

Maroochydore State School P&C Association President's Report 2018

The 2017 AGM saw Elizabeth (Beth) Matthews resigning from the position of President and me being elected and taking up the role, having some big shoes to fill. I thank you for entrusting me with this position and I hope that I have, at least, lived up to your expectations, if not exceeded them.

Despite our small P&C membership numbers, 2017 was a fantastic year for fundraising activities. Activities conducted included 'Free Dress' days, a Disco, Mother's and Father's Day Stalls, Fun Run, Sausage Sizzles (Athletics Carnival & Bunnings) and our giant Christmas Raffle. All activities exceeded our targets raising over \$5,000 and with these funds, we made donations to the School Chaplaincy Program, Year 6 Graduates, a Student Sport Representative, and additional resources to the school and teaching staff and funded Arts Council performances for the enjoyment of every student. The support we offer is not just financial but also through volunteering and we strive to gain more Members in 2018.

Our school has participated in community events also, having approximately 50 students attend the ANZAC Day march, in full and correct school uniform, very pleasing to witness. We have been fortunate enough to have had parents/carers/friends of the school shop at Woolworths and collect the Earn and Learn stickers on our behalf, gaining us much needed and valued resources for the school. This year also sees us taking part in the Coles Sports for Schools program to secure our school some valuable sports resources so, keep collecting those sports vouchers!

We have seen our student numbers grow from 250 to 261 (08/05/2017 – 18/02/2018) which I believe is testament to the positive promotion of our amazing school. With the increase of student numbers, we also saw a huge \$6000 in uniform sales over the two days we were open prior to the commencement of the school year. Through sheer persistence, and in consultation with the Sunshine Coast Council, we also managed to have the 'Stop, Drop and Go' approved and set up for the beginning of Term 1 2018.

I would like to say a very special thanks to my Executive Committee: Mel O'Brien as Vice President, Mel Goodwin as Secretary, Mandy Dunstan as Treasurer and Tracey Cook as Fundraising Coordinator. Your dedication has been tremendous and you have all helped to keep our P&C functioning purposefully for the benefit and betterment of Maroochydore State School.

I would also like to thank the following P&C Members, Staff and Volunteers for their continued support throughout the past year: Helen as Uniform Shop Convenor, Bronwyn as Tuckshop Convenor and our other tuckshop volunteers, Jody & Trish, and Rob Cullen as our Groundskeeper and all-rounder extraordinaire. Of significance too, is the loss of not only Helen but Stacey (long-serving Member and wealth of knowledge) as they follow their children to Secondary School...we wish them well. Extra special thanks goes to Tracey Cook's Mum who loves nothing more than to donate items but expects no recognition in return – what a super star! Thank you team for all your help, without it, we could never achieve the outstanding results that we do for Maroochydore State School.

As we forge ahead into another school year, we can expect more changes to occur in and around our school grounds. Keep your eyes peeled for our new playground, partially funded by the P&C, the garden beds being planted and maintained by students and later in the year, a new recycling program.

The future of Maroochydore State School is bright. We strongly encourage as many parents/carers to be part of the P&C in 2018 and beyond and connect with your child's school. Keeping in touch with the goings on in the school can also play a major role in the home environment. You are teaching your children valuable lessons in community engagement, dedication and commitment.

I know I will have forgotten to thank many people in the process so I thank you all for making Maroochydore State School a great place for our children and the many more children that will attend here in the future.

Kylie Blake

President
Maroochydore State School P&C