

APS P&C AGM - March 2019

President's Report

Over the last 12 months, the Annandale Public School Parents and Citizens Association (APS P&C) has continued to build a strong and positive partnership with Annandale Public School, with both Chris Buenen and Jillian Wolfe as acting School Principals, teaching and all support staff.

One of the key directives of the APS P&C is to partner with the school body to provide additional key resources and tools to benefit all students and teachers, aiding educational and learning needs.

Fundraising and Community Events

Every year we endeavour to raise funds through a variety of events. This past year we achieved this through our monthly cake stalls, Welcome Disco, 80's Trivia Night including art auction, Mothers' and Fathers' Day, School Banking, Christmas Trees & Pudding Fundraiser, and many other fun and successful events and activities.

These events are also a great opportunity for children, parents and carers alike to be part of the community as well as contributing financially. Additional school-based activities are supported by the APS P&C each year; from the Athletics Carnival Sausage Sizzle, Big Night Out supper, Kindy Orientation Morning Tea, NAIDOC Week, Easter Hat Parade, Book Week and end of year Award Day prizes.

The APS community is fortunate to have a Uniform Shop run by dedicated P&C volunteers. This allows us to keep the school uniform pricing low with all profits to come back to our school. To help combat the high levels of lost property (particularly hats and jumpers); the P&C introduced the Rag Tagd system.

Our primary Real Estate sponsorship with BresicWhitney has come to an end after a successful year supporting our key events for 2018. We are actively looking for a major sponsor for 2019. Additional sponsorship contributions have continued to come from Hillview Farms, Harris Farms and many local businesses who support our fundraising initiatives.

Financial & Learning Support

With the funds raised, in 2018 we have been able to help fund:

- The Learning Garden and Kitchen Program
- Continuation of the Music Bursary Program
- Electronic Signage
- Air Conditioning
- Book Week 2018
- Home Readers and Reading resources
- Buddy Bench Funding
- Terracycle Pen Recycling
- IT Equipment
- Flag and Banners for School Houses
- School Signage
- School ground maintenance and landscaping

Volunteer Contributions

These varieties of programs and events need many helping hands and the APS family continue to deliver this in abundance. To everyone who helped, a big thank you.

The P&C Executive

It takes a village to run the P&C and it has been a privilege to be part of the Executive team for another year, working alongside our two Vice Presidents; Minh Huynh and Stefanie Freeman, Kylie Couper, Treasurer and Peter Bestel, Secretary. I would like to recognise their dedication to the school and their endless energy in bringing their enthusiasm to the running of the P&C.

Volunteers

Many hands make light work when it comes to executing key events throughout the year and I would like to recognise key members in 2018.

Leticia Tarabay, Helen O'Riordan and Diana Eklund thanks for your continued support in running the uniform shop. From your guiding hand to new parents to organising the Year 6 students Jerseys all in a very tiny room.

All members who volunteer their time, experience and boundless energy deserve our appreciation and the Exec team acknowledges the continual support from key members who helped organise key events during 2018; Rosemary Donald, Leah Thurect, Genevieve Byrne, Isaree Kitcharayothin, Deanna Rhule, Stuart Ridley, James Powditch, Simon Tracy, Peter Oxley, Sally Byrne, George Peros, Fay Mezrani and Lyn Jones to name just a few. I would be remiss if I did not mention the pivotal role the class reps play in helping gather volunteers during the year, we thank you.

Looking Forward

The P&C are looking forward to continuing our strong partnership with, Jillian Wolfe, the teaching staff and the parent body to ensure we can have a greater understanding and input into the operations and management of the school. This can only help us focus our energies to create fresh ideas, initiatives and events for our growing number of children and families.

Having already kicked off 2019 with a Welcome Disco, Cake Stall and State Election we have set the tone for a very productive and fruitful year. As I step down from the role of President I look forward to supporting the Executive Team in 2019 with all their endeavours.

Thanks for letting me part of such a wonderful community.

Hannah Richardson
APS P&C President 2018