

APS P&C AGM - March 2018

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, Dace Elletson the school Principal, 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 year we achieved this through our monthly cake stalls, Welcome Disco, 'Save the Bell' Coin Collection, the Council Election mini fete, Glam Trivia Night including art auction, Running Mates, Mothers' and Fathers' Day, School Banking, Fundracer, Christmas Trees & Pudding Fundraiser, Showcase DVDs 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, Terracycle competition 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 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.

This year we were pleased to secure a major three year sponsorship BresicWhitney, our key Real Estate partner. APS dad, Chris Nunn and his colleagues are working alongside the APS community participating in last year's Showcase and Glam Trivia Night, and this year's disco. We look forward to this partnership continuing in 2018. Additional sponsorship contributions have come from Hillview Farms, Harris Farms and many local businesses who support our fundraising initiatives.

Financial & Learning Support

With the funds raised, in 2017 we have been able to help fund:

- The Learning Garden and Kitchen Program
- Teacher professional development
- School Library chairs
- A bursary for the music program
- Electronic white boards
- Mobile magnetic whiteboards
- Air conditioning all classrooms
- Electronic School signboard
- Stage 1 & Stage 2 Readers

- Garden Beds
- School Bell repair
- School ground maintenance

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 has been a privilege to be part of the Executive team this year, working alongside Leah Thurecht, Stuart Ridley, Kylie Couper and Peter Bestel. 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.

Uniform Shop

Leticia Tarabay, Helen O’Riordan and Diana Eklund, thanks for always smiling even with the beginning of the year crush of new students in a very small room.

School Banking

Many thanks to Kitty Lai and Kate Swift for kick-starting the School Banking program for APS Rosemary Donald and volunteers will continue to drive membership in 2018.

I would also like to recognise key contributions within the last year from our members: Deanna Rhule, James Powditch, Simon Tracy, Peter Oxley, Genevieve Byrne, Stephanie Freeman, Sally Byrne, Chris and Angie Wise, and so many others.

To all the members who volunteer their time, experience and boundless energy we appreciate all that you do to ensure every event is a success.

By continuing our strong partnership with Principal Dace Elletson and teaching staff, the parent body 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 in 2018.

Hannah Richardson
APS P&C President 2017