

To all members of the P&C and school community, thank you for your support and contributions to the Yeronga State School P&C Association.

We are pleased to present the President's report to the 2022 AGM covering the highlights of 2021, and a few challenges we navigated, for the P&C and our community.

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

This was the year Yeronga State School celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. We sincerely thank the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – Juliet Brooks, Jennifer Bennett, Carla Walker, Kerri McGuire, Ruth Bennett, and our Principal, Eunice Webb – for your stellar organisation of the celebratory activities. Highlights included:

- Foundation assembly – 5 February
- The outstanding Fete – 22 May
- 150th Ball Games Carnival – 14 September
- YSS Past and Present Staff Function – 9 October
- Publication of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book
- Anniversary artwork created by Liby Elcome
- A range of special 150<sup>th</sup> merchandise created, including special badges for all YSS children.

Unfortunately covid continued to bring challenges throughout 2021 and caused the cancellation of highly anticipated activities, including the bush dance and alumni roll call. Thank you to all who put time and effort into planning these activities. We share your disappointment that they couldn't proceed but look forward to future bush dances which have been added back into the school and P&C's biennial calendar.

### **Fete – 22 May**

- The Fete was a major highlight where our community came together to put on an outstanding event that blended fun, community building and fundraising. The massive number of people who attended on this glorious Autumn day demonstrated just how much our community desired connection and fun after more than a year of covid lockdowns and disruption.
- We sincerely thank everyone involved for creating a wonderful day with something for everyone. The Fete received rave reviews from our community and we sincerely thank the following people for their significant contributions:
  - the Fete Committee for your countless hours of work and coordination for more than a year. Members were: Fete Convenor, Juliet Brooks, Jackie Schougaard, Helen McKee, Kate Regnault, Anna Rimpau, Joanne Cosgrove, Amy Bewley, Meg Clarke, Geoff Smith, Stephen Swan, Wendy Ahern, Nicole Deayton, Sarah Fosker, Nev Leggo, Necole Wolf, Ashlee Forster, Amy Smith, and Wendy Ahern.
  - Generous fete sponsors
  - parents, teachers, community members and our YOSHC staff who volunteered on the day and in the lead up to the event
  - the school leadership team for your encouragement and support, and 'good sported-ness' on the day
  - our children and their teachers for the entertaining performances.
- The record \$90,000 profit was an outstanding outcome and is being invested back into our wonderful school.

### **Community and fundraising activities**

- We were thankful to be able to run several of our usual P&C fundraising and community building activities in 2021, after having to cancel many in 2020, including:
  - The **Easter raffle with** many happy winners
    - The draw had to be brought forward by a week due to a covid lockdown – thank you to the wonderful volunteers who came in at short notice to ensure the raffle could be drawn and prizes distributed.

- **Mother's and Father's Day stalls** – thank you to Kristen Jennings for coordinating and navigating covid-inspired process changes, and to all the parent volunteers who helped our children to select the perfect gift for their mum, dad and significant adults.
- **'Cross country' zooper doopers** – while cross country ended up being rained out, P&C volunteers handed out zooper doopers to all YSS children on the last day of term 1, as a thank you to our community for your amazing support.
- **Swimming carnival snow cones** – thank you to all the volunteers and our P&C Operations Manager, Sarah Cordingley, for serving refreshing snow cones to children after their races.
- **Prep Welcome picnic** – a friendly way for new families to connect with each other in the school community. A lovely morning attended by many Prep families where they were welcomed by YSS parents and children who we thank for volunteering their Saturday morning to help.
- **Prep and New Parents Welcome Morning Tea** on the first day of school – bringing together parents who have just dropped off their Preppie for their first day of school over a cuppa and conversation. Thank you to Chappy Jenny for coordinating.
- **Trivia Night** – a major highlight on the annual calendar for parents – thank you to Rachel Mackenzie and Simon Lake for your fun and creative coordination, and to Shaun Charles for the amazing pre- and post-event videos. The 'Lost in Music' theme was fully embraced by those who attended.
- **World Teachers' Day morning tea** – thank you to Anna Rimpau for coordinating and all the parents who contributed food items to make our teachers feel special.
- **School banking** – thank you to the school banking team – Alyssa Elliott and Simone Makin - who collected and deposited the children's banking each week until the Queensland state government put an end to school banking activities at the end of July.

The **Parent Rep program** continued to provide a valuable service to busy families, helping to keep us all on top of key dates and actions to support our children to fully participate in the opportunities available to them at school.

- A huge thank you to Jodie Swan for your stellar coordination of the program for 4 years, and to our new Parent Rep Coordinator, Alisa Robinson, for taking on the Parent Rep Coordinator role at the beginning of term 4, 2021.
- Thank you to all Parent Reps, last year and this – you are life savers for most school parents and carers who rely on the weekly Parent Rep emails to help them get organised for the school week.

### **P&C project support for YSS**

Over the past year the P&C made financial **donations to the school in excess of \$ \$733,216**, which has enabled:

- Extensive and much needed renovation of the school grounds, including the area between the hall and library, and the 'Old Netball Courts' oval - \$670,000 plus the \$30,000 Brisbane City Council grant secured by the P&C to renovate the oval.
  - Thank you to Tessa Leggo for your designs and project oversight.
- Continued support for the instrumental music program, including teaching time and the timpani drum purchase.
- Donations to the 'community care fund' to support all children to engage in school-organised activities.
- Shade structures for the Yeronga Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP).
- In 2020-21, P&C members also committed as-yet-unspent funding to support:
  - Lights installation on the tennis courts - \$42,425, (1/3 of the project cost). The P&C received confirmation from Education Minister, Hon Grace Grace, that the other 2/3 funding will be provided through a Tennis in State Schools Initiative (TISSI) grant.
    - Thank you to David Hodge for identifying this opportunity for the school.
  - Air Conditioning for inclusion spaces - \$45,000.
  - Preparation of plans to expand the Tuckshop (draft design and cost estimation) - \$10,000.
- These contributions are made possible through the enormous fundraising efforts of our entire school community over the past several years, in addition to profits from the P&C's businesses – Tuckshop, Uniform Shop and YOSHC.

## **P&C businesses and staff**

All P&C businesses offer needed and valued services to our school community and have maintained their profitability throughout the year – Tuckshop, Uniform Shop and YOSHC.

- Thank you to Stacey Resetti and Yvonne Starr for your leadership of the Tuckshop and Uniform Shop, and all of the wonderful Tuckshop volunteers who help to ensure our Tuckshop operations remain viable, our menu offers value for money, and our children are offered health and tasty food items. You are a wonderful team and we celebrate you!
  - Covid lockdowns and the dental building works impacted on the Tuckshop and Uniform Shop by forcing closures at various stages during 2021 but Stacey and Yvonne took it all in their stride and adapted accordingly.
- Thank you to Sarah Cordingley for deftly supporting P&C businesses, fundraising and community building activities wherever you are needed most at the time – yours is a diverse and busy role and we thank you for your commitment and adaptability.
- Sincere thanks to P&C Finance Officer, Cara Burrus, who has kept our P&C finances in great shape for the past 4 years. Cara will leave the role on 25 March to pursue the next phase of her career. Thank you Cara for your outstanding support best wishes for your new career journey.
- YOSHC continues to provide a needed service to our community despite staff turnover experienced at the leadership level. We thank all YOSHC staff and the managers, and assistant managers, who served in 2021, including Elizabeth Fainga'a, Cate Jordinson, Kate Regnault, Stephanie McCarthy, and Jody Wright, for their support for YOSHC and our children during their time with the service. We welcome new YOSHC Manager, Tracey Mackay, who started in the role on 7 March, 2022 – supported by Assistant Managers, Janet Gillespie and Jhanvi Patel – and thank them for leading the wonderful YOSHC team.
  - Thank you to the parents on the YOSHC Advisory Committee, chaired by Lauren Gribbin, for your support and advice for the service's leadership team throughout the year.
  - At the Special General Meeting which immediately precedes this AGM, P&C members have been asked to support the motion for the Approved Provider of YOSHC to transition from the P&C to one selected via a tender process led by Yeronga State School. This is to ensure YOSHC is led by an organisation with the necessary expertise and resources to support a growing and highly regulated service for our community in the years ahead. Our experience over the past 3 years has demonstrated that the level of personal responsibility and legal accountability is now too great for a volunteer committee that changes membership each year.

## **Partnership with Yeronga State School**

- We sincerely thank school leadership team – Principal, Eunice Webb, and Deputy Principals, Tracy Freeman, Stefanie Kirk, and Lyn Wood – and all YSS teachers and staff for your valuable leadership, support and guidance for our children, the school community and P&C. It is a pleasure to work with you.
- The P&C is delighted to have played a role in advocating to our local state member, Hon Mark Bailey, and Education Minister, Hon Grace Grace, on behalf of our community to demonstrate the urgent need for upgrades to Yeronga State School's buildings and grounds, particularly the transformation of the dental building into teaching and administrative space. We look forward with excitement to the completion of the dental building renovation in mid-2022 to support the growing needs of the school.

## **P&C Executive Committee thank you**

- We would like to thank our fellow P&C executive committee members during 2021 for your leadership, support, decision making and outstanding effort in support of our school and P&C activities: Juliet Brooks, Julia Connors, Cedryk Vaquette, Anna Rimpau, Amy Smith and Russell Neville.
  - Anna, Amy and Russell resigned from the committee during the year but we are sincerely thankful for their involvement, guidance and effort.

Thank you.

## **Hamish Townsend and Kym Mansfield**

2021 Co-Presidents

Yeronga State School P&C Association