

## **Neutral Bay Public School Parents and Citizens Association Annual Report 2018**

NBPS P&C Association is pleased to report on its activities for 2018.

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;
- Through operating two businesses which provide key services to the Community (Canteen and Uniform Shop);
- organising the School Bands and the Orchestra;
- 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 fund raising activities is to direct funds raised towards enhancing the educational outcomes and experience for all students at the School. Accordingly, in the year to 30 September 2018, the P&C Association contributed \$210,000 to the ongoing support of the Science and Music programs at the School (\$120,000), increase the number of support learning officers to help students

(\$30,000) and technology (\$30,000). This year, the P & C also funded the purchase of several house sports sun shelters to use at sporting venues and air conditioning units and installation thereof (\$30,000).

### **Voluntary Contribution**

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 2018. I am pleased to report that we raised \$130,218 from voluntary contributions, with an increase of 8% participating rate of compared to 85% participating rate in 2017 brining in a total amount of \$110,000. Just for comparison a participation rate of over 60% in 2016, and from around 50% in 2015.

### **Fundraising and Events**

NBPS enjoyed another year of strong Fundraising and Events and thanks is extended to Vanessa Baumer-Rowley for all of her contributions as the Fundraising and Events Coordinator. I would also like to thank Jenni Spillane, our P&C treasurer and Peta Thomson for her communications between the P&C & the class co-ordinators and involvement with the P&C section of the newsletter. There were many fundraising events held this financial year starting from last year's class art auctions which successfully raised \$23,147. Our Grandfriends day was a lovely morning tea organised in conjunction with the Years 1 & 2 parents who provided a lovely morning tea. Mother's Day this year saw a whopping 3 events, the Mum & Son Dance & raffle, the Mother's day Stall & the Ladies & little Ladies high tea & fashion parade. In August we

held a Parents & Carers social night, with an Old Hollywood Glamour theme it was held in the Minskys private function room. Another enjoyable night was had by all which also included a raffle & live auction prizes. Fathers Day saw a Dad & Daughter dance & a Father's Day breakfast with raffle. In September we held the County Fair the sun was shining, the hay bales were scattered & the kids had a ball with rides galore, live ponies, bucking bull, petting zoo and so much more. An extremely well organised event with a total income of \$79,799.

Currently we are running an online auction for the School where all of the prizes have been generously donated by our wonderful community with full proceeds going to the School. This however will be in next year's financial year along with our end of year picnic BBQ.

I would like to thank all volunteers who have helped and worked at these events but also to all the School community for attending and participating because without the community coming along these events would not be as successful as they were.

I would also like to thank all of our sponsors for their generous support throughout the year.

### **Uniform Shop**

Another busy and fruitful year for the Uniform Shop.

We thank parent Ginita Taylor, who took over running the shop on a volunteer basis but has now moved overseas. Her position has been filled

by Sarah Wilson-Brown since August. Lyndsey Bramble continues to run the second hand arm of the shop. Additionally, the shop has seen great support by regular volunteers: Fumi, Yoshie, Andrea, Laura, Mahdia and Natalie - enabling us to deliver orders every day.

Total sales were \$161,066 with profit of \$48,000. Profit is slightly lower this year compared to \$50,000 profit last year because of increased stock costs. Thanks to our book keeper Yuji Huraizumi.

We have increased the number of second hand sales to two or three per term, which is having a great impact on helping us turn over stock (given we have limited storage), support parents who wish to purchase second hand items and promotes recycling.

Whilst we continue to be challenged for storage space, we have been able to manage this by tidying up the storeroom with shelving, re-arranging the main shop and the second hand items as well as keeping inventory levels of new items at a manageable level.

Our stocktake was conducted on the first Saturday of the September holidays - thank you to all volunteers who came along to ensure a fast and smooth process.

A big thanks to Mr Michael for all of his help during the year in many regards.

### **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 and professionalism, and with the help of our incredible parent volunteers, this is possible. The canteen is consistently regarded highly by the North Sydney Council in their annual Food Premises Inspection.

NBPS enjoys a relatively unique canteen model of non-for-profit that the P&C run which ensures healthy and varied menu options at low prices. This model can only be sustained with the support of a large number of volunteers and with the class volunteer system this has been successful.

This year the canteen has replaced the fridge and freezer and have extended the hot specials from three days to five. The canteen has also introduced tasty and healthy meals in keeping with the new Healthy Canteen Strategy.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Naoko Yamada, Jocelyn Greig and Katherine Morris for their hard work in the daily running of the canteen this year and thank you to all the wonderful volunteers in NBPS community who volunteered.

Lastly, I would also like to thank the canteen coordinator, Alex Middleton who will be stepping down at the end of the year. Alex and her family will be moving to Noosa and we wish Alex all the best.

### **Band & Strings**

Since joining the P&C in 2014, the Strings program has developed into 2 groups, the Orchestra and Senior Chamber. Over 30 students participate in the Strings program and have

represented the School in Sydney Eisteddfod and other School events.

2018 has been an exciting year for the Band Program at NBPS with all three bands playing to a very high standard. Junior Band won a Gold medal and Senior Band claimed Gold at NSW School Band Festival. Concert Band competed at the Sydney Eisteddfod in the and awarded Silver in the Premium section of the NSW School Band Festival.

This year Concert Band auditioned and were awarded the opportunity to perform at the Primary Proms at the Sydney Town Hall. The Bands performed at Education week and Grandfriends Day and are currently preparing for End Of Year concerts, Reunion Band, and school Presentation Days.

The annual Band Camp was held at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation at Narrabeen, which has spacious facilities for concerts, rehearsals and recreation. Band Camp 2018 was a big success made possible by the wonderful support of our band masters, tutors, band families, teachers and band coordinators and of course the children who all worked tirelessly to make the weekend run smoothly. Our Band Workshop was a highly successful event with the students having fun and improving their skills as a group.

Band does not receive any funding from the School or the P&C and is completely reliant on annual fees to cover costs. Band Fees for 2018 will be set at \$550 for Junior Band and \$627 for Senior and Concert Bands.

I would like to thank all the band coordinators and wish the Band Program at NBPS all the very best as it continues to go from strength to strength. In particular, a heartfelt thank you and much gratitude to Thanya Clark, Sarah Bye, Dani Brown, Heather Macdonald and Milton Sams for their help with Bands.

### **General**

It has been a very busy year in 2018 and I have now served 2 years as your President. I have the privilege of working 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 and band & orchestra programs. 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.

I wanted to thank the entire P&C Executive team for their tireless efforts during 2018. This meeting will see our Vice-President, Peter Carter who has served 3 years on the Executive, Michelle Jackson who also served 3 years as Secretary, Vanessa Baumer-Rowley who served 2 years as Fundraising Officer, Peta Thomson who served 1 year as Communications Officer, Alex Middleton who served 1 year as Canteen Coordinator and Glen Giffen as the assistant treasurer, stepping down from their positions. I personally want to thank them for

their enormous contribution to the P&C and the School over the past year. To our outgoing team members Peter, Michelle, Vanessa, Peta, Alex and Glen, I would like to extend my gratitude for their dedication and commitment to the children, families and community of NBPS. I wish the newly elected representatives of the P&C in 2019 all the best in their roles.

Finally, on behalf of the parents and the entire NBPS School Community, I wish to acknowledge the incredible contribution that Principal Mr David Shuster has made in the first half of the financial year, and welcome our new Principal Mrs Judy Goodsell, Deputy Principals Ms Genevieve Carnegie and Ms Kelly Lockhart, the teaching and administrative staff continue to deliver for our children, the students. Accordingly, the P&C extends its gratitude for their amazing professionalism, dedication and support in 2018.

On behalf of your elected P&C representatives,

**Sharmila Soorian**  
**President NBPS P&C Association**

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**President**

Sharmila Soorian

**Vice Presidents**

Peter Carter

Tim Hawes

**Secretary**

Michelle Jackson

**Treasurer**

Jenni Spillane

**Assistant Treasurer**

Glen Giffen

**Canteen**

Alex Middleton

**Uniform Shop**

Ginita Taylor / Sarah Wilson-Brown

**Band**

Thanya Clark, Sarah Bye, Dani Brown,  
Heather Macdonald

**Functions/Fundraising**

Vanessa Baumer-Rowley

**Communications Officer**

Peta Thomson