

Welcome to everyone.

The P&C Executive made up of Anthony Mariner, Alex Goddard, Anthia Shaw, myself and Andrew Jeffers meet every couple of months to discuss upcoming events, finances, issues within the school that parents are concerned about, upcoming projects along with many other varied topics.

I'd like to acknowledge the voluntary help of all of these people who work through the week in full time jobs but are never too busy to help with P&C related issues or approve budgets or expenditure. I would like to in particular acknowledge the tireless work of Anthony Mariner who isn't here tonight but has sat on the P&C Exec for many years now in varied positions and will be resigning this year. Anthony's knowledge and assistance with all issues but in particular the development of the school oval was invaluable. The P&C will be presenting Anthony with a small gift when he is available to attend.

Alex Goddard too who took up the position of Vice President last year will also be resigning this year due to work and family commitments and we would like to thank you Alex for your attendance at meetings and events and for your input into our P&C Exec.

This school runs so many different events, programs, projects and groups all of which are coordinated by volunteers who care deeply for our school and the LEPS children.

As P&C President I would like to personally thank all of these people who give so much of their time each day to make sure all our programs run smoothly and successfully throughout the year.

Charmaine Yap who has continually assisted and led so efficiently the Band Program and who will be stepping back this year to take a more administrative role, Kate Jegat who runs so successfully our Creative Workshop program that continues to develop activities and grow with increased enrolment and Mel Kent in the uniform shop who again runs a smooth and efficient shop with very little input from any of the P&C Exec. Tania Moran who has led the Parents Auxillary so incredibly efficiently will also be stepping down this year. Tania has organised mothers day and fathers day stalls as well as carnivals, grandparents day, teachers luncheons and much more. Thank you for making these days special for our children and so very successful.

I would also like to thank the Principals once again for their continued support of the P&C. We ask and demand a lot throughout the year for projects and events we run and nothing is ever too much trouble. They are all willing to roll up their sleeves whenever we need some help carrying, and shlepping things back and forth. Thank you and we look forward to another successful partnership this year.

I would also personally like to thank Greg the Groundskeeper for his assistance in all our P&C events. He really is truly fantastic. The office staff too who are continually helping me with photocopying and other administrative areas.

2018 was a year of great community projects and fund-raising. The P&C applied for a Federal grant through Paul Fletchers Office and received \$8000 to create a disabled access path onto the oval. This is almost complete.

We set out to finally complete our oval and raise the much needed capital to complete this project. We held a very successful Oval opening and Movie night with beautiful weather, a great community turn out and a wonderful atmosphere. We hope the children will have many more events and fun times on the oval over the years to come.

We attempted to hold a Trivia Night throughout the year but with very little in attendance we had to cancel. The P&C has struggled at times to get volunteers to assist with projects and also to include our Asian community into night time events. This will be an area we will look further at in the coming year.

We held the first Colour Fun Run this year which was incredibly successful and raised a large amount of money for the school hall refurbishment. The whole school was involved, teachers, parents and children. It was a wonderful fun day for the whole school raising over \$50,000.

At the conclusion of the year we held a Scholastic Book Fair which is always very successful close to X-mas. We raised close to \$10,000 which wasn't quite as much as in previous years but we had to cancel two days due to weather and a lack of volunteer assistance.

The P&C continues to support the school through both fundraising and the P&C Contributions which come in through school fees. We attempted again in 2018 to continue to spread the word that the P&C contribution is a donation that assists all children in the school through teacher employment, resources and infrastructure. We are hoping that 2019 will see an increase in contributions being made.

The P&C continues to support the upgrade of the library through subsidising shelving, seating and furniture. A further donation will be made in 2019.

This coming year sees many exciting projects, events and community get together. We have some new faces on the P&C taking up positions which is great and hope to see many more new volunteers assisting throughout the year. Thanks once again for everyones support and I look forward to being part of the school in 2019 and seeing a wonderful new and upgraded school hall by the end of the year, ready for presentation days.

Thank you