

Parent & Friends Association 2017

We have had another busy year at Sandringham East Primary School for 2017.

The Sandringham East Primary School Parents and Friends Association (PFA) is an extended group of parents involved with the school and its programs. The PFA is the connection between the parents and the school community including teachers, parents and School Council.

We encourage anyone to become involved in the PFA. Our meetings are once a month, and involve catching up with what is going on within the school and working out where extra assistance is needed. Laureen Walton, Principal, and Genevieve Casonato, Assistant Principal, attend each meeting and take the time to inform the PFA about what is going on within the school.

Regular Programs

Class Parent Reps

Our class reps have yet again done a wonderful job throughout 2017. They have been the communicators to our school community as well as organising and co-ordinating such events as dinners, morning teas, teachers' birthdays, classroom help, assistance on excursions, Mother's/Father's Day Stall helpers, fundraising assistance, just to name a

few!!! Thank you to all our class reps, you have all done a fantastic job and are a vital part of our school community.

During the later half of the year, especially in Term 4, we have seen the introduction of Compass. This new whole school communication app has resulted in a reduction of communications going out via the class reps. I believe this has been a welcome relief for our busy volunteers and has made the job of class rep a lot less arduous.

The Cook and Care Program

This confidential service offers a helping hand with meals, rides to school etc. for school families in need. This year we have done only 6 meals for 1 family in need. More families have been offered the program but have declined as they have had their own outside network providing a helping hand. This is a wonderful program and reassuring to know we can help our community in times of need. Thank you to Michelle Ferguson for taking this job on for another year in 2017.

The Head Lice Program

Thank you to Susan Savage who took on the leadership of our Head Lice Program for 2017. Together with a team of parents, Mel Harrison, Sarah Murray, Deb Sinclair, Emily Ramsden and Mikiko Vagas, they did a great job ensuring kids were regularly checked throughout the school.

Book Club

This year Book Club was coordinated by Jennie Burrows . She

has done a great job, earning commission from sales of books and other education resources to students. This program also provided our school library & classrooms with many books.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Thank you to Sophia Ali and her team for running the second hand uniform shop which opens the 1st Monday of every month.

School Banking

Thank you to Helen Pettigrew for taking on this role for most of 2017.

Mothers Day Breakfast

This was the first year this event has been held. Mel Withington had a wonderful concept to give SEPS Mums a special breakfast and it was a fabulous success due to all her hard work and coordination. Thank you Mel

Mothers Day/Fathers Day Stalls

Thank you to Mel Harrison, Louisa Begg and Maz Lopes for coordinating these stalls, doing all the purchasing and sourcing the volunteers

Specific Events

In 2017 each year level was given approximately 2 tasks to coordinate for the year. This was a great success and allowed the load to be shared across each class. The following events were run throughout the year with the assistance of our dedicated team of PFA volunteers.



SANDRINGHAM EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 1

ACTIVITY	DATE	SUPPORTED BY	OWNER
New Parents Welcome Morning Tea	Thursday February 2	Level 1 Parents	PFA
House Swimming Carnival	Monday February 13	Level 4, 5 & 6 Parents	School
Welcome Family Picnic	Friday February 17	All Parents	School (PFA Assistance)
Vintage Fair	Saturday March 4	All Parents	Fundraising
Funky Hair Day (Leukemia Foundation) (TBA – Special hot dog lunch)	Thursday March 16	Level 3 Parents	JSC (PFA Assistance)
Easter Treasure Hunt	Thursday March 30	All Parents	Fundraising

TERM 2

ACTIVITY	DATE	SUPPORTED BY	OWNER
Entertainment Books	Ongoing	Fundraising Team	Fundraising
House Cross Country	TBA	Level 4, 5 & 6 Parents	School
Mother's Day Breakfast	Thursday May 11	All Parents	PFA
Mother's Day Stall	Friday May 12	All Parents	PFA
PJ Day (Philippines School)	Thursday May 25	n/a	JSC
Parent Function	Saturday June 17	Fundraising Team	Fundraising
Japanese Dress Up Day (TBA – Sushi lunch & Philippines fundraiser)	Thursday June 8	Foundation Parents	School (PFA Assistance)

TERM 3

ACTIVITY	DATE	SUPPORTED BY	OWNER
100 Days Party	Thursday August 3	Foundation Parents	School
Disco	Friday August 18	All Parents	Fundraising
Read-a-thon	Monday August 21	All Parents	Fundraising
Special Friends Day	Monday August 28	Level 6	School (PFA Assistance)
Father's Day Stall	Friday September 1	All Parents	PFA
Father's Day Breakfast	Thursday August 31	Level 4 Parents	PFA
Dads Footy Match	Saturday September 2	Dads	Community
School Production	Thursday September 7	All Parents	School
Footy Colours Day (State Schools Relief) (TBA - Pies & Sausage Rolls Lunch)	Thursday September 21	Level 2 Parents	JSC (PFA Assistance)
Athletics Day	TBA	Level 4, 5 & 6 Parents	School

TERM 4

ACTIVITY	DATE	SUPPORTED BY	OWNER
World Teachers Day Morning Tea	Wednesday October 11	PFA	PFA
Pink Ribbon Breakfast/Cocktail Evening?	Friday October 20	Pink Ribbon Team	Community
Father & Child Camp	October 20 – 22 TBA	Dads	Community
Foundation 2017 Afternoon Tea	TBA	Foundation Parents	School
Expo Sports	TBA	Foundation, L1 & 2 Parents	School
Market Day – Level 6	Thursday November 30 OR Tuesday December 5	Level 6 Parents	School
Story Dogs Movie – Foundation – Level 2	Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 November	n/a	JSC
Story Dogs Movie – Level 3 – 6	Wednesday 22 & Thursday 23 November	n/a	JSC
Christmas Carols	Wednesday December 6	All Parents	School (Fundraising)
Graduation Dinner	Monday December 18	Level 5 Parents	School

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Community events (and other parent rep organized social events outside of the school grounds) were required to carry the following disclaimer at the bottom of any communication related to them:

Please note that this event has been organised by the parent community and is not associated with SEPS, it's Principal, Assistant Principal or its School Council.

Additional to these events, each year level was also awarded one Working Bee and each class rep coordinated a Hunger Buster for their home group.

For the first time this year the Hunger Buster proceeds have been donated to our 2 Sister Schools in the Philippines. This year we have raised \$4054.40. Thank you to all those that baked, bought and sold.

The PFA doesn't run without the help of so many people.

I would first of all like to say a HUGE thank you to Kerry Thompson our Class Representative Co-ordinator and Vice President. Kerry is amazing at everything she puts her hand to. She is honest, trustworthy, has a brilliant eye for detail and nothing is ever too much trouble. This has been my first year as President and she has truly been my guiding light. It has been a pleasure working along side her (but most times one step behind her!) Thank you vice president and friend. Kerry has decided to hand in the reins of Vice President this year. I'm not sure how I will cope without her but I know she

will still be a source of knowledge and help whenever we need her.

Secondly to our Secretary, Edwina Jenkins, for taking on this job. Edwina provided comprehensive minutes for every meeting and had them ready quickly and without a fuss.

I'd also like to thank Simone Smith, who has headed up our fundraising team. Simone has worked closely with both Kerry and I in lots of aspects of the PFA and her continued support, feedback and work was really appreciated. Well done on an amazing year of fundraising. Together with all the fundraising events and PFA events we have raised over \$69,000 for our school. Truly amazing!

I sincerely appreciate the support of Laureen Walton, Gen Casonato, Jo, Von, Leanne, Cath and Katherine and all the teaching staff. Your support, generosity and continued commitment to the students and community of Sandringham East Primary School is truly appreciated.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year of President of the Sandringham East Primary School Parents and Friends Association. The PFA cannot work without our wonderful volunteer Parent Reps. It continually relies on the support of our caring parent community who give themselves and their time to help ensure our children's primary school journey is a rewarding one.

I would like to thank each and every member of the PFA for their support and commitment to our school and to me. Without you, nothing would happen.

Thank you

Lisa Homes - **PFA President 2017**