for us to do for as many years as we want to.

During the year the kids were hooked on the Tokyo Olympics and Para Olympics, so when my friend's son Col Pearse said he could come and do a talk at the school the P and F made this happen the kids enjoyed it very much.

We received a grant from the Elmore field days group due to this event not going ahead we also thank them for this.

At the end of the year, we supported the grade 6 graduation day/dinner and by all reports it was a great day and all the families enjoyed their dinner with all the photos I saw everyone was having a great time.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their help and support and I wish the new President all the best and hope that they will enjoy the role as much as I have.

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