

AVOCA BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PRESIDENTS REPORT AGM 2021

I'd like to begin by saying what an honour it is to lead the P&C of such a wonderful school community.

As parents we have a responsibility to help every child and we achieve this by participation through the structure of the P&C. Without the wonderful volunteers on our committee and in our community, we would not achieve success.

This year my report feels very different from my usual elaborate ramblings about all our various fundraising events and community involvement. But that was 2020 for us all, such a different year than any we have ever experienced.

The only fundraising we managed to do last year was our "2020 Memories Cook Book", the idea was brought to us by Sam and with her help our wonderful treasurer Tanya seen the project through to the end with a huge amount of work involved we managed to raise a profit of just over \$8000.

As a P&C we are responsible for the daily running of the canteen. We now have 3 paid employees Lyndsay as our Canteen Manager and Caroline and Stacey as Canteen Assistants who are a major asset to our P&C. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

We are also responsible for the running of the Uniform Shop and for this we rely solely on volunteers. Jo Newman continues to do an amazing job and is happy to keep running the shop. Thanks to Jo for the endless hours and fantastic job she does.

Funding Projects for 2020 included: -

- We invested in our school technology with new Stage 3 Laptops at a cost of \$20,000
- Playground Upgrades costing \$14,840
- We purchased a new freezer for our Canteen at a cost of \$1700.
- We funded the Year 6 medals for their End of Primary School Presentation at a cost of \$1,100.00.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Committee and Coordinators for their generous time, their amazing work and invaluable skills for without them I would not be in my position.

Deirdre McMahon – Vice President

Emma Peat -Vice President and School Interview Panel Rep

Laura Day – Secretary

Tanya Preradovic – Treasurer

Jo Newman – Uniform Shop Coordinator

Taya Van Haren – School Interview Panel Rep

Gazwa Rignall – Mother’s and Father’s Day Stall Coordinator

And indeed all our members who come along to our meetings every month or as often as they can to offer their opinion and advice and are always willing to help in any way they can. It is greatly appreciated.

We are indebted to our school staff and amazing teachers for their professionalism and outstanding work especially through the crazy times of 2020 when we were all introduced to new ways of teaching through home schooling and on line learning. Special thanks to our Principal Ben Thomas and although no longer at our school he still deserves a mention our deputy principal Mr Chris Waters for your continuous strive to improve on our school in all areas of education and maintaining constant active engagement with our children. Thank you all.

The P&C achievements are only possible due to the generosity of parents who dedicate their voluntary time and resources. I again urge parents to participate and share in this work.

As always, I feel privileged to be part of this energetic and enthusiastic team and believe while we may not have the huge successes of previous years to show, under the circumstances of 2020 we still managed to come out on top.

Paula Jamal

2020 P&C President