

Presidents Report 2018/2019

President – Glen Duff (Presented at AGM 20/03/19)

2018/19 has been a busy, successful year for this P&C for a number of reasons. It was a year of great achievement, and once again a year where our Executive, Staff, and Volunteers all went above and beyond in supporting what we do.

Eatons Hill State School's success is only achievable through the combined efforts of the enthusiastic teaching and administration staff, direct parent involvement and a proactive parent body.

Our P&C represents the parent body, supporting social/fundraising activities as well as managing a large OSHC Service (Rated: Exceeding), Tuck Shop, Uniform Shop, School Banking Program and the Long-Term Facility Hire of our Community Facilities. To operate effectively requires the full dedication and selflessness from the P&C Executive Team, our enthusiastic 35+ Staff, Committee Members and other Volunteers who help keep the wheels turning with many of the things that we want to do.

To the P&C Executive

The 2018/19 P&C Executive Team consists of Glen Duff (President), Cameron McInnes & Rachael Dunlop (Vice Presidents), Darren Gegg (Treasurer) and Garnet Swan (Secretary). I thank this group of committed individuals for their enthusiasm, diligence and the many unseen hours contributed. It seems to get bigger and busier each year, so I thank you all.

To our Members

Time is never easy to find in this day and age, and I thank all members for signing up and all of those who have been able to attend any meetings throughout the year including those here tonight. I make it obvious that we only value those positive contributors who come with really great ideas each month and those who also have the time to deliver on those great ideas. With some new communication methods used to communicate to our parents in 2018, more people have been involved, delivering better outcomes and the concept and lessening the load on others. Thank you!

To our Volunteers

From the team of dedicated parents running our school banking, volunteers in our tuckshop and uniform shop or carnival and school helpers, whatever you do, there is no way we can ever thank you enough. Volunteering is a selfless act, and by contributing you have all made such a positive difference. In 2018/19 we introduced some firsts for this P&C. We now run monthly "Volunteer of the Month" awards, have an end-of-year recognition for all significant multi time volunteers and host regular morning/afternoon teas to recognise both the School and P&C Volunteers.

To our P&C Staff

I would like to thank all of our staff, including our Business Operations Manager Taura Sanderson, Administrator Creena Rowsell, Operations Convenor Yvette Payne and our OSHC Leadership team.

This leadership and administration team are vital to the smooth operations of our P&C, and while it has been a busy year with some amazing achievements (such as achieving the Rating: Exceeding for our OSHC Service), I have full confidence in this team's enthusiasm to build further and achieve further great things in 2019. You have all done extremely well in delivering the P&C agenda on the ground, and keeping the cogs turning. Thank you!

To our Local Politicians

I would like to thank our local politicians who consistently support our Association – Tim Mander (Member for Everton, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Treasurer), Mike Charlton (Local Councillor Division 9 and Deputy Mayor) both of whom attend our meetings, and also Peter Dutton

(current Federal Member for Dickson and Minister for Home Affairs) who supports at formal school events. Thank you!

To the School Executive

I would like to give thanks to the School Executive and Staff. In particular, I thank Hugh Goodfellow who provides our P&C with strong and stable support which is vital in operating effectively, efficiently and with a common good. Hugh, I have enjoyed working with you in both the P&C and School Council and appreciate our comradery. Thank you to the School Executive and Hugh!

Contributions

I am amazed at what is achieved by this P&C Association with much blood, sweat and tears involved in the 2018 delivery of over \$365,000 in contributions. These include the finalisation of the 2017 Hall Air Conditioning/Sports Complex Enclosures and Covered Walkways, Innovation Grants, AFL Jerseys, Hall AV Projects Upgrades, Hall Stage Flooring, Inaugural Chaplaincy Role Support and our Major Project of the Outdoor Learning Area. For the community, we have held the Mother's and Father's Day stalls and delivered another successful Space Carnival, an amazing day which keeps getting better each year.

This year has already been the holding of 2 Parent Meet and Greet (Cheese and Wine) events prior to parent teacher nights where the community got to hear from the School and P&C on what we do and what our plans are.

In addition, the Movie Night was the first major event of the year which was a great success with over 800 attendees. We thank Monica as a non-executive volunteer for organising this successful night.

Our Services

Tuck Shop and Uniform Shop – I thank our team Yvette, Sarah and Megan as well as our valued Volunteers in delivering these vital services. Our endeavour is to continue providing a Tuck Shop 5 days per week and to promote healthy food choices. In 2019, our Tuck Shop will be renovated to be more suited for efficient use and fresher bake, allowing us to continue with a reform process and shine by the second half of the year.

OSHC – One of the more complicated P&C businesses is our OSHC service, which has grown to accommodate 255 children. It is a highly legislated business which the P&C choose to run internally to ensure best returns for our school community. We are very proud to have been assessed as “Exceeding” National Quality Standard in Nov 2018, after a 3-year reform process initiated by the P&C Executive and delivered by our Business Operations Manager Taura and her team of dedicated Co-ordinators and Educators. It truly was an extraordinary result and it is great to be able to say that this P&C runs one of the biggest and best OSHC services around.

I would particularly like to thank Arrielle and Stephanie for their support through the assessment and rating process as well as this period of being short staffed. Arrielle, I particularly note your amazing ability to step up and be a true leader when it was needed most.

Summary

I would like to note the strong working relation between the P&C and School Executive Teams, Administration, Teaching and Support Staff and our other Community Partners. It takes a lot of work however we are in a good place with a common goal of delivering for our children.

Finally, thank you to all who have contributed to our P&C in any way during 2018/19. We are a well-run and engaged P&C (which is rare), and provide vital foundations and a mountain of opportunities for our school. You have all contributed in enabling this outcome

All the best,

Glen Duff

P&C President 2017-Present

P&C Treasurer 2015-2017

Moved: Glen Duff Second: Jaccie Dawson Carried: Yes