

Cottesloe Primary School P&C Association - President's Report - 28th of July, 2017.

Welcome to our Term 3 P&C General Meeting. We've now passed the mid-point of the 2017 school year and I would like to acknowledge all our members contributions of time, skills and energy to the P&C Association to date. We have very active and dedicated parents at Cottesloe Primary who are generous in lots of ways to both the P&C and, ultimately, the School.

There were several key events last term, most notably the 120th Anniversary Tree-Planting Ceremony. This was a whole school event which allowed the students to grasp the importance of heritage and renewal with the planting of new saplings on the top oval. The school invited a large number of community contributors and several past staff members. All were very enthusiastic about the event and appreciated the P&C Morning Tea very much. They, along with every student and staff member, were presented with commemorative 120th Anniversary badges by the P&C. Thanks goes to the Bacich-Hearn family for making this possible. The aim of the badges was to give the students a sense of the School's history and a connection with each other and past generations. It was particularly nice to have one of the School's past head-boys involved in the tree-planting and the smoking ceremony. Images are available on the School FaceBook Page.

There was also a drone photo taken of all the students forming the figure 120 on the School oval. Special thanks goes to Marcus Locke for taking the footage. Still photographs have been circulated and we hope to create a short video of the event for posting on the School website.

Maggie Dent presented an informative and engaging talk on parenting to a group of 80+ parents. This event was positively received. Given Maggie Dent has now delivered a talk in two consecutive years we may consider engaging a different speaker for 2018.

Fundraising News.

By now you will have all noticed the wonderful new Undercover Area Walkway which was constructed over the holidays. It is a fantastic addition to the School's infrastructure and has already provided much needed shelter with the recent rain. The walkway is part of the Schools Building Plan and is a great example of the essential projects that are funded thanks to P&C fundraising and the generosity of the school community, both past and present.

The next goal will be to add roller doors to the Undercover Area in order to create a secure, multi-use assembly space. As a P&C we take direction for fund-raising from the School's Principal and Board, in line with WACCSO recommendations. The aim is to provide funding for projects which directly benefit the well-being of the students. To achieve this we try to allocate funds for a variety of items. Last term we allocated monies for Educational Readers; Interactive Whiteboards and iPad accessories.

This Term we will be focussing on both marking the 120th Anniversary and celebrating the school community with the Foundation Day Fun Run on October 27th. We will be adding 'colour' to the event and hope to raise funds for the next stage of the Undercover Area by encouraging students to reach sponsorship goals. More details to follow.

Before that we have the following upcoming events.

Marguerite Andel's Farewell Morning Tea - August 11

Liza-Jean Williams has offered to coordinate the catering (thanks Liza-Jean!) for Marguerite Andel's Farewell. Any contributions of edible delights will be very welcome.

We will also be asking the School Community to contribute to a group gift through the red letterbox at Reception. This will be voluntary but given the amazing influence Marguerite has

had on generations of students at Cottesloe Primary School we hope that we can give her a wonderful send-off. Marguerite has not only inspired and nurtured many gifted students but was instrumental in raising funds for the School with the incredible collages that the children collectively made. Two are currently gracing the reception area if you need to be reminded of just how amazing her contribution has been! And, let's not forget all those fabulous puppets the kids made last year! The two Art Auctions Marguerite coordinated raised over \$45,000 for the School. Amazing.

Faction Carnival - Friday, September 1st.

Always a big event on every school calendar, this year will hopefully be a great day for children and parents. Tonia Bates has very kindly offered to coordinate the P&C side of things and we will be in touch with more details closer to the date. The Faction Carnival is a fun, family event and hopefully we'll have lots of baked goods and treats to sell in order to raise P&C funds.

General P&C News.

- Good News. We have received notification from the Federal Government that the School's funding will increase by over \$30,000 in 2018.
- The new Inner City High School has been confirmed at the revised site of Kitchener Park in Subiaco. WACCSO, the P&C governing body has sent us an update as our students may be in the catchment for both the Inner City High School as well as Shenton College. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact WACCSO or the Dept of Ed for more details. At this point, the Dept plans to open the school in 2020.
- The annual WACCSO conference takes place on August 19/20 and I will be attending some of the sessions. If anyone has a particular interest in the conference let me know and I can share any information I have.
- We will be inviting St John's Ambulance to do a First Aid Demonstration for parents in Term 3. This is a 2 hour session and is open to up to 30 attendees. At this point we are fixing dates but if you have a preference for an evening or school time (after drop-off or before pick-up) please let us know. The aim of the session is to refresh people's knowledge and raise awareness of basic First Aid.

As always the P&C Association is open to any and all offers of assistance! We would particularly like to add some energy, enthusiasm and team-spirit to the 120th Anniversary Sub-Committee to help plan and manage the Foundation Day Colour Run in October. Please let us know if it is a project you would like to support.

Many Thanks

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