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## St Peters Public School P&C President's Report 2019

Our P&C facilitates change, progress and community engagement where we see the need. An effective P&C can help to shape the school to cater to the needs of its community; it is your voice in the school and can help you to make a real difference for our students and their future.

We currently have just 27 members 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 Principal, teachers and ancillary staff.

Following are some examples of our many P&C activities and initiatives during 2019:

- Held various fundraisers (eg. Comedy Night, Book Fair, Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, BBQs, cake stalls, Xmas tree sale, Movie Night, Disco)
- Won grants to fund equipment purchases, upgrades and other activities. *We're very grateful for the generosity of grant-makers and our wonderful sponsors and donors – some of whom give again and again without hesitation.*
- We were very pleased to finally install our new shade structure in late 2019 – kindly funded by the 2018 NSW Government 'Community Building Partnership' grant. *Thank you to our State Member for Heffron Mr Ron Hoenig for officially opening our new shade structure.*
- Funded resources for the school to support learning through the kitchen garden
- Funded the replacement of 27 new student iPads and cases
- Funded Injury Insurance for all students
- Funded transport and resources for PSSA sports and the school band
- Continued to fund an annual student bursary to assist students of in-crisis and disadvantaged families
- Recruited and managed volunteers to ensure the continued provision of ethics classes
- Advocated on health, amenity and road safety issues for the school community
- Helped to increase the profile of the school and grow enrolments through local community events (eg. 'Celebrate 2044' annual Inner West Council fair for 2044 area)
- Supported the school's various enrolment drive activities (eg. Open Day, Information night, Orientation Days, Preschool visits)
- Funded the biennial split of the SPPS native bee hive and donated a hive to Angel Street Permaculture Food Forest Inc.
- Provided catering and logistic support for various school events (eg. Athletics carnival, Cross Country, Open Day, Art Show).
- Funded the annual 'Gold Merit Award' prize for Presentation Day
- Continued to participate in Inner West Sustainable Schools Network
- Continued a monthly container recycling fundraiser for the school

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, members and all of our wonderful volunteers and the school community for your support and commitment during 2019.

The school anticipates almost 140 enrolments for 2019 and hopefully, with this positive growth, we'll 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,

Kate Hafey, President, St Peters Public School P&C Association