

# P&C Report



Engaging with the Parent & Citizens (P&C) is a way to show your children that their education and their school matters to you. With increasing levels of disengagement in teenagers, it's more important than ever that we, as parents and family members, show our children that their education is valued.

Just by joining our P&C, you can add your voice to what's happening in our school. As a P&C member, you can contribute opinions on: positive school-wide behaviours • student dress code • school routines • P&C budget • school surveys and programs and much more. Please get in touch if you'd like to learn more about getting involved.

This year, our close-knit team has comprised of :

President – Charlotte Berry; Vice President - John Guthrie; Secretary – Tara Hopton; Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers – Karen Hill, Heather Denman and Sarnah Unsworth.

We've been able to assist in the following ways -

- **Kick off with Reading** - program support of \$12,000 for the whole school reading of Songs of a War Boy by Deng Adut. We will provide \$10,000 towards the 2024 program.
- **Lockers** – we were successful in obtaining a grant from BDCU for \$10,000 and then provided \$16,500 from P & C fundraising to purchase 132 lockers for student use.
- **Elite sport support** – we have been proud to support some of our students in attending national level competitions.
- **Duke of Edinburgh** program - \$3,000 to expand the program.
- **AV equipment** for the Hall to \$18,000 including a generous contribution from Southern Highland Community Foundation of \$5,000.
- **Canteen** – under the careful management of Carolyn Shiel, Canteen has continued to provide a valued service to our school community and school faculty. New menus, new systems and new staffing this year has kept us very busy.
- **Support Unit** – we have pledged up to \$5,000 for the establishment of a kitchen for teaching valuable life skills to these students. This project will be undertaken in January 2024.

Membership and participation has been sadly declining year on year making it more and more challenging for the few parents who do participate. I strongly encourage you to get involved in 2024. Without more support we are at real risk of not continuing and the vital contributions we offer to our school will cease. Please keep an eye out at the start of Term 1 for notices advising

meeting dates – all are welcome and encouraged to be part of our P & C and contribute to enhancing our school community.

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