

# Kiama Public School

## P&C Presidents' Annual Report 2016



*Sketch of P&C designed and funded Playground to be installed January 2017*

Well 2016 has been a very busy and fantastic year for KPS P&C. Events wound up for the year with a lot of laughter at our social hypnotist evening in November. There were so many other amazing events that we were proud to be a part of, such as the wonderful Olympathon in August. This was a particularly great day for bringing our whole school community together in a positive way.

I would like to thank all of the KPS parents who regularly attend P&C Meetings, help out at P&C events and volunteer in the canteen. Thanks to all KPS families for also attending our events and supporting our many fundraising efforts.

Special thanks go to the P&C Executive for the many hours they have volunteered this year and all that they have achieved:

- Belinda Laird and Ingrid Buchner (Vice Presidents)
- Jessica Lee and Lingyan Christie (Treasurers Term 2-4)
- Jo Eldridge (Treasurer Term 1)
- Siobhan King (Secretary)

Also 2 other P&C members deserve a special mention- Dean Koorey for being our media and communications force and Melinda Ellis for organising and pulling off an absolutely amazing Olympathon.

Working with a lovely and enthusiastic bunch of parents, a very dedicated Principal Michael Honeywood as well as many more of the wonderful KPS Staff has been a very rewarding experience.

I am sure that I speak on behalf of all parents in thanking the quality teaching and support staff who work tirelessly for our children's benefit. It is a privilege to be able to send our children to such a wonderful public school in our local community. It is also a privilege as a P&C to partner with such committed staff in the activities we undertake.

Highlights of KPS P&C 2016 have included:

**1. School social events to bring our school community together, namely:**

- Family Fun Night- Term 1
- Movie Night- Term 2
- Olympathon- Term 3
- Hypnotist Night- Term 4
- Year specific "Catch-ups" throughout the year

**2. Fundraising.**

In 2016 it is estimated KPS P&C have raised approximately \$19,796 through the following key events, thanks to the support of our amazing school community:

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| • Olympathon          | \$11,617.05 |
| • Mothers Day Stall   | \$1,136.79  |
| • Fathers Day Stall   | \$785.45    |
| • Hypnotist Night     | \$2,817.00  |
| • Movie Night         | \$723.89    |
| • Hot Cross Bun Drive | \$414       |
| • Family Fun Night    | \$560       |
| • Cake Stalls x2      | \$1,744.45  |

### **3. Expenditure.**

In 2016 the P&C are proud to have financed:

- CSIRO Science Show Term 1;
- Anti-bullying Show Term 3;
- Healthy Harold Visit Term 4;
- Home Reader Bags for every new Kindergarten student;
- Student Representative Allowance for state level participation in sport;
- Through the family support trust we have been providing financial assistance to families in need;

**PLAYGROUND-** As you all know the focus development area for our P&C this year has been on designing and providing a new natural play area for our students. The primary goal of this area is to not only encourage outdoor physical activity but also to encourage creativity in a natural play environment. We also wanted this area to be a place for students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to be able to play and interact together.

The P&C, especially Siobhan King, Kaye Middleton and Fiona Stewart, have worked extremely hard on this project all year and we are on track to have it completed in the January holidays ready for Term 1. I want to thank Michael Honeywood for backing us all the way on this project and also for contributing to the cost from school funds. The anticipated P&C expenditure on this project is \$20,000.00.

### **4. Canteen**

The KPS P&C employs Lynne Roberts as Canteen Coordinator. This year we were delighted to have Dani Gilles join Lynne in the canteen.

Lynne and Dani have done a wonderful job in the canteen this year. We have more freshly made food onsite, healthier options for our children and profits going back into the P&C.

We are planning to introduce online canteen ordering from 2017- so watch this space.

I would like to thank the many canteen volunteers who make our canteen a success.

## **5. School Chaplain Role**

Dr Sumant (Monty) Badami has continued on from 2015 in the role of School Chaplain. This non-religious based role, which is supported through a government grant, is aimed at developing the social and emotional needs of our students through a variety of group and individually tailored programs focused on building resilience, team work and following our school values. We thank Monty for the dedication and enthusiasm he has brought to this role.

## **6. We Love KPS Facebook Page**

KPS has the coolest school Facebook page and with 571 likes it's a great way to know what's happening at school, to communicate with other parents and admire the wonderful goings on at school.

Thanks to Dean Koorey for your amazing creative talent and the time you put into our Facebook page.

## **7. Family Support Trust**

At KPS P&C we are proud of our school community focus and our dedication to supporting families in need through the Family Support Trust. Throughout 2016 we have provided confidential, financial or practical support to school families and students in times of need.

## **8. Student Representative Allowance**

KPS P&C are also proud to sponsor our talented students who represent our school at a state level.

Finally, KPS P&C are a relaxed, friendly bunch of people who want to be actively involved in their children's education and we would welcome you to join us in this in 2017.

Jackie Sloan  
President  
KPS P&C  
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