

P&C AGM President's Report - 17 March, 2015

2014 - A Review

Another big fundraising year for the P&C. With all arms of the P&C working furiously to raise funds to complete our projects. The P&C has worked and is continuing to work seamlessly with the School Council to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children.

The Winter Carnival was a 140th birthday celebration for the school and raised enough funds for us to complete our air conditioning project well ahead of schedule. The Carnival required major effort and our volunteers and supporters rose to the challenge!

Rebecca Wadham organised her last Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls. We thank her for all the work she has done over the years ensuring we have lovely gifts. She has handed over to Nerida Leal to continue this school tradition.

Karen Wilson and Vicki Aquilini, our Hall Convenors and their team did a fantastic job providing food and goodies for all our school events. Their tireless efforts made these events more enjoyable for the children and easier for parents. We wish Vicki well at her new school.

Jaculin Jones and her active Prep Sub Committee held numerous fundraisers, notably the Pie Drive, which attracted a lot of attention.

Richard Mattea and his Music Supporters' Group held a Bunnings BBQ, sold Sports shirts and cooked kebabs at the Carnival to raise funds for the Music Department.

The Twilight Markets were organised by Sharon McClements, Megan Westbury, Trine Barford-Auld and Heather Streatfeild. Their fresh, innovative spin is still a talking point.

Gill Legge our valued Tuckshop Convenor, has continued to run the Tuckshop and Uniform Shop efficiently and with a profit. Online tuckshop ordering was set up and is building momentum.

A very busy year!

Thanks to the ongoing fundraising efforts of many people we have been able to:

- Complete the air conditioning
- Buy equipment: two huge eskies, a new fairy floss machine, a bain marie and a laptop for the secretary.
- Provide shade cloth for the area outside SNAP.
- While we were unsuccessful in several attempts to get a grant for the hall upgrades, we did get a \$15,000 grant for the ANZAC mosaic, which is ready to be erected.

2014 was a year of goodbyes.

- This was the final year of Grade 7 at ACSS.
- Peter Campbell, a long time supporter of the school, passed away.

- Chappy Leslie left and was replaced by Chappy Matho.
- Our P&C room was demolished but we have a new air conditioned room.

2015 - The Year Ahead

A number of initiatives are in the pipeline:

- We are trialling Class Parent Representatives throughout the school to ensure the efficient dissemination of information to parents and to make it easier for us to source volunteers for fundraisers.
- We are currently setting up a Facebook page, given the success of the Winter Carnival page.
- This year we are trialling a Firework's Night as our major fundraiser of the year. It will combine rides, food, the Twilight Markets and a few school stalls. The date is Saturday, 24 October.

Projects in the Pipeline:

- The Hall upgrades are a priority- we have decided to go ahead without the aid of a grant. The first stage has been costed (\$50 000) and will begin in due course.
- Shade cloth between Years' 1 and 2
- Prep Playground 2- funds (\$50 000) must be on hand in case we get the SSS grant.
- Funds available if the school requires money for the wifi upgrade
- Funds available, if required, for the wall along the Year 6 eating area.

I thank everyone, especially my executive, for their hard work and look forward to working with you all again this year.

A special thank you to all our supporters, without whom our work would be in vain.

Kerri-Lee Halas