

## **AGM – 28 February 2018**

### **P&C Annual President's Report**

Wow what a year! My first year with the P&C as President has been somewhat challenging but also extremely rewarding. The P&C is financially up to date – A huge thank you goes to Joanne Auburtin and Penny Thompson for the endless weeks spent preparing three years of financials. The P&C is starting to see some new faces and see in general an increase in engagement from the parents, students and teachers.

#### **Updates**

- **Carpark – Source of funding in discussion**

Harrison School and EDU are in discussions regarding the funding and engagement of contractors for the implementation of the current temporary changes and signage for the entire school carpark. This will improve not only the safety of the carpark but will ensure that ACT Parking Operations and the police can effectively patrol and issue infringement notices to vehicles are not adhering to the rules. We welcome these changes which will help us prepare our carpark for the impact of the Lightrail Stations located near the School

#### **Canteen, Uniform Shop**

The P&C will be starting to introduce the use of a portable Point of Sale (POS) system Senior and Junior Canteen and the Uniform Shop in 2018. This type of set up will be a huge benefit in regards to reporting and transparency of funds raised within the P&C. This was due to be rolled out at the beginning of Term One, but unfortunately due to issues with Wifi access (Canteens are no longer supported by the Education Directorate in regards to wifi) it has been delayed. Hopefully this will be rectified and up and running in the coming weeks.

For those of you who aren't aware the Canteen was unable to open at the beginning of Term One, due to an issue with power to our Freezers at the end of the holidays which resulted in a large loss of stock. Not only did this delay the opening of the Canteen but there was a huge effort involved in cleaning out freezers to prepare for new stock to get the Canteen up and running for sales on Thursday.

A huge thank you To Kerynne Pink our Canteen Manager, her family, Paul Floro and Julie Raccosta for tackling the massive job of disposing of the spoilt stock and cleaning out the freezers.

Thank you to Rebecca Taliano and Brett Townsend for volunteering to run the Uniform Shop in 2018. It will be open on Fridays from 8:30am to 9:30 am each week.

- **Where to in 2018**

The P&C is scaling back the number of fundraisers that it holds in 2018 and is looking to focus mainly on building a strong sense of community within the School. We are working towards creating a solid platform for the parents/carers to be able to communicate effectively with the school and vice versa. We are seeing huge success with our Facebook Parent Groups which are helping to fill holes with communication between the school and students to their parents.

We will still hold the Mother's and Father's Day stalls to facilitate the children in being able to purchase a gift for the Mum/Dad/special person in their lives. There will be a Disco in Terms two and Three, and are looking for feedback regarding a Family Fun Night (movie night) for children and their families and friends.

Our 2017 Twilight Fair was a huge success and an executive decision was made to run the Harrison Twilight Fair on a biennial basis (every 2 years) to help alleviate the strain and burn out on volunteers every year.

Last but not least I would like to officially thank our 2017 Executive/Office Bearers and our General Committee as without your time and efforts the P&C would cease to exist and would mean the end of valuable services like the School Canteen, our Second Hand Uniform Shop and the Community Morning Tea that operate on a regular basis. A huge shout out also goes to everyone that has volunteered throughout the year as our events cannot happen without you guys, so THANK YOU!!

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