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P & C ASSOCIATION

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St Peters Public School P&C Vice President's Report 2018

A common perception of school P&C Associations is that we're all just about raffles and Bunnings barbecues. However, the role of our P&C is not just fundraising, it is also about facilitating community engagement, change and progress where we see the need.

Every school faces challenges and every school has room for improvement – your P&C can help to shape the school to cater to the needs of its community. The P&C Association is your voice in the school and can help you to make a real difference for our students and their future.

As St Peters is a “small” school, we currently have just 29 members – all with their own unique skills, talents and interests. All contributions are welcome and valued – whether it's doing a Canteen shift, turning a sausage, or simply attending a meeting to provide insight into how to approach a particular challenge. And, in spite of our small size, we do a lot with a little.

We are also fortunate to have the positive co-operation of our dedicated Principal, teachers and ancillary staff.

Our 2018 subcommittees were: Canteen, Fundraising, Grants, Grow the School, and Westconnex.

Following are some examples of our many P&C activities and initiatives during 2018:

- Held various fundraisers (eg. Book Fair, Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, Bunnings BBQ /cake stall, Xmas tree sale, Summer Sizzler)
- Won grants to fund equipment purchases, upgrades and other activities. *We're very grateful for the generosity of grant-makers and our many sponsors and donors – some of whom give again and again without hesitation.*
- Won a State Government 'Community Building Partnership' grant of \$23,670 to fund the installation of a large shade structure over the central playground
- Renewed the school's 'Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation' membership to support learning through the kitchen garden
- Purchased a garden shed to support the utilisation of the kitchen garden
- Funded the installation of a 'buddy bench' (student welfare initiative) and a water bubbler / bottle refill station
- Contributed funding for the 2044 school band
- Subsidised transport and equipment for PSSA sports
- Funded an annual student bursary to assist students of in-crisis and disadvantaged families
- Helped to increase the profile of the school and grow enrolments, through local community events such as 'Celebrate 2044' (annual Inner West Council fair day) and the Book Week library visit for Playgroup
- Supported the school's various enrolment drive activities (Open Day, Info' night, Preschool visits)
- Engaged with the RMS, Local Public Health Unit, the EPA and SMC regarding the Westconnex project to improve communication, co-operation, safety and amenity for the school
- Donated and installed a native bee hive to St Peters Community Preschool

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- Surveyed the school community to collate a wish-list for the proposed new playground
- Held working bees to improve the school campus
- Made improvements to the Canteen menu and functionality
- Provided catering for various school events, such as the Athletics carnival and the Open Day.
- Funded the annual 'Gold Merit Award' prize for Presentation Day
- Recruited and managed volunteers to ensure the continued provision of ethics classes
- Continued to participate in Inner West Sustainable Schools Network, (a 'forum for school sustainability leaders to connect, share skills and learning resources, find opportunities, and inspire ideas for growing individual and collective action')
- Introduced a monthly container recycling fundraiser to the school
- Funded a new oven and microwave for the Canteen

It has been very rewarding and personally satisfying to have this opportunity to help drive positive change for our beautiful school. I wish to thank my fellow office bearers, our members and all of our wonderful volunteers and the school community for your support and commitment during 2018.

The school anticipates almost 130 enrolments for 2019 and hopefully, with this positive growth, we will be welcoming lots of extra new P&C members next year so that we can achieve more of the good stuff. I look forward to seeing P&C go from strength to strength in coming years.

Sincerely,



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