

## **Neutral Bay Public School Parents and Citizens Association Annual Report 2022**

NBPS P&C Association is pleased to report on its activities for 2022.

The following report covers the period from October 2021 through to September 2022 which is our reporting period.

The NBPS P&C Association fulfils a number of functions in the School community:

- as a forum for parent/School executive interaction and consultation with regular contributions from both the Principal & Deputy Principals;
- through the provision of funding for key educational and other resources, through fundraising activities;
- running the operations of two businesses which provide key services to the community (Canteen and Uniform Shop);
- organising social and other events for School families and the community;
- representing the views of, and providing information to the School community; and
- representing parents in interactions with our broader local community.

### **Funding Educational and other Resources**

The primary objective of the P&C's fundraising activities is to direct funds raised toward enhancing the educational outcomes and experience for all students at the School. Accordingly, in the year to 30 September 2022, the P&C Association

contributed \$200,000 to the ongoing support of the Science, Music and Art programs at the School as well as the learning support programs (SLSO) for students (\$140,000). This year the P & C has funded the provision of furniture for the school's outdoor learning space, upgrade of canteen facilities and resourced the art program at NBPS. The Art Program was a highly successful initiative, where Ms Anna East worked with classes throughout the school to create the magnificent artworks auctioned in Term 3. It was not a typical year for funding as we are preparing for building works so could not purchase extra resources.

### **Voluntary Contributions**

Voluntary contributions are the backbone of the P&C's fundraising efforts and I would like to thank the very generous support of all Neutral Bay families in 2022. I am pleased to report that we raised \$88,000 and these contributions help support the Music and Science programs which are not otherwise funded by the government.

### **Fundraising and Events**

We worked around the challenges of COVID to organise a number of events with both a Community Development and Fundraising focus throughout the period.

These included:

During this period, we focussed on what we COULD do, and were heartened by the support returned from the students and larger community.

Special thanks are extended to Rachel Thompson for all of her contributions as the Fundraising and Events Coordinator and for her communications between the P&C, the class coordinators and parent community.

We held our Welcome Drinks, Mother and Father's Day stalls and events, Grandfriends Day, Election BBQ's, Easter Hunt, Twilight BBQs, online Auction, Art Auction, ladies Fashion Evening, hotdog days and who could forget our inaugural Pampered Pooch Parade. All of these events take significant time, confidence and sheer hard work. Thank you to Rachel, all members of the P&C, volunteers, the leadership and teachers or of the School and, of course - the community for making all of these such a success.

I would also like to thank all of the office bearers in the P&C Executive. They make a significant contribution in time, enthusiasm and ideas and are pivotal to the ongoing momentum we have.

Special thanks to Neil Cruttenden our Secretary, our Vice Presidents Elizabeth Barnett and Chris Davitt, our Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Canteen Treasurer, Alice Lai, Sally Davitt and Nada Abdelhamid.

Libby Brennan joined us as Communications Officer and is incredibly able in this role.

We have built on the momentum created with Sponsorship from our Community and special thanks to

Elizabeth Barnett, Vice President for all her efforts coordinating the Sponsorship program, Mother's Day Auction and Online Auction.

### **Uniform Shop**

It has been another busy year for the Uniform Shop.

We again thank Sylvia Seah whose tireless efforts and proactive assistance have helped fulfil countless orders, maintained a close eye on pricing and supply of uniforms and even increased our delivery so that we also supply uniforms for the School – including the Blazers for Captains and Vice Captains. Thanks also to Sylvia, Alice and Nada plus volunteers for a successful stocktake.

We would also like to acknowledge Tamia Gallego and her wonderful team of volunteers for their efforts in the smooth running of the "Nearly New" uniform sales. Neutral Bay Public School greatly appreciates the generosity of parents who donate quality pre-loved uniforms. This assists us in raising funds and also reducing land-fill.

The increased Nearly New sales per term is having a great impact on helping us turn over stock, We are pleased to continue to support parents who wish to purchase second-hand items and to promote recycling.

Total Uniform sales increased from \$134,000 to \$151,000 with a return to face-to-face learning at School.

### **Canteen**

The NBPS Canteen takes pride in creating healthy and tasty meals or snacks for the students and teachers at reasonable prices. The canteen team ensures a high standard of efficiency. The canteen is consistently regarded highly by the North Sydney Council in their annual Food Premises Inspection.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Naoko Yamada, Jocelyn Greig and our Canteen Co-ordinator Jen Harris for their hard work, good humour and adaptability in the daily running of the canteen this year. It has been great to reintroduce volunteers to allow us to service such a busy canteen. Thanks also to Mark Anderson for his work in the Canteen.

#### General

For our students, we hoped to provide some events to brighten their everyday which complimented the dedication, professionalism and compassion shown by our Principal Judy Goodsell, Vice Principal Victor Tan and Acting Principals Susan Young and Kate McGuinness. Thanks also to the outstanding and dedicated teaching, administration, and support staff.

It is indeed a privilege to work with an outstanding group of people and I am pleased to report the continued success of the P&C, which is entirely due to the dedicated volunteers who continue to place the School community as a high priority in their often busy lives. Our volunteers are critical to the ongoing events, fundraising, uniform shop, canteen, The contribution of these volunteers is

highly valued and greatly appreciated by the P&C and I ask that all members of the School community find the time to acknowledge and thank these volunteers for their contribution.

Last year was a year of cautious recovery for our community. Class coordinators, event volunteers, those who attended and supported Community and Fundraising efforts – thank you. To the dedicated members of the P&C Executive and Committee – thank you.

On behalf of the parents and the entire School community, I wish to acknowledge the incredible contribution that our Principal Mrs Judy Goodsell, Acting Principal Mr Victor Tan, Deputy Principals Ms Genevieve Carnegie, Ms Kate MacInness, Kyle Sheather, the teaching and administrative staff continue to deliver for our children, the students. Accordingly, the P&C extends its gratitude for their amazing professionalism, compassion, dedication and support in 2022.

On behalf of your elected P&C representatives,

Elizabeth Henry  
President NBPS P&C Association

NBPS P&C Association 2021

President

Elizabeth Henry

Vice President

Elizabeth Barnett

Secretary

Neil Cruttenden

Treasurer

Fumi Rice

Uniform Shop

Sylvia Seah

Functions/Fundraising

Jane Stevens

Communications Officer

Marie Koshy