

**President's Report to the Members of the
Springwood Road State School Parent's and Citizen's Association
2011 / 2012 P&C Year**

To be moved at the AGM 14 March 2012

I am extremely proud of the collective efforts by members and supporters throughout the last twelve months.

In this time, the community has seen:

- A very successful fete, strategically positioned between thunderstorms, which raised \$23000;
- Other fundraising and social opportunities including: Mothers'/Fathers' Day Stalls, Footy Doubles and the Walkathon
- The introduction of a new and fresher looking school uniform including reversible hats;
- Some of the larger funding commitments to the school include: \$20000 for ICTs; \$5000 for general resources; \$5000 for Reading Resources; \$6000 for Musical Instruments; \$2000 in seed funding for the school chaplaincy program; \$31000 (as a grant) and \$3000 contribution to the building of a new playground in the Prep area.

In a letter to the community last year, I outlined how I thought we may better be able to harness the potential support that lies within our community and I believe we continued on our way to achieving this. The many who can give a little reduces the pressure on the few who do a lot.

I now ask that you consider to which leadership roles you could bring your expertise. All executive positions are declared vacant at the AGM prior to the election of incoming office bearers.

Any people who have attended an AGM (of nearly any local level organisation like P&Cs, Sporting Clubs etc.) will undoubtedly know the "heads down, look at the floor, don't make eye contact with anyone" look that takes hold. The statements that "don't worry, the President/Secretary etc job are easy...." Followed by the "I'll do it if no one else wants to do it" acceptance speech before any ballot takes place. Ahhhhh! Thank goodness – we can all look at one another again!

Have you ever wondered why this happens? I believe a number of factors are at play: Not knowing what the role entails; a level of humility or lack of confidence which makes us resist or a perception that the incumbent executive might take it the wrong way or feel somehow threatened.

On the first of these I would buck the trend of most AGMs and say that yes, these executive roles do take a commitment of time and sometimes they can be difficult and a little thankless. Secondly, don't underestimate your own capacity to take on these roles – it's not necessary to be an "expert". We all help each other. Thirdly, I could assure you that not one member of the executive starting with myself would feel as if a nomination against the incumbent executive would be seen as a threat or a motion of no confidence. Any one of us would be happy to share the load of the positions to new executive members because none of us do these roles for the glory – we do these because we believe in the essence of the P&C and want it to work for the benefit of our children.

As this report is being published prior to the AGM, I would encourage any member of the Springwood Road State School community who wants to know more about the different

executive roles or who may be looking to nominate for one to contact me at pandcpresident@spriroadss.eq.edu.au or alternatively search the QCPCA (Qld Council of Parent's and Citizen's Associations) website <http://www.qcpcpa.org.au/> for details.

The leadership roles within the P&C include (these are thumbnail statements only!):

- President – Chairs meetings, responsible for overall running of the P&C, liaises with school administration;
- Vice President – Chairs meetings if President unavailable, supports the President;
- Secretary – Manages correspondence, prepares meeting agenda and minutes;
- Treasurer – Manages all books of accounts (P&C, OSHC), pays accounts/wages, prepares budget and monthly financial statements, monitors cash flow, liaises with Tuckshop Convenors and OSHC Co-ordinator;
- (All of these roles above have a financial approval responsibility and work with the Treasurer on this)
- Chairs of various committees: Arrange meetings of sub-committees; chair meetings with minutes to have clear outcomes – ie: Actions/Tasks, Personnel, Timelines, and report and make recommendations to the general P&C or Executive Committee

Sub-Committees, Reference Groups and Other Roles:

- Fundraising Committee – Plans, staffs and coordinates all fundraising initiatives; reports to P&C on these initiatives;
- Uniform Committee – oversees the management of any uniform change;
- School Building Fund Committee Liaison – oversees the management of the tax deductible building fund and necessary paperwork; doubles as a reference group for school facilities
- Tuckshop/OSHC/Uniform Shop Liaison – reference person to liaise directly between these groups and the P&C;
- Fete Convenor – Dedicated position within the Fundraising Committee. Oversees coordination of people who fulfil the numerous roles required to manage the fete eg: Catering, Entertainment, Stalls etc.
- QCPCA Representative – Liaison between P&C and QCPCA as our nominated delegate (not a position that has been filled for some time).
- P&C Member: attends meetings, encourages others to attend, informs relevant P&C members about people who may be able to assist with events/fundraising etc.

The roles outlined above constitute the backbone of the organisation and are critical to its ongoing success. I encourage you to consider taking up a challenge in one of these areas. When nominations are called for at the AGM, people need to be nominated by another person. If they accept the nomination, a person to second the nomination is sought. Multiple nominations for a position would see a ballot take place. If you would like to nominate but would like more information, please make contact with me at the above email address.

I have enjoyed the challenges of moving the P&C forward throughout the last year and look forward to committing in some capacity for the year ahead. Thankyou to all who have supported me in my role – P&C Executive and members, school administration and staff and my ever-supportive family.

I would like to move my first P&C President's Report for adoption.

Craig Thorne
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