

AGM Presidents Report 2021

What an eventful year and unprecedented on many levels with some unique challenges to overcome but also many opportunities. Opportunities to demonstrate, as I mentioned last December what we can achieve when we work together.

We started and finished the year with an executive team of four and although we didn't fill any further roles it didn't hold us back in what was very much a rebuilding year for our P&C.

We hit the ground running with the class parent survey, resulting in the early and accurate formation of class parent lists. This underpinned the improvements in communication this year via class parents, the P&C website, and 4-fold increase in subscribers.

In March with some COVID restrictions still in place we opted for a Colour Run on Paine Reserve instead of the traditional meet and great to kick off 2021. This was a great opportunity to bring the school community together and have a bit of fun. The day was awesome, even if it was delayed a week due to the 50-year storm. As a bonus it ended up being one of the biggest fundraising events in the history of the school.

This funding allowed us to accelerate plans to help the students realise their idea of a school mural and outdoor classroom. For the outdoor classroom Bunnings kindly donated equipment for the garden, work began with a local indigenous nursery IndigiGrow, Beehives were researched, and grant opportunities were being identified. The later we were successful in helping the school win a Woolworths Landcare grant totalling \$1,500.

For the school mural we had many interested parents and recommended artists and several quotes received. In the end the students selected their preferred artist.

In May we had another community building event with over 300 people attending the Mother's Day breakfast. Also, in May we launched the languages survey to gauge parent interest in before/after school language classes. With over 100 responses the plan to start additional classes has been delayed until next year due to COVID restrictions.

At this time, we also let parents know about the range of extracurricular activities available to Rainbow Street students, both on site and directly next to the school. This was very well received and appreciated by parents.

May also saw the successful adoption of by-laws and a code of conduct for our P&C thanks to Greg's tireless work. Something attempted for a couple of years that we were also able to achieve this year, providing a strong foundation as we rebuild our P&C.

Finally, in May we lobbied Randwick Council for improvements to pedestrian safety around the school by attending their Council Meeting and speaking for a motion, which was successful for their traffic committee to consider a range of our safety concerns.

In June Blooms Coogee & Randwick become a local community sponsor and saw the return of the school Disco, it was out of this world. Another great event to end Term 2 and as it turned out, before we went into lockdown and started home schooling.

COVID restrictions in the second half of the year saw 100+ days of lockdown at home, 14 weeks of home schooling, locked out of school and locked in our suburbs. Rather than just survive we continued to deliver for our school community.

Jo and I attended Randwick Councils July traffic committee meeting following the earlier council motion to present our case for improvements to pedestrian safety around our school with council committing to several actions and review in the early new year.

With the students having selected an artist for the school mural we applied for the Randwick Council community Creative Grant and were successful, receiving a \$10,000 grant, funding the bulk of the mural cost. The students also met with the artist via zoom to workshop ideas for the mural design which will now be painted early next year.

Our native Beehive arrived in early December thanks to the Woolworths Landcare grant earlier in the year. This will form part of the outdoor classroom we are looking to build and will be a valuable learning resource for the students.

Throughout the year we also held several ever-popular second-hand uniform sales on Paine Reserve which worked well. We were also able to donate thousands in new sports equipment thanks to Rebel Sports, including end of year sports awards, PSSA equipment and basketball stands for the support unit.

Finally, thank you everyone that helped us achieve and deliver for our school community this year. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, teachers and school staff that made this all possible.

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