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## P & C ASSOCIATION

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### St Peters Public School P&C President's Report 2016

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The role of our P&C is not just fundraising, it is also about community engagement, change and progress where we see the need. Every school faces challenges and every school has room for improvement – the P&C can help to shape the school to cater to the needs of its community and students. P&C is your voice in the school and helps you to make a real difference for our students and their future.

Our 2016 subcommittees were: Canteen, Fundraising, Grants, Grow the School, and Westconnex.

Following are some examples of P&C's activities in 2016:

- Introduced ethics classes
- Engaged with the wider community to grow awareness and enrolments through events like 'Celebrate 2044', the Election BBQ /cake stall/2<sup>nd</sup>-hand stall
- Supported the school's various enrolment drive activities (Open Day, Info' night, Preschool visits)
- Held various fundraisers (eg. Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, Election BBQ /cake stall/2<sup>nd</sup>-hand stall, Bunnings BBQ, Xmas tree sale)
- Lobbied Westconnex to improve communication, co-operation and amenity for the school
- Purchased a bike rack (installed Sept 2016) and scooter rack (to be installed late Feb 2017)
- Held the 'Summer Sizzler' family fun event / 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration / Alumni reunion
- Won a \$7,500 prize through National Tree Day / Toyota for installation of a garden
- Commissioned a new kitchen garden (installed Jan/Feb 2017)
- Commissioned a buddy bench (installation pending, to be supported with student welfare programme).
- Acquired a native bee hive for our new sustainable garden
- Approved purchase of 'Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation' membership for SPPS.
- Became members of the 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').
- Approved funding for a new annual student bursary to assist families of disadvantaged students
- Held working bees to improve the school campus
- Acquired donation of paint from Taubmans and painted the toilet blocks at the playing fields.
- Lobbied the Westconnex consortium to provide financial support for a new playground
- Made improvements to the Canteen menu and implemented ways to streamline Canteen functionality
- Accepted a donation of two large AV-ready conference tables from Ikea, (installed in library for use in the new class 'maker space')
- Accepted a \$650 donation from Willie the Boatman for the purchase of new bubblers (installation pending approval of revised quotes)
- Provided fruit and BBQ for the K-2 athletics carnival

Some examples of possibilities and plans for P&C in 2017:

- Kitchen garden: Plant out perimeter with shrubs (to slow down and direct movement within the space); add bench seating (for class sessions); install garden shed (for tools, equipment and materials); introduce cooking resources.
- Support SPPS teaching staff to implement 'Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation' membership, with the eventual aim of a paddock-to-plate teaching environment, (pending fundraising and development of facilities to enable the cooking side of the equation).
- Assist in drafting plans for a new playground
- Introduce new fundraisers (such as Easter Egg Hunt)
- Revive Movie Night

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It has been very rewarding and personally satisfying to have this opportunity to support public education. I wish to thank my fellow office bearers and all of our wonderful volunteers for your support and commitment during 2016 – everyone who cooked a sausage, everyone who bought a sausage or helped out in many other ways.

I look forward to seeing P&C go from strength to strength in 2017.

Sincerely,



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