

Parents and Friends Report 2014

Summary

Bellbrae primary school is a wonderful community and has enjoyed enthusiasm and input from an abundance of talented parents in 2014. It is my belief that there is still a significant amount of untapped resources for the school which can be further harnessed in 2015. In summary I address our achievements in point form below.

Communication

- Parents and friends suggested the **School Bag application** to the leadership team and it is now live. We hope that this is utilized further in 2015.
- We have got a **constitution and code of conduct** which I **table** for your ratification. The constitution is a modified education department template which the education department has accepted. The code of conduct is home grown and needs your approval. Funds raised by the group and the accounting associated does not change under the constitution. You will notice that the constitution requires Parents and Friends to have paid memberships and a register of members. We will reluctantly comply in 2015.
- This year we appointed **year representatives** who were asked to gather volunteers for events and organise a year level social get together. Two years - Foundation and Grade 2 ran successful informal social event. We will continue this next year.
- Survey monkey survey went out to parents regarding the Jan Juc School bus and general P and F feedback. Results of the survey are attached in this email for you to peruse.
- Facebook page continues to run for the most part smoothly. We have three administrators whose job it is to keep it running to its code of conduct. We have discussed that the code of conduct for the site which appears pinned to the top of the page should be posted regularly before problems occur. On two occasions parents have been spoken to by administrators regarding bringing up negative feedback on the site. You will see in the Survey Monkey Feedback that this is an issue that requires further work.
- We are planning our first AGM/election for 2015, ?March 6th ?An evening at the school. We will discuss at our first committee meeting how to use this as an opportunity to ask parents what their priorities are for the Parents and Friends Group for 2015. **Please discuss whether the president of the school council could attend and speak to the assembled group.**
- Parents and Friends Appreciations. Parents and Friends worked together to set up a Parents and Friends Appreciations where a parent can formally and publically thank a teacher for their work. The teacher will be given a certificate from the leadership team at a staff meeting. This will be further promoted in 2015 as it has not yet had significant uptake.

Social

- Numerous events which also raised funds for the school.
- Foundation Parents Party is a success and will continue in 2015.
- There is unfortunately some perception you will see from the feedback that some parents are pointing the finger at others about how much volunteering is taking place.

This is a perception we will need to address in 2015. It has come from a few parents who are not in the committee commenting on Facebook.

Fundraising

Significant amount of fundraising occurred. In 2015 we will re-evaluate the number and type. A key person Rachel Baulch is at this stage stepping back in 2015.

Family Portraits \$620

Prep parents \$95

80's Disco \$2760

Easter Hunt \$2734

Term 1 BBQ \$427

Term 2 BBQ \$594

Term 1 Disco \$685

Term 2 Disco \$360

Term 3 BBQ \$729

Term 3 disco \$480

Term 4 BBQ ?

Ladies Luncheon and Raffle \$1500

Organic discovery raffle \$207

Op Shop tour monies donated to charity.

SYTYCD approx. \$2000

Father's day \$243 streamlined format trialed (seen as controversial.)

Planned for Saturday State Election BBQ, raffle and Cake stall.

Safety

- Successful campaign to get a second Jan Juc bus to reduce overcrowding. Thanks go to Kate Kerr who did a wonderful job with this.