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## P & C ASSOCIATION

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### St Peters Public School P&C President's Report 2017

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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 and students. 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 22 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 2017 subcommittees were: Canteen, Fundraising, Grants, Grow the School, and Westconnex. Additionally, we had Working Parties for OOSH and Movie Night.

Following are some examples of our many P&C activities and initiatives during 2017:

- We held various fundraisers (eg. Book Fair, Easter Egg Hunt, Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, Election BBQ /cake stall, Xmas tree sale); and won a number of 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.*
- We funded the installation of a new kitchen garden
- We also purchased a 'Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation' membership and curriculum resources for the school to support learning through the new kitchen garden
- We funded the installation of a 'buddy bench' (student welfare initiative) and a water refill station (to be installed in early 2018)
- We contributed funding for the 2044 school band
- We subsidised transport and equipment for PSSA sports
- We funded an annual student bursary to assist students of in-crisis and disadvantaged families
- We 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 positive media coverage (eg. Planet Ark 'Schools Tree Day' feature on ABC News TV with Costa Georgiadis from Gardening Australia and dirtgirl)
- We supported the school's various enrolment drive activities (Open Day, Info' night, Preschool visits)
- We revived our Movie Night family fun event

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- We lobbied Westconnex to improve communication, co-operation and amenity for the school
- Installed a native bee hive for our new sustainable garden
- Won an Inner West Council grant of \$350 to fund annual maintenance ('hive split' and harvest) of our native bee hive
- Donated a native bee hive (resulting from the 'hive split') to St Peters Community Preschool
- Won DSS 'Volunteers Grant' of \$3,000 for purchase of shelving for P&C storeroom and trolleys
- Purchased new marquees, trestle tables and bench seating for P&C and school events
- Funded the purchase of a protective cover for the school piano
- Held working bees to improve the school campus
- Implemented a blanket drive, in co-operation with Missionbeat Central Sydney Homeless Services
- Made improvements to the Canteen menu and functionality
- Purchased a coin counter for Canteen and fundraising events
- Provided catering for various school events, such as the K-2 athletics carnival and the K-5 'Fun Day'.
- Funded the annual school disco
- Funded the annual 'Gold Merit Award' prize for Presentation Day
- Recruited and managed volunteers to ensure the continued provision of ethics classes
- Hosted a meeting 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')

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 2017.

The school anticipates over 110 enrolments for 2018 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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