

Chairperson's Report - AGM

29 November 2018

2018 has been another busy year of P&F events with a very committed group of parents designing, organising and running a number of events including;

- Wine and Cheese night
- School Fee Raffle
- Hot Cross Bun Drive
- School Disco
- Trivia Night (our highlight event)
- Bake Sale
- Entertainment book sales

I would like to extend a big thank you to all the families who have participated on behalf of the Parents & Friends both at monthly meeting but also those who have not been able to make meeting but put their hands up regularly to support the success of these events. Also to the school staff, the teachers supported the P&F and attended events especially the teachers that attended the disco on the request of the P&F and of course the the office staff, for their support and help given to the P&F members to navigate the school systems.

As with any volunteering roles finding interested and available individuals is always a challenge, this year we have welcomed a number of new members who have taking on a range of roles and tasks, I am personally very grateful for all they have offered in a year where I seem to have slipped away from my life of part time work that I have been lucky enough to enjoy while my children were younger. At the risk of missing people I would like to give a special thank you to Racheal, Ana, Jodi, Jodie, Belinda, Michelle and Michelle.

There has also been a number of volunteers leave over the year who have all played a key roles in social and fundraising events for the school, of note - Ollie and Jana who both held the role of the treasurer of the P&F. A special mention also to Sue Law who passed away from Brain Cancer last Saturday. Sue and her family left SMOC in early 2018, prior to her leaving and while fighting breast cancer through chemo and radiation she developed an idea into reality that was school's inaugural Fun Run held in September 2017.

Also this year we have worked on a few big picture pieces of work: the Procedural Guideline, Community Representatives, Parent survey with an incredible 59 responses! And Uniform shop. I appreciate everyone's input both via email and at meetings to ensure that we are setting up a structure that can support the school as it grows.

I would like to thank Lyndall, who has been an active member of the P&F for the 5 years that she has been at this school, she has participated in all types of events and fundraisers over this time and also with Bec took on the task to lead the 2018 Trivia Night. Lyndall will no longer continue as secretary as she will be leaving the school at the end of the year, I would like to wish her all the best on her new adventure.

Tonight I am also stepping down from the position of Chair, I will still be at the school and will continue to participate in all things P&F, however I have found that this year has been very

challenging for me as my other commitments increasing and taking on the role as Chair has taken me away from being more actively involved in events which was the reason I decided to be part of the P&F. I'm looking forward to getting to do more of this in 2019.

Lastly I would like to thank Leon for your willingness to listen and explain to the meeting attendees questions from a school perspective has been very valuable to both our work as a P&F and also parents at the school and of course for putting up with me as the Chair (and almost always going over our designated 9pm finish time).

I am looking forward to the discussion later in this meeting to explore what we are wanting to achieve over the next 12 months and longer, and would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas that can be celebrated with family and friends.