

## **Presidents Report – AGM March 2016.**

A significant change in executive with Jean Kouriel voted in as President and Barry Cotter and James Powditch elected as Vice Presidents. Ann Morey, Treasurer and Peter Bestel, Secretary stayed on in their previous roles.

### **Fundraising**

2015 started off with a bang with the State Election Fete in March, a massive day to organise with a fair-like atmosphere and a serious fundraiser of \$19,000.

We held our inaugural 'Fun Run' at Henson Park, Marrickville, home of the mighty Jets in September which raised some \$3000 and plans are already underway for an even bigger and better event in 2016.

In October we held our major fundraiser of the year 'Laugh Art Loud' which proved a winning combination of artists, kids and standup comics and raised over \$22,000, \$11,000 of which came from the sale of original artworks created with the kids. Towards the end of the year we provided food, drinks and prints to The Big Night Out and Stage 3 Production raising \$3000.

Throughout the year we had our monthly cake stalls, cards and calendars, Fathers' and Mothers' Day gifts which raised over \$10,000. We were also very fortunate to have Ray White come on board and sponsor two major events and we thank them for their generous support, donating \$6000.

### **Community Events**

In early June we held a parent night 'No Boundaries - A Night For Big Ideas', where pizza, wine and ideas flowed as we ran a frantic 'speed dating' style forum to canvas ideas of where we would like to see our school heading. The document produced has been an invaluable tool for our new Principal and as a guide to how the P&C allocates our precious resources.

Dace Elletson arrived as Acting Principal and immediately engaged with the P & C and the school to make our school stronger educationally and organisationally.

In August the kids got a revamped playground around the basketball court with the P&C topping up the generous funds put forward by Aftercare.

The APS Showcase, 'Starry Starry Night' held in the magnificent Enmore Theatre in September was absolutely spectacular. A P&C initiative, over 800 people attended with the vast bulk of ticket sales going directly back to the school.

## **Major P&C Funding in 2015-16**

The P&C assisted with over \$63,000 in funding for the following initiatives:

- Expansion of the Learning Garden and Kitchen Program
- Teacher professional development
- Aftercare playground upgrade
- An electronic board for a classroom
- Help fund home readers
- Playground soft fall

## **Overhaul of School Communication**

With a new direction it was decided that the school needed to upgrade its communications and look. A P&C Communications Sub Committee has worked tirelessly with the school to streamline all messaging, provide expertise and to help create a modern, clean look which was launched in early March this year.

On behalf of the P&C Executive Committee I would like to thank Dace Elletson, teachers and support staff who have gone beyond the call of duty on so many occasions, proving that with good will and cooperation great things are possible.

A special thanks to the previous executive members who have committed so much over the years to the P & C. None of this can happen without all of the members and volunteers who helped to organise and run events.

The P&C looks forward to continuing its contribution to the growth of our school and supporting its students and teachers throughout 2016.