

SPRINGWOOD ROAD STATE SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Presidents Report for 2015
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The past year for the Springwood Road State School Parents and Citizen's Association (SRSS P&C) has been a productive one, with energies directed at consolidating financial management and administration practices, defining and planning P&C priorities, and building our school community.

The first half of 2015 was spent undertaking a review of current policies and practices across P&C operations. This included a full examination of administrative records, audit of current assets and stock items and the revision of a number of financial processes including stock control and payment processes in the Uniform Shop. Administrative and management requirements and Executive responsibilities were examined, and a detailed Executive Calendar was developed and implemented to guide P&C annual operational activities.

In the latter half of 2015, a planning process was undertaken to determine P&C goals and objectives and prioritise the focus of P&C activities. Three Year Strategic Plans were developed and adopted for both the P&C and Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Operations. Following a reduction in membership numbers at the start of the year, the P&C experienced slow but steady growth, with a number of new members becoming engaged in meetings, decision making and fundraising activities. This has been particularly pleasing to see, and has facilitated the generation of new and fresh ideas in all areas of operations. It is anticipated membership will continue to grow over the coming year and into the future, allowing the P&C to continue to provide valuable input and support to our school community.

This year, the P&C commenced in a strong financial position - a result of prudent and targeted financial planning in past years. Annual profits from the Tuckshop (approximately \$11 000.00), Uniform Shop (approximately \$1 000.00), our OSHC Facility (approximately \$80 000.00) and Fundraising events and activities (approximately \$20 000.00) has further contributed to available funding. This financial backing has allowed the P&C to carry out an extensive range of projects in many areas of both the school's physical infrastructure and its teaching resources. Efforts have resulted in excess of \$212 000.00 being returned to our school to benefit our children and their overall learning experience. These activities have included:

- Removal of trees and hazardous tree roots in the prep area and installation of concrete path ways and permanent aluminium seating
- Improvements to the school's OSHC building including enclosure of the underside of the building and installation of new veranda awnings
- The donation of \$20 000.00 to assist the school in the purchase of 20 new computers and charging trolleys
- Installation of artificial turf in the SEP gated enclosure, and in the adjacent playground area
- A new in-ground sandpit in the Year 2 / 3 Playground
- Installation of an electronic boom gate and intercom system at the entrance to the Administration Car Park
- An Electronic Noticeboard in the carpark located in front of the school hall
- Upgrade and repair of the irrigation system on the school oval including installation of a high volume water tank, repairs and redesign of the existing system and laying of new turf
- Sponsorship and support for the School Chaplaincy Program and establishment of a Chaplaincy Emergency Relief Fund
- Repairs and replacement of drinking bubblers across the school
- Installation of push timer taps in all student toilets
- An upgrade of hall lighting including installation of 6 new LED lights and repairs to others
- Purchase of two new port racks, and,
- Past and present Uniform Displays, now installed in our hall foyer.

The P&C has also provided school support by the:

- Purchase of participation ribbons for school sports events
- Donation of Coffee Club Vouchers for our Parent Reading Support program
- Sponsorship of students chosen for competitive representative teams at state level and above
- Sponsorship of World Teachers Day Morning Tea for SRSS staff members, and,
- Pledging of \$120 000.00 to be held in reserve for its contribution to the building of a new dedicated Science Building should the school's SSS Building Grant Application be successful.

Over the past 12 months, the P&C's focus has been to continue to build and support the School Community. A vast array of events was undertaken to provide valuable services to families, to entertain and to enrich our children's school life, and to promote well-being and harmony within our families, our school and the wider community. These have included:

- Starting out in week 1 of Term 1, an Election Day Sausage Sizzle
- Two wonderful P-3 and 4-6 Discos at the start and close of the 2015 school year
- An Easter Bun Drive
- Mother's Day Stall
- Junior Sports Day Sausage Sizzle
- Entertainment Book Drive
- Father's Day Stall
- Annual Walkathon
- And most memorably, a free Family Fun Day for all members of our school community to enjoy.

Our achievements this year have been remarkable, and could never eventuate without our incredible network of volunteers. Sincere gratitude and thanks must be directed towards:

- our Tuckshop helpers who keep our children and staff fed, including our dedicated paid Convenors, Heather Manttan and Sue McKenzie
- the Uniform Shop Volunteers who ensure new and used uniforms are available to all students, including special thanks to Deb Stafford for her ongoing assistance in this area
- Our OSHC crew, under the expert guidance of OSHC Coordinator Kim Lavender, who provide excellent before, after and vacation care for enrolled children
- P& C executive members Erin Babali (Secretary), Kelly Moscatt (Vice President) Renee Chong-Nee (Treasurer) and Adrian de Villiers (Vice President), with special thanks to Jennifer Holmes for her outstanding Bookkeeping efforts and her hours of dedication to keeping our financial records updated
- P&C general members who provide essential input, direction, leadership and administrative support
- Our Principal, Lesley Vogan, and Deputy Principal, Alisha Le Brese, for their endorsement and belief in a strong community focus
- All teachers and support staff for their ongoing commitment and involvement in P&C activities
- And most importantly, to each and every person within the SRSS community who has volunteered a portion of their time and energy to make our collective efforts so successful.

The P&C has much to celebrate, and remains well positioned to continue to provide vital support to the SRSS Community for 2016 and beyond. It has robust and current operational and strategic plans, strong financial backing, active and engaged families and the support of our school's Principal, teaching and support staff, and the community at large. I look forward to being involved in yet another year filled with challenges, triumphs and success.

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