



Eatons Hill State School Parents & Citizens Association

Presidents Report 2018

2017 has been a big year for our P&C for a number of reasons. It was a year of great achievement, and also one where hard decisions needed to be made to ensure the ongoing resilience of our Association.

To our Volunteers

From the team of dedicated parents running our school banking, volunteers in our tuckshop and uniform shop or carnival and school helpers, whatever you do, there is no way we can ever thank you enough. Volunteering is a selfless act, and by contributing you have all made such a positive difference. We plan on spicing up the recognition of our volunteers in 2018.

Thank you!

To our Members

Time is never easy to find in this day and age, and I deeply thank all attendees to our meetings throughout the year and those here tonight. We value those contributors who come with really great ideas each month, and those who also have the time to deliver on those great ideas. Hopefully, with some new communication methods used to communicate to our parents and to recruit in 2018, more people will be involved, delivering better outcomes and the concept and lessening the load on others.

Thank you!

To the P & C Executive

The P & C Executive team consists of myself, Rachael Dunlop (Vice President), Darren Gegg (Assistant Treasurer), Garnet Swan (Secretary) and Wendy Tout (Assistant Secretary). We lost Kevin Reading (Treasurer) and Ross McBean (Vice-President) throughout the year. I thank this group of committed individuals for their enthusiasm, diligence and the many unseen hours contributed in 2017. It was an amazing year, where we all struggled with the pressures of balancing work, family and the P&C, but we pulled through and delivered.

I would also like to give a special thanks to Wendy Tout who finished up her final year at Eatons Hill, and the Executive. Wendy has been a strong contributor to the school community for many years and will be missed. **Thank you!**

To our P&C Staff

I would like to thank **all** of our staff, including our Business Operations Manager Taura Sanderson, our previous Administrator Leonie Higgins and OSH Administrator Arielle Simms, Operations Convenor Yvette Payne and our OSHC Service Coordinator Candice Lines for all of your ongoing support.

This leadership and administration team are vital to the smooth operations of our P&C, and while it has been a busy year with structure changes and adjustments, I have full confidence in this team and great enthusiasm and hope for what can be achieved in 2018. You have all done extremely well in delivering the P&C agenda on the ground, and keeping the cogs turning on this monster. **Thank you!**

To our Local Politicians

I would like to thank our local politicians who consistently support our Association – Tim Mander (Member for Everton, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Treasurer), Mike Charlton (Local Councilor Division 9 and Deputy Mayor) both of whom attend our meetings, and also Peter Dutton (Federal Member for Dickson and Minister for Home Affairs) who supports at formal school events. **Thank you!**

To the School Executive

I would like to give thanks the School Executive and Staff. In particular, I thank Hugh Goodfellow who provides our P&C with strong and stable support which is vital in operating effectively, efficiently and with a common good. Hugh, I have enjoyed working with Hugh in both the P&C and School Council and appreciate our comradery. **Thank you to the School Executive and Hugh!**

So Our Strategic Plan is....

Vision: Be efficient and professional by valuing our people, relationships and community, both internal and external.

Priorities: To recognize the contributions made by our members & staff, engage in projects that provide improved outcomes for children, innovate to expand the current business model and organize and implement community events.

We Value: Positive relationships, contribution, support and teamwork.

With this in mind, a few things about this year in our P&C.

Restructure

Last year, we made some hard decisions which will set our association up for the future. Our restructure included the appointment of the Business Operations Manager, Operations Convenor, OSHC Service Coordinator and we have welcomed in our new retail assistant roles.

Change is never easy, and there have been teething issues, though the importance of this restructure is to allow the Executive group and the Association members to concentrate on strategy, projects, events and other initiatives – and not operational matters. It is also very important that we build resilience within our business leadership and staff. It has taken three years to get here.

I thank all who have personally supported myself and the wider Executive during these changes, as I understand that friendships can often be tested during these times. As a result of these changes, 2018 will be solidifying this restructure and bearing the fruits of the hard decisions. **Thank you!**

Projects and Contributions

It has been another year of delivery, with over \$400,000 in P&C contributions towards innovation grants, 150 iPads, school tractor, community hall air-conditioning, covered pathways and the learning spaces at sports complex amongst other things. For the community, we have held the mothers and fathers day stalls and delivered a successful Space Carnival, an amazing day which keeps getting better each year.

Our Services

Tuckshop and Uniform Shop – I thank our team led by Yvette Payne, our retail assistants as well as the many volunteers who have assisted in delivering these vital services. We are committed to our tuckshop remaining a 5 day a week service promoting healthy food choices and our uniform shop providing quality cost effective uniforms for our children to proudly wear. You would have started to see improvements come into our tuckshop service and you will see further exciting offerings and improvements in 2018. More freshly baked food, special meal days, some glutton options, coffee service, staff menu development and the like. Exciting times.

OSH Club – We are committed to continuing to have a P&C run OSH Club. Our OSH Club has grown to accommodate 200 before and 255 after school care as well as 150 in vacation care. It is a highly legislated business and one that myself and the Executive are particularly focused on, as many may not realize that the P&C Executive and in particular the President, can be held legally liable which is a tough ask for any volunteer. I thank the dedicated educators led by Taura and Candice, as without this service, many parents would simply be unable to work. Well done, and we look forward to this year's assessment outcomes.

2018 – In 2018 we have committed to the 2018 Innovation grants, projector upgrade for the hall, 50/50 split for the stage dance floor and scoping a hall extension project which will assist with space pressures such as relieve for OSHC, provide change areas for dance and also learning spaces for the school. You will also see some significant improvements in our Tuckshop, and it seems likely that our OSHC service will receive an assessment from the department. It is going to be a big year.

Summary

I would like to note the strong working relation between the P & C and School Executive teams, administration, teaching and support staff and our other community partners. We all share a common goal, delivering for our children.

This is simply a great school, blessed with resources. It is always exciting to walk around the school and see so many engaged and excited children who have access to opportunities such as dance, music, sport, technology and the rest – some great educational opportunities. **Finally, I thank all who have contributed to our P & C in any way during the last year and look forward to the next!**

Glen Duff (P & C President)