

We have pleasure in presenting the 2018 P&C Annual Report.

The Year in Review

It has been another busy year raising funds for the benefit of the school and coordinating community events. The P&C has worked together with the school to set annual spending priorities that assist the school in the provision of quality education and a stimulating learning environment.

Net Funds Raised (\$) 2018 Year – As at November 2018

Welcome Dance	3,091
Walk-a-thon	7,697
Trivia Night	8,745
Grandparents Day / Events	3,104
Art Show	3,124
Disco	1,916
Tea Towels	1,807
Second Hand Uniforms	1,238
Miscellaneous	306
Kids Film Fest	(to come)

Funding Allocations (\$) 2018 Year

At the annual allocation meeting in April 2018, the following allocations of funding were made:

Chromebooks	13,500
Lego Robotics	4,000
Mathletics & Reading Eggs	7,000
Home Readers	1,000
Playground Improvements	10,000
Cooling Project	10,000
Area Sports Uniforms	200

Fundraising

Fundraising this year began with the traditional welcome dance. It was an evening of fun for children and families alike. Thanks must go to Nick Walsh for organising the event and making it such a success.

Term 1 also saw the annual walkathon which is a highlight of the school calendar. The children excelled themselves walking and running around

the oval. Thanks to Sue Luburic who coordinated the event.

Trivia night was reintroduced this year. A night of laughter and friendly competition was enjoyed by all and thanks must go to Kim Odewahn for creating such an enjoyable night and organizing the silent auction items.

To build on existing literature resources, the P&C ran the annual Grandparent's Day book stall and morning tea. Not only did the event welcome grandparents and special persons to the school, but also enabled in excess of \$3,104 worth of books to be donated to the library.

2018 saw the return of the NNPS Art Show. This year a Raw Art incursion helped the children to create their artworks. The children got to tour the exhibition with their classes and there was an evening event for parents. Despite torrential rain a good time was had by all.

For the first time in many years the P&C hosted a kids only disco. It was very well attended and was, reportedly, a lot of fun.

A special mention should be made of Hugh Crozier, Elias Lim, Jude Williams and Thomas Brown. These students hosted a bake sale during the Newtown Festival that raised \$472. They donated half to Oxfam and half to their school. A magnificent effort!

Many of you will have noticed that your kitchens are looking more attractive than normal with the addition of an exclusive NNPS tea towel. It features the faces of all students and staff of the school. Thanks to Tove Parker who organized this beautiful keepsake.

As a special event we will be celebrating the end of the year with the inaugural NNPS Kids Film Festival. Parents, families and friends are invited to relax, enjoy the films and have their final sausage sizzle for the year!

We are delighted to note that fundraising efforts this year achieved a total of more than \$31,000. Thank you to all of those who have been generous with their time and money. The on-going challenge is to have an engaged school community. This is necessary for us to continue to be able to fund school projects and improve the school for our children.

In keeping with the objectives of the P&C, we have allocated funds raised to support important school activities and resources. Regrettably, if fundraising activities are not well supported, many programs and facilities will be lost to students.

School Cooling Project

As many in the community will be aware the P&C has been involved – in conjunction with the school – with a long-term school cooling project. This has been immensely complicated and at times highly frustrating. The P&C has allocated significant funds (\$45,000) over the past three years so that we would have sufficient monies to address this on-going issue.

Therefore, it has been very pleasing to see Newtown North Public School identified on the Department of Education list of schools to receive centrally funded air-conditioning.

We are awaiting further details from the Department of Education before making decisions regarding the possible reallocation of the funds put aside for this project.

Our thanks go to the many involved in this project thus far.

Second Hand Uniforms

The second-hand uniform shop has continued to operate throughout the year. Donations are always welcome, particularly in smaller sizes. 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 P&C, and generally supports recycling.

A huge thank you to Lisa Cutrupi and Nikki Worsfold for their tireless efforts in the shop this year.

Farewells

It is always with mixed feelings that we farewell the year 6 students and their families. They will be missed and we wish them every success as they move forward into secondary school and new adventures.

We also say farewell to those families who are leaving us this year and have supported the school and P&C. Every contribution, whether large or small, helps to build the school community. To everybody who has assisted in any way, we thank you.

Contact Us

The P&C is a great way to be a part of the school community and we would love all parents to join in with whatever skills, talents or time you have to offer. We always welcome feedback and suggestions. The easiest way is to simply talk to one of the executive in the playground or to come to the meetings. Alternatively, you can send an email to us at NorthNewtownPandC@gmail.com

The current P&C executive is:

Eleanor Pridham (President)
Kim Odewahn (Vice President)
Sue Luburic (Vice President)
Bec Plumbe (Treasurer)
Sarah McDonald (Secretary)
Amy Kuhn
Alex Sarmed
Andrew Davis
Kate Paget-Campbell
Lisa Cutrupi

Please become involved next year. In particular, the P&C are seeking the assistance of someone to take on the role of secretary.

Thank you

The end of the year is a fitting time for us to thank those who have helped throughout the year.

First, the tireless efforts of Ms McGlynn must be acknowledged. Her commitment to the school and the children has been unparalleled. Her passion for education and the creation of a nurturing and caring environment ensures the best possible outcomes for our children. She has supported the P&C and our efforts, and her enthusiasm is greatly appreciated.

A very special thank you must also go to the teachers and staff at Newtown North for their ongoing dedication and efforts in supporting the children. Every staff member at the school gives their time well beyond what we as parents see or can expect. The teachers and staff are the greatest asset of this school and ensure that our children develop to the best of their potential, both socially and academically. Their dedication is worthy of acknowledgement and we thank them for their efforts throughout the year and in supporting the P&C.

Thanks too should be conveyed to Jan Flanagan and the staff of NNOOSH who have cared for our children before and after school and are great supporters of the P&C.

Particular thanks must go to the dedicated P&C executive who have worked tirelessly to support fundraising initiatives and community events in the school.

Looking ahead to 2019

In 2019 we are again planning to hold major fundraising events, beginning with the welcome dance in term one. We have requested to be a polling booth site and our major fund-raising activities will be focused around the state and federal elections.

Dates of P&C events will be in the school calendar and available on the website and app. Our first P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 13 February 2019 with a drink beforehand and we look forward to welcoming all new parents to the school.

It is only through your support that these events can continue to be successful. In 2019, we need to challenge ourselves to achieve new levels in the support that we offer the school that we entrust to educate our children.

In the meantime, we wish a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all. We hope everybody has a safe and refreshing break and we look forward to the challenges of the year to come.