

P&F President's Report

It is often easy for us as a school community to lose sight of the fact that our time in this school is so short, and that the contributions we make today will affect children of tomorrow in ways we could never appreciate.

Take for example the library building which was first conceived by a very small group of families who sought to build a dedicated school building in Dardanup. The contributions and foresight of this group has supported the education of thousands of children through our school over the past 50 years. This is just one of those decisions which has laid the foundations for the school community we all value so much today.

Continuing in this tradition, our school community has been incredibly blessed by the spirit of service which has helped us provide for the education and growth of our children.

Some of the key investments we have made as a P&F are: /

1. We have continued to pay off the land acquired beside the pre-primary and kindy, which we expect to become an important part of the school grounds in years to come. Our annual debt servicing on this loan is \$7,500. We've also made an additional contribution of \$5,000 which was decided at the November P&F meeting. We would have preferred to bring this decision to the AGM tonight, but on a review of the constitution we learned that there was no scope for discussion or voting on matters other than the appointment of a new office bearers and setting of the voluntary contribution.
2. We have invested in a new staging area for the children's assemblies and concerts. The total investment in this project was \$7,000 nearly half of this being funded through a Shire of Dardanup grant.
3. We have pledged \$5,000 towards the development of a nature play area next year, and again are hoping to multiply our contribution with applications for grants that may be available. Like many of the significant projects that have been undertaken in the past this will be a whole community effort, and we are seeking people willing to contribute both their time, talents and resources to this terrific initiative.
4. We have also contributed directly to the school camps and classroom resources. These activities help with the day to day education of our children, and hopefully also assist in making our school a great place for our educators to work.
5. We've worked hard this year to continue building on the community spirit within the school, and have run several very successful events including a P&F Sundowner, a mum's Night Out at the Movies (which by all accounts was a lot of fun), a School Disco and an afternoon out at Gravity ETC.

Each of these events had a primary focus of providing the community with an opportunity to get together and have some fun. Financially however they raised \$3,700, which more than offset the fact that this year we missed out on the Bull and Barrel fundraising opportunities, due to the cancellation of this event.

On the fundraising side, our main income source continues to be the voluntary P&F Levy which accounts for more than half of our net revenue. The commitment of so many of our families to paying this, makes it possible to assist the school in so many ways.

Additionally, the hosting of the Japanese Students is a new and important source of income and community building, with a great program of events planned for next year.

This year, though our real focus has been on putting the FUN back into FUNdrasing, which makes it so much easier and more enjoyable.

Two of the most important services delivered by P&F volunteers are the *canteen* and *uniform shop*.

In the canteen Clare Clements and her team leaders have provided nutritious, delicious food for our children throughout the year. Their efforts have contributed more than \$5,000 to the P&F's bottom line. As a school community we value this service, and need to support it both through ordering from them, and where possible volunteering a morning or two each term if you can. Next year, the feasibility of our school canteen is in doubt due to a lack of team leaders.

The tireless efforts of Janelle Commisso and Briony Page in the uniform shop every Thursday mornings and during the school holidays is greatly appreciated. If this service was to be provided on a commercial basis we could all be expecting to pay much more for our uniforms. This is also a very important fundraiser for the P&F.

Another item which we have completed this year has been a review and update of the P&F's constitution in line with the new Western Australian legislation. The new constitution advertised and discussed at our July Meeting and brings us up to date with current requirements

In closing I'd like to thank all of the incredible people I have worked with over the past two years. Tania, Jasmine, Cindy, Sonja, Mel, Clare, Julie, Angela, Janelle, Briony, Des, Luke, Leanne, Clair and Lynda you are all amazing. And when I look to the appointment of a new committee tonight, I know that these people (past and present) will continue to make everything that the P&F does possible.

P&F President
Anthony Congdon