



P&C NEWS 2016

Thank you to all those who attended P&C meetings last year, those who expressed interest in receiving minutes to our meetings but were unable to attend, those who volunteered their time for special events through the year, the school staff, the executive staff, Ms Lyriss, Ms Maharaj and Ms Dalamagas and the prefects and SRC students who attended out meetings. It was a busy and personally challenging year for many of the executive staff last year, but we appreciate all the effort and time given to attending our meetings and creating a safe learning environment for our girls during the week.

The P&C met every 2nd Monday of the month during school terms and we thought we would take this opportunity to share some of the things we did in 2016.

1. FUNDRAISERS

a. P&C Contributions

Thank you for your kind contributions to the P&C, donated through the school fees at the beginning of last year. Approximately \$25 000 was raised through these contributions.

b. Building Trust Fund Appeal

At the end of each financial year, the P&C also ran a Building Trust Fund Appeal giving people the opportunity to make tax-deductible donations. Last year \$10 000 was raised.

c. Multicultural Open Day Fundraiser

Multicultural Open Day was held on Thursday 11th August 2016 and has been a major P&C fundraiser over the past couple of years. It has been a wonderful way to support the school and has provided an opportunity for many parents to get involved outside of the P&C meeting. It would not be possible without the help of our dedicated stall convenors and over 70 generous parents for their kind donations of money, ingredients, time and skills on and before the day. We also appreciate the support of the staff and students as it has been a great way to build community.

\$7373 was raised on the day, which will be used to purchase much needed resources for the school. We would also like to express our appreciation to the following businesses whose donations also helped to make the day a success:

- **DOMINO'S PIZZA**, Strathfield (over \$200 worth of pizza)
- **SUTTON'S** Homebush (\$200 cash)
- **UNITED BUTCHERY**, Burwood Rd (12kgs chicken wings)
- **WOOLWORTHS**, Strathfield Plaza (bottled water)
- **FRESHWORLD**, Burwood Plaza (onions)
- **PHAN'S HOT BREAD**, Homebush (\$10 bread rolls)



Suttons Homebush



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2. P&C DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL

Each year we endeavour to spend for the students a similar amount to what is raised in that year. With all the funds raised above, the P&C were able to make the following donations to the school for 2016:

- a. **Outdoor Sound System** (for assemblies in the quad). (\$10 000)
- b. Some more **outdoor seating** for the girls to sit in breaks. (\$19 000)
- c. Support the **Breakfast Club** run by the prefects for the girls. (\$600)
- d. **Air Conditioning** for the Hall – The school has decided to air-condition the hall, which has been quoted at \$33 000. The P&C have already agreed to contribute the amount raised through the Building Trust Fund Appeal to be spent on this and will be voting on providing more funding towards this at a future P&C meeting. (\$10 000).

3. P&C COMMUNITY

The P&C work hard to welcome new students and parents into our community. Events where we are able to do this are:

- a. **Year 7 First Day** – We try to be there at the beginning of the year for the year 7's first day to help answer questions parents might have. This is always a great time to meet parents.
- b. **Year 7 Welcome BBQ** – This is usually held in early in the term to welcome our new Year 7 students and parents into the school. The P&C help to organise a sausage sizzle on that night. Games and prizes are also organized for the night. Thank you to all the parents who come to assist with this event last year.
- c. **Orientation Day** – At the end of last year we set up a stall to welcome new upcoming Year 7 students for the following year. It was a great time welcoming them, collecting details for those interested in P&C and assisting with hats during this event.

4. UNIFORM SHOP

The P&C runs a Uniform Shop selling pre-loved uniforms. It is open on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and more frequently at the beginning and end of semesters. The day might change for 2017, but we'll keep you posted.

Last year the uniform shop raised \$1687 through sales of pre-loved uniforms. Thank you to those who supported the shop by purchasing items or by donating items no longer required.



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5. GRANTS COMMITTEE

A Grants Committee was formed last year to look out for suitable grants which the P&C could apply for. The committee applied for quite a few grants last year, but was only successful in receiving the Strathfield Council Grant for \$750 so far. This helped to purchase an ipad for the students to use with the residents at Jesmond Aged Care (across the road from the school). We are still awaiting some responses for other grants, but hope for more success this year.

6. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

The P&C have also made many requests on behalf of the school community to help create a safer and better learning environment for our daughters.

- a. **Hall Petition** – As you know we have been petitioning the government over the last few years to help fund a hall large enough to seat the whole school community. We have invited Jodi McKay and Craig Laundry to our meetings several times, sent in petitions, written letters and much more without any success so far. A Hall Committee has now been set up to continue pursuing this.
- b. **Laneway Safety** – There have been concerns about safety for girls walking through the laneway opposite our school. We have been working with Strathfield Council and the police to implement safety measures.

7. P&C FORMALITIES

- a. **Constitution & By-Laws** – This year we also spent time writing up our Constitution and By-Laws. This will guide us in running our meetings more effectively. We hope to have these up on the school website this year.
- b. **Parent Representatives** – are sometimes required to sit on school committees. Thank you to Stevan Cosic who sat on a few committees last year to interview new staff as well as to find a new School Canteen tender.
- c. **P&C Membership** – In order to be able to vote on how money will be spent and other matters, you simply need to become a member of the P&C. This is done by paying a membership fee of \$1 at any meeting.

8. KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOU

Last year we started up a SGHS P&C Google Group so that we can better communicate with you, the parents in the school. We are hoping to send minutes through this group as well as let you know events which will be happening or when help is needed for various events.



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If you are interested in receiving information from the P&C or letting us know how you can help or have any questions about P&C, please request an invitation to join by emailing us at: pnc-sghs@googlegroups.com. We would love to hear from you. If you completed a form at Year 7 orientation or first day, you will automatically be added.

9. THANK YOU

Thank you to the P&C Executive team for their great support through 2016:

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| ■ Samantha Wyatt | (Vice President) |
| ■ Nahla Dennaoui | (Vice President) |
| ■ Stevan Cosic | (Treasurer) |
| ■ Thiyagarajan Thirunavukarasu | (Assistant Treasurer) |
| ■ Sam Taufa | (Secretary) |
| ■ Kathryn Howarth | (Assistant Secretary) |
| ■ Priya Subrahmanyam | (Assistant Secretary) |

Thank you to those in our support committees:

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| ■ Uniform Shop | ■ Uniform Committee | ■ Hall Committee |
| – Wendy Eng | – Darryl Anderson | – Andrew Lillicrap |
| ■ Grants Committee | – Samantha Wyatt | – Samantha Wyatt |
| – Neeraja Namburi | – Wendy Eng | – Sam Taufa |
| – Gurmeet Singh | | – Priya Subrahmanyam |
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Thank you to the parents who contributed in some way to P&C activities over many years, and have now left our school as their youngest daughters completed Year 12. We will miss you.

- **Dimitra Koulouris** (P&C meetings, Multicultural Days)
- **Doreen Schembri** (P&C Meetings, Uniform Shop, Multicultural Days, Welcome BBQ's, Orientation Days)
- **Souad El-Kabbout** (Multicultural Days, Welcome BBQ's)
- **Catherine Lea** (Multicultural Days)
- **Loretta Tzoukos** (Multicultural Days)

We hope you enjoyed a good holiday season and had some time with your daughters during their break. Looking forward to another year this year.

Ivy Yee (*P&C President*)