

# North Newtown Public School P&C Association End of Year Report 2013



# Hello, and welcome to our 2013 P&C end of year report.

This year has been a busy and productive one for the North Newtown Public School P&C.

As well as the usual fundraising activities and meetings, this year has seen the installation of the new playground equipment and grassy area and the introduction of a new summer tunic for the girls.

The parents of North Newtown have also worked together with the school in setting spending priorities and working to ensure that our children can have some really great learning experiences.

## Net Funds raised (\$) Year 2013: (as at 30 October)

Bush Dance	2,200
Walk-a-thon	8,600
Trivia Night	7,600
Art Show	10,900
Family Fun Fest (to come)	

**TOTAL\*** 29,300

## Funding Allocations (\$) Year 2013

Playground improvements*	1,800
Playground markings	2,000
Art Program	4,800
Literary resources**	5,000
Kindergarten play-based educational toys	1,000
Home Readers	1,500
Big Books and Stands	1,500
Mathletics	2,900
School Hall laptop	1,500
30 iPads	15,000

**TOTAL** 37,000

\* Bringing the total allocation to \$60,000  
 \*\* New English curriculum



## Fundraising.

Following our established pattern, fundraising this year began with a fantastic Bush Dance to welcome our new families.

Due to popular demand we invited back the live band, Ambushed, and we have booked them again for 2014. A big thanks to Amelia Hohne for organising the Bush Dance and making it such a success.

The Walkathon, also in Term 1, was combined with Harmony Day and everyone had great fun walking and running around the oval dressed in orange. It was very competently organised by Carolyn MacLulich, who overcame obstacles such as the oval not being available at the last minute, to produce a very successful result.

Trivia Night in Term 2 was a very enjoyable night and a great fund raiser. Kate Humble, Alex Carlton and Anna Cox did a wonderful job with the organisation and we thank them for all their hard work.

The Art Show was held in Term 3 and showcased a beautiful display of art produced by the children, with guidance from the teachers and a number of parents. Anna Hall did a great job of organising both the Art Show and the Friday night event, which included a very successful live auction and great music. All the children enjoyed showing off their artworks to their families at the Saturday show.

With Family Fun Fest (ably organised by Julie Pilcher) still to come in Term 4, our fundraising efforts this year have raised an amazing \$29,300 for the school so far. Thank you to all those parents who have so generously given of their time and money.

We have been able to spend the money that we raised on a range of resources for our children, including the usual Mathletics allocation, home readers and art program as well as literary resources for the new English curriculum, big books and stands, educational toys and a laptop for the hall.

We also supplemented funds raised by the Student Representative Council to fund playground markings to be completed next year. At the last P&C meeting of the year we also decided to purchase 30 new iPads, which will facilitate a new iPad learning program to be introduced by the school next year.





## Second hand uniforms.

The second hand uniform shop has operated on an ad hoc basis this year when there is sufficient stock available for sale.

If you have any uniforms in reasonable condition that you no longer need please bring them into the school office, as it helps other parents, raises money for the school and generally supports recycling.



**BUSH DANCE  
2014**

LIVE BAND • DANCING • BBQ  
21 FEBRUARY 2014 • GREAT  
COMMUNITY FAMILY NIGHT •  
COME ALONG AND JOIN  
IN THE FUN!



## Playground.

Shortly after the start of the new year, the new playground equipment was installed and the first round of playground upgrades were completed.

The children were very excited and are enjoying the new equipment every day.

Over the past four years, the P&C has contributed \$60,000 to the playground project and undertaken a community consultation and feedback process.

The overall project was completed through a combination of these P&C funds, school funds and a joint funding grant from the government.

In addition, a solution was found for the 'grassy area' and artificial, but very realistic, grass was installed there during the year, edged by a native garden. Now the children have a large area to run around all year round, and wear and tear on the grass is no longer an issue.

Our thanks to Carolyn MacLulich, Catherine Jensen and Kathryn Thompson of the Playground Reference Group for all their hard work in making our playground plans a reality.

## Girls' Summer Tunic.

Term 4 saw the introduction of a new summer tunic for girls, as they only had a winter tunic.

A big thanks to Carolyn MacLulich and Sue Ziesing who undertook the task of obtaining samples from our uniform supplier, consulting with teachers and parents, and producing a report on the preferred option.

Their recommendation for the optional new tunic was unanimously supported by the P&C and has been very popular with the girls.

The matching scrunchie and headband have caused great excitement!



## Fond farewells.

It is always with mixed feelings that we say farewell to Year 6 and their families. We will miss them all, but wish them all the best as they move forward into high school and other new adventures.

We want to say a fond farewell to those families who are leaving us this year and have supported the school and P&C for many years.

A special thanks to Julie Pilcher and Amelia Hohne who have both been involved in the school and served on the P&C Executive for over 10 years.

Thank you also to Mel Kell, Andrew Pole, Lisa O'Dea and the Pryde family for their help with P&C and school activities over the years.

Thank you to you all for sharing these years with us and we wish you all the best in the years ahead.

## Contact us.

The P&C is a great way to be part of the school community and we would love all parents to join in with whatever skills, talents and time you have to offer.

**Suggestion wall**  
<http://padlet.com/wall/nnpsterm3-2013>.

**In person:** All P&C meetings are held in the school building, usually on a Wednesday night.

**Free childcare** for the duration of the meeting is provided by a NNOOSH staff member.

### The P&C Executive

Sally Palmer (President), Sally Rosenthal, Carolyn MacLulich (Vice Presidents), Amelia Hohne (Secretary), Ewa Baranowska (Treasurer), Suzanne Luburic, Tim Stern, Kathryn Thompson, Andrew Davis, Julie Pilcher, Nemone Gookasakera.



## Thank you.

The end of the year is a fitting time to say thank you to all those who have helped to make 2013 such a great year for our children.

We particularly want to thank Sally Hogan and Maria Lambos and the wonderful teachers and staff at North Newtown for their continued efforts and dedication to our children.

Thank you too to the amazing Jan Flanagan and staff of NNOOSH who have cared for our children before and after school.

We also want to thank those families who have given so generously of their time and money in supporting the work of the P&C this year and indeed over many years.

Finally, thank you to Vicki Forbes for preparing this report and Cath Cummins and Kwik Kopy Alexandria for arranging the printing.

## Looking ahead to 2014.

In the new year, we are once again hoping to hold a major fundraising event each term, beginning with the now legendary Bush Dance on Friday, 21 February 2014.

Dates of the school's main events will be in the school calendar available on the website, and sent home in hard copy early next year.

Our first P&C meeting will be held in early 2014, and we look forward to welcoming new kindy families and other families to the school then.

In the meantime, happy holidays to all. We wish you a safe and refreshing break and we look forward to lots of exciting activities in the year to come.

**From the P&C Executive**



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