Outgoing P&C President’s Report

Monash School P & C

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It has been a very rewarding year and I am thankful to have had the opportunity to contribute in the role of President.

It has been a privilege to volunteer alongside parents/carers, P&C staff, school staff and members of our community whose interest it is to provide the best possible learning environment for our children. Thank you and I look forward to working with you in a different capacity.

I have been actively involved with the Monash School P&C for a number of years. It has been a pleasure to witness the P&Cs achievements and leadership from year to year. In keeping with tradition we have achieved great successes in the last twelve months, some of these are:

- Through the efforts of dedicated parent/carers, school staff and supportive local business the P&C ran a number of very successful events. These include: Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls, World Teacher’s Day celebrations, picnics, cookie stall, special lunches, Obstaclathon, election fete, Entertainment Books, BBQs and art show.

- We made great progress with building our partnership with the School Board. This was achieved through proactive parent School Board representatives and effective exchange of information; in the form of oral and written reports at meetings. I look forward to seeing this partnership continue to strengthen.

- The P&C continued to build on the success of our school canteen. Successes in the year past include: greater alignment with national healthy eating guidelines, implementation of online ordering, establishment of a canteen work plan, community engagement through a survey, greater alignment with the school curriculum and collaboration with school staff, and investment through the purchase of a new oven and other resources that will support the ongoing growth of the canteen.

- We have also seen more progress this year in the area of governance. This was achieved through the development and endorsement of the P&C disco policy, canteen sub-committee by-laws and other policy documents. Documents with play a critical role in the effective operation of the P&C.

- Although unsuccessful, our application for a government grant is indicative of a very proactive and passionate parent/carer cohort, and of our desire to continue building a positive learning environment for our children.

- In the year past we have seen the rejuvenation of the second hand uniform shop. This service provides greater access to school uniforms for all Monash School families.

- With great pride the P&C where able to provide financial sponsorship to five students representing the school at interstate sporting events.
• The P&C were very fortunate to have secured sponsorship for much needed sporting tops. Thank you Cartridge Shop for your generous contribution.

• In the past year the P&Cs financial contribution to the school has been minimal (the exception is the Preschool Sub-Committee, their financial contribution was amazing!). Our contributions in other areas have been significant. That is, in addition to all the points I have mentioned, the P&C continue to participate in working bees, reading in class, volunteering in the canteen, attending excursions and in other ways such as the mosaic. Our success as a P&C is not just measured in the funds we raise but also in the other ways we contribute, and in the strong positive community we build.

• I am also delighted to report that we have made progress on the Monash School P&C Strategic Plan. A document which I believe will be of great value to the P&C. The Strategic Plan is the first step to helping us work on the things that really matter. It will give us direction and an opportunity to focus our efforts on the things we agree are important.

Thank you and I wish the P&C continued success.

Liz Firth
Outgoing P&C President