

P & F Presidents Report 2017

Last week Tania and I had the privilege of attending the Kindy Orientation meeting to represent to P&F. After I got over the fact that Father Wayne and myself had the same stylish bowl hair cut in our kindy photos I started talking about the P&F in a relatable way to our new families. When the meeting was over a new kindy mum yelled over to us across the undercover area “thanks so much ladies, see you next year”. There is was... the positive, proactive parent exploding with community spirit!!!

I remember my first kindy meeting 8 years ago pregnant with my third child listening to Kerry Lowe the P&F President and thinking one day when the time is right for my family I’m going to go and help out, so hopefully we had the same effect last week on our new parents. They are our schools future after all

Our school community has become very diverse, welcoming many families from a larger catchment area and this is exciting. We have parents with many talents wanting to do their part which we all saw with the building of the Nature Playground.

Angela inspired quote...

Coming together is a beginning – Keeping together is progress – Working together is success – Henry Ford

At the start of the year there was doubt around the feasibility of the school canteen service due to lack of team leaders which eventually caused its closure and will remain closed for the rest of the year. We thank Clare & Denise for their dedication and passion.

The uniform shop which is the other school service has had an eventful year with a couple of new items available and the introduction of CDFpay. Thank you Ali & Briony for their hard work and commitment. This is Briony’s last few weeks as a volunteer in the uniform shop. Thank you Bri for 5 years in this role and training up Ali!

We have had a successful year building our school community relations and putting the fun back into fundraising. Firstly with our traditional events the Japanese Students, Dardanup Art Spectacular, Bull & Barrel Festival, disco and the book fair then mixing it up a bit with a few new events. Bunbury Rotary Children’s Fair, Mother’s Day Raffle, Bunnings (dare I say) Sausage sizzle and

the very enjoyable Movie Night. Next year we also have a very exciting Mother's Day Event planned which we hope will continue for years to come.

Not only does this enable us to provide the school with teachers class wish lists, iPad covers, Osmo Kits, Hall partitions, camps, Bibles, nature playground materials but also continuing the payments of the property loan for the school's future development.

Next year the P&F are looking into purchasing large outdoor speakers for the hall due to the increase of families attending assemblies and not being able to hear when sitting outside and maybe the microphone system might need to be updated also. Another project for 2018 is to modernise the school library into an inviting comfortable space which the children can also then enjoy at lunch time.

Our volunteer pledges are increasing and we are excited to see what our wonderful school community can achieve in 2018.

I would like to thank Angela for her guidance, wisdom and patience throughout the year. Claire and Leanne, I'm sorry about all our requests, nothing was ever a bother for you and we appreciate it all, Thank you. Last but not least the EXEC Committee Tania, Jenelle, Kirsty & Ebony, what a team!! Thank you for sharing this experience with me and all the late night calls, txt and emailing.

Another Angela inspired quote

Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.
Mother Teresa

Thank you

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