

Annandale Public School P&C AGM 2021

President's Report

Reflecting the broader community experience, Annandale Public School P&C has had a very challenging year in 2020/2021 responding to the practical realities of living through COVID-19. I am very proud of the resilience demonstrated by the school community and the P&C as we continued to work together in close co-operation with the school, led by our school principal Lisa Lupton, during an unprecedented and uncertain year to provide input and carry out our key objectives: to raise funds and provide tools and resources to benefit our school, teachers and students. On behalf of the P&C, we are thankful and grateful to every member of the community who connected, stayed in touch and contributed to our school community.

Fundraising and Community Events

When I started in 2020 as President, the AGM took place over a Zoom meeting, which was possibly the first for this P&C. We end my year as President with another AGM facilitated by Zoom, following the imposition of further restrictions.

In the intervening 12 month period, the P&C had to forgo hosting some of our most beloved and traditional fundraising events. However, where possible, we tried to find ways to continue raising funds for the school and to also provide the opportunity for the community to come together COVID style. A perfect example was our collaboration with the school to deliver a different annual Showcase, which turned out to be a fantastic success. Thank you in particular to Bin Li, Brendon Carmody and Tom Gleeson for volunteering their valuable time to film, edit and produce the Showcase video and also for the wonderful staff for planning, coaching and ensuring the students were ready for their time in the spotlight! The beautifully filmed video is testament to their hard work and was wonderful viewing for us at home.

APS P&C also supported numerous school events throughout the year including the Easter Hat Parade (and hot cross bun sale!), the mother's day and father's day gifts, Christmas tree/pudding/apron fundraiser and presentation day prizes.

Additionally, the P&C and Lisa Lupton were successful in obtaining additional funding from the "Community Building Grant" to fund a further stage of the playground work which had already been started. We were also successful in obtaining a grant from the Inner West Council's "Perfect Match" program for a local artist to paint some beautiful murals reflecting the school and the community on existing external and internal wall space. We are hoping those projects will get underway over the next few months.

We are also fortunate to have an in-house uniform shop run by wonderful APS parent volunteers, which helps to keep pricing low for APS families and ensures all profits come back to the school.

Financial & Learning Support

Over the past year, we have used the funds raised to support the following:

- The Learning Garden and Kitchen Program

- Home Readers
- Music Bursary Program
- School maintenance
- Showcase video
- Year 6 presentation books
- Mother's Day breakfast

Volunteer Contributions

It would not be possible to achieve such an outstanding fundraising outcome without the support of key P&C members: special thanks must go to our dedicated 2020/2021 executive team – Rebecca Wainscoat and Tanya Franic (Co-Vice Presidents), Peter Bestel (secretary) and Rosemary Donald (treasurer) and our past President, Minh Huynh. Some of them have sat on the executive team for years and provided ongoing and critical support to keeping the P&C running.

Additionally, I would like to acknowledge a number of P&C members who have contributed significantly throughout 2020/2021: Hannah Richardson, Di Eklund, Kim Musznig, Max Joscelyne, Georgina Moore, Helen O'Riordan, Bin Li, Louise Gough and of course our class reps who play a critical role in assisting with events and recruiting volunteers. We have also had a very successful Working Bee in June 2021 and welcomed an enthusiastic and skilled gang of volunteer parents (and kids!). We managed to get some tasks out of the way that have been on a list for years so it was a great success. Thank you for all of your support and hard work!

APS P&C are looking forward to another great year working together with Lisa Lupton, APS staff and the parent and carers to help our community grow and provide the input and resources to assist the needs of the students and the school. We are hoping we can put on a few major fundraisers to guarantee we can continue providing our support (both financial and non-financial) over the coming years.

Thank you for all your support of the P&C Executive in this past year. I look forward to welcoming the new executive committee for 2021/2022.

Stephanie Wee

APS P&C President 2021