

3rd March 2017



## Communication from the 2017 Dutton Park P&C Committee

### ***Who are we?***

President – Rae Plush

Co Vice Presidents – Dave Copeman and Rowan Misso

Secretary- Ralda Ruberry

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Treasurer – Stuart Fyfe

Parent Hub Convenor – Shellie Ward

Volunteer Co-ordinator – Lea Maslen

Uniform Shop Convenor - Angela Tincknell

School Ecology - Brit Lindgren

Grants Convenor - Angela Blanch

Committee: Ravinda Sidhu-Ianella, Rowan Misso, Annie Newton and Melanie O'toole

Fundraising Convenor – Emily Higgins

Committee: Annie Newton, Michelle Larder and Shellie Ward

### ***We would love you to get involved***

There are lots of ways you can be part of the Dutton Park State School P&C – such as: volunteering at the Uniform Shop or at Parent Hub, getting involved in the special projects, being a Class Parent or organising/ participating in one of the many fundraisers throughout the year. It's not essential that you come to the monthly meetings. We welcome your input and involvement. As the saying goes 'many hands make light work'!

For more information or to register your interest to volunteer please contact Lea Maslen on 0423 976 797 or email [DPSS\\_Volunteer\\_Coordinator@hotmail.com](mailto:DPSS_Volunteer_Coordinator@hotmail.com).

### ***P&C meetings***

The meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6.30 – 8.30 pm, in the school library. Highlights from the meeting held on Tuesday 21st February 2017 are outlined below. If you would like to see the minutes please contact the P&C Secretary via e: [pandcsecretary@duttonparkss.eu.edu.au](mailto:pandcsecretary@duttonparkss.eu.edu.au)

### **21 Feb 2017, P&C meeting highlights:**

**Strategic plan** - P&C are beginning consultation with the school community to develop a new strategic plan that will align with the current School Plan. A prioritisation and decision making meeting has been organised for Wednesday 26th April at 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Opportunities for parents to contribute ideas will be made available soon.

**P&C Finances** - The 2017 budget was adopted at the AGM based on 2016 figures. P&C to promote the key ways in which funds are currently raised for the school which require no outlay for parents e.g. School banking Dollarmite accounts.

**Tuck shop** - Many thanks to Rafia for her time, commitment and support in organising the Tuck shop for 2015 and 2016. The Tuck shop will not be operating this term. Volunteers and expressions of interest are invited to provide a Tuck shop service at the school in 2017. Please speak to members of the P&C or email: [DPSS\\_Volunteer\\_Coordinator@hotmail.com](mailto:DPSS_Volunteer_Coordinator@hotmail.com)

**Bus travel to swimming classes at UQ Pool** - P&C seeking permissions from relevant sections of government to access UQ via the green bridge. Will update as this issue progresses.

**School events** - School presently updating website calendar. P&C also in process of finalising events calendar for 2017. P&C will be conducting a parent

survey in coming months, calling for parents to indicate their availability to volunteer and be involved.

**Communication** – P&C will use the school newsletter and information bulletins to update the school community on activities and events.

**Principal report:**

- 1) Asbestos Safety – parents to notify school administration immediately if there is any damage to building on the school site.
- 2) Child Protection - blue cards are not required for parent volunteers or teachers but are required for everyone else - including grandparents. P&C can apply for a blue card on behalf of these volunteers.
- 3) School's strategic plan and 2017 annual implementation plan has three main priorities: reading, feedback, and consistency of curriculum development. See January's school newsletter for information on this.

***Did you know that by banking through Dollarmites with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) is a fundraiser for the school, with no extra outlay from us as parents?***

Dollarmites banking is a great way to teach children of all ages financial literacy which is an important life skill for everyone. It teaches about counting, savings, interest on deposits, compound interest etc.

The CBA also pays 5% per individual deposit back to the school. To illustrate, if every child in our school deposited \$5 through school banking each week then CBA would give to the school \$3390 (the amount is worked out on 5% of the amount deposited) back to the school in a year with no actual outlay from parents. Whilst we know not everyone has an interest participating, or is in a position to do so - it is worth noting, that the funds do not have to stay in the account for the payment to be made by CBA. You can actually withdraw the funds and have the child deposit the same \$5 each week, with the same overall benefit to the school. J

Most of the fundraising our school does is as a result of the continued generosity of our families, so it is worthwhile to be aware of any opportunity for big business to contribute funds that will benefit the school and students.

***Upcoming Events:***

Ride to School Day – Friday March 17 (more information to follow in next week's newsletter)

Pot Luck dinner – Friday March 24 (more information to come)

P&C strategic planning – a prioritisation and decision making meeting – Wednesday April 26 (more information to come)

***Keep in contact with the P&C:***

Please complete the Parent and Community Directory Form that went home this week and return by March 6th, so that we can keep you up to date with P&C school activities.

**In addition you can contact us via the following ways:**

Like us on facebook – search for 'dutton park school p and c community'

Uniform Shop – open every Monday 8.15am to 9.00am and Thursday 2.45 – 3.30pm.

Parent Hub – Thursday mornings 8.30 – 9.10 am

Attend our monthly P&C meetings – 3rd Tuesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Rae Plush (President) – 0438 617087 or e:

[pandcpresident@duttonparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandcpresident@duttonparkss.eq.edu.au)

Ralda Ruberry/ Shellie Ward (Secretary) - e:

[pandcsecretary@duttonparkss.eu.edu.au](mailto:pandcsecretary@duttonparkss.eu.edu.au)

We welcome your input to strengthen our school!

Dutton Park State School P&C Committee



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