

Hello, and welcome to our 2014 P&C end of year report.

It has been another busy and productive year for the North Newtown Public School Parents and & Citizens Association.

We had a number of very successful events which raised funds to support the school and further enforced our strong sense of community.

The parents of North Newtown also worked together with the teachers in setting spending priorities and ensuring our children have great learning experiences in all fields of study.

Net Funds raised (\$) Year 2014: (as at 30 September)	
Bush Dance	2,420
Walk-a-thon	11,616
Trivia Night	6,575
Art Show	11,202
Family Fun Fest	(to come)
TOTAL	\$31,813

Funding Allocations (\$) Year 2014	
Mathletics	2,673
Kindergarten play-based educational toys	1,500
Home Readers	2,000
Art Program	6,000
Senior texts	1,000
Science workshops	2,500
Reading Eggs	2,700
Band competition entry fees	500
Apple TV for classrooms	2,600
TOTAL	\$21,473

Note: 30 iPads for \$15,000 were also purchased in late 2013 outside the usual allocation time-table to support the school's new iPad learning program which commenced in 2014.



Fundraising.

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

Kids and parents danced to the music of *Ambushed* and enjoyed a BBQ dinner while they caught up with old friends and made new ones. A big thanks to Sue Luburic for organising the Bush Dance and making it such a success.

The Walkathon, also in Term 1, was combined with the Harmony Day celebration and everyone had great fun walking and running around the oval dressed in orange. Thank you to Carolyn MacLulich who again organised such a successful fundraiser.

Trivia Night in Term 2 was lots of fun and also a great fund raiser. Bobby Quinn and Bruce Jeffreys did a wonderful job with the organisation and we thank them for all their hard work and helping us all develop our local knowledge.

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

With Family Fun Fest (ably organised by Michelle Dawson, Andrew Davis, Yvette Dingwall and their partners) still to come in Term 4, our fundraising efforts this year have raised an amazing \$31,813 for the school so far.

Thank you to the many parents who have so generously given their time in organising and attending the events and made donations. I think we all agree it has been lots of fun (and hopefully only occasionally stressful) and with very good results.



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.

Thank you to Sue Mercer, Anita Davis and the other parents who have assisted with running the shop. 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.



Playground.

The third stage of the playground upgrades, the bush garden, was completed this year (the first stage, the playground equipment, and the second stage, the 'grassy area', were completed in 2013).

A grant from City of Sydney Council provided a large number of trees and plants, and a bushland play area was constructed around the 'grassy area'.

Thanks to Carolyn MacLulich and Kathryn Thompson who worked with the Principals to secure the grant and plan the area. The bushland play area is a great addition to our inner city school!

The P&C also worked with the school to upgrade the toilet block, with new taps, toilet seats and toilet paper holders, door locks, re-sized doors, and a 'deep-clean' organised. Thank you to Graham Tangye for installing the new bubblers as part of this project.

In the near future we hope to work with the school on the extension and upgrade of the basketball court.

Contributions to the school.

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 senior texts and science workshops.

We purchased apple TVs for the classrooms, to supplement the technology resources and the 30 new iPads purchased last year.

We also funded the Reading Eggs program, kindergarten educational toys and the entry fees for the three school bands in a major band competition.

Working Bee.

In Term 2 the P&C ran a Working Bee to clean up the school grounds.

Many thanks to all the families who worked so hard cleaning the seating and amphitheatre, weeding and pruning, laying mulch, cleaning out drains, sweeping, and lots more! Thanks to Carolyn MacLulich and Gill Tangye for organising the day. The school grounds looked amazing after everyone's hard work.

Community Forum.

On 12 November the school held the Community Forum, in place of our regular P&C meeting.

It is part of the school's three year planning process and was a very interesting and informative night.

Tracey asked everyone to be bold in their aspirations for the school and there were many creative and inspiring ideas for the future. We look forward to hearing more about the three year plan as it develops.

Teachers lunch.

In early Term 4 Leylee Gressel offered to organise a lunch to show our appreciation to the teachers and thank them for all their hard work.

There was lots of yummy food (with recipes being swapped afterwards). Thank you to Leylee for this great idea and for pulling it all together, and to all the parents who contributed.

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.

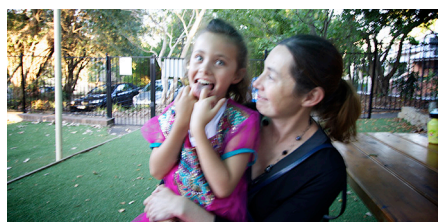
Online suggestion wall:
Details will be provided by email before each P&C meeting.

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), Andrew Davis (Secretary), Michelle Dawson (Treasurer), Suzanne Luburic, Tim Stern, Nemone Gookasakera, Sue Mercer, Lynne Ryan, and Suzanne Nielsen.



Thank you.

The end of the year is a fitting time to say thank you to all those who have helped to make 2014 such a great year for our children.

We particularly want to thank Tracey Cronley and Maria Lambos and the wonderful teachers and staff at North Newtown for their enthusiasm and dedication to our children's education. You continually inspire both the children and parents and make North Newtown Public School such a wonderful place to be part of.

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.

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. Thank you to you all for sharing these years with us and we wish you all the best in the years ahead. A special thanks to Amanda Webb who has been involved in the school and the P&C for a number of years and worked tirelessly as fundraising coordinator during that time.

Thank you also to all the local businesses that support our fundraising events. Finally, thank you to Vicki Forbes for preparing this report and Cath Cummins and Kwik Kopy Alexandria for arranging the printing.

Looking ahead.

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, 27 February 2015.

Dates of the school's main events will be in the school calendar available on the website, early next year. Our first P&C meeting will be held in early 2015, 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 ahead.

From the
P&C Executive

