

Noosaville State School P&C President's Report for 2017

The 2017 AGM saw a large turn-over of the P&C Executive with only the Treasurer, Sam Grehan, remaining in the role. We initially elected only 3 members of the Executive with the Secretary role standing vacant for 3 months, before we were able to welcome Irene Giakoumis into the role. After a month our Vice President resigned from the role and this role has since stood vacant. This was reflective of the feeling of the School Community at the time, thus the main focus of the new Executive was to try to engage the support of the School Community.

Business Operations.

Both the Tuckshop and Uniform shops have continued to break even over the year, with a small profit made. Our convenor, Melinda Fraser, is currently taking Paid Parental Leave and is due to return at the start of Term 3. Sue Roberts assists on a voluntary basis 3 days a week as part of a Centrelink agreement. She has been absent since mid term 1, due to medical leave and holidays, but is expected to return mid May.

Cholena Smith, assisted by her husband Gavin, were appointed from January 2018 and have been a fabulous addition. There has been lots of positive feedback from families and staff regarding the food and friendly service. Following written and verbal feedback from families we are currently trialling a month of opening Tuckshop 5 days a week. Should this prove profitable then it is anticipated that we will continue 5 days a week.

Fundraising. 2017 was a good year for fundraising activities and community events. Activities conducted included a School Disco, Mother's Day stall, Father's Day stall, Pie Drive, Colour Fun Run, Art work Calendars and Movie night. We also achieved sponsorship and grants through Bendigo Bank, Laguna Real Estate and School Book lists. We raised over \$17,000 through fundraising and over \$4,000 through sponsorship and commissions, as well as gaining a grant from Transport and Main Roads to provide Cycle Skills for Year 3 and 4 pupils. A huge thanks to the volunteers and P&C members who helped organise and run all these events – they couldn't happen without you. In addition to raising funds, the P&C also made donations of over \$34,000 that included supporting the school chaplaincy program, Year 6 graduation and the purchase of ICT and sports resources.

Volunteers. We started with a very small group of volunteers, which has grown tremendously throughout the year. All events were well supported by volunteers on the day, greatly helping the P&C to deliver successful activities. Thanks to our P&C volunteers we have introduced 'Community Coffee' on a Friday before assembly and this has proved popular with parents. We wish to encourage more volunteers into Tuckshop and this should be a focus of 2018.

Parent & Community Engagement. Throughout 2017 the P&C engaged with the school community through the Parent Representatives for each class, school newsletters, school web pages, Assembly talks, Facebook, flyers, letters, signs, P&C General Meetings and fundraising events. Our fundraising has been in support of last year's major project, as identified by parents, of revitalising the playground equipment on the ovals. Due to the reducing size of the school the Y3/4 oval is closed and therefore the priority is to be able to shade the playground on the main oval, which is used by Y3-6. This will also give increased longevity to the equipment already there and be more sun-safe for students. We have applied for a grant to part fund a shade structure and are awaiting their decision. We also are raising funds to help support the purchase of sports shades in house colours for the oval. A P&C subcommittee have also worked with school staff to plan changes to the front garden, which is an ongoing project for 2018.

P&C donations have been given to support the School Improvement Agenda, focusing on Numeracy, through the donation of \$20 000 for purchase of iPads across the school and an additional \$8 000 for

iPads for STEM. Through the Woolworths 'Earn and Learn' vouchers we also received and donated a class set of Dot and Dash robotics.

In addition we have donated \$5 000 to Chaplaincy services to benefit all students in need of support. The P&C have also donated \$2750 for sports kits and have supported several other worthwhile smaller projects/activities such as Y6 graduation.

As we come to the end of the year I am delighted to say that I feel that Noosaville has really turned a corner this year. There is a positive, friendly and enthusiastic feeling around school and this feedback is reaching outside of our own School Community into the wider community. Much of the change in atmosphere is due to school leadership and we would particularly like to thank Sharyn Reiger and Alasdair Scott for their leadership of the school.

I would also like to particularly thank Sam Grehan for all her efforts – it's been a huge role this year and she has been a rock. We have had immense support from several P&C members, particularly Mel Noble, Kelly Geary, Kimberley Morgan, Kirsty Pocock, Kellie Bechaz and Sarah Shaw. Also we have a lot of very willing parents who step up to help at fundraising events, despite not being P&C members. Thank you to you all - your efforts are very much appreciated.

I look forward to continuing to be part of the P&C in 2018 and hope that our re-structure of the Executive Committee will enable more families to become involved, with more manageable sized roles, and support the school to continue its progress to being the best it can be.

Thank you for your support this year.

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President

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