

# Vice Presidents Report 2017/2018

2017 Parents Association was a year of great success with some new events being held, the continuation of ongoing events as well as the association being able to help the school fund a number of activities and minor projects throughout the year. I have briefly outlined the Association's activities for the year below.

## **Jan-Feb**

- We started the year with a new Headmaster Dr Rob McEwan, and have been pleased to welcome Rob and his family to the Hutchins community.

## **March**

- The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Blokes and Spokes was held with over 200 boys and a special bloke enjoying the day. This popular event allows members of the school community to come together in a relaxing and social environment. It was fantastic to see the involvement of students, particularly prefects, middle school boys and gap students in the running of the event.
- The school held two Open Days and members of the PA assisted by hosting a BBQ at the weekend open day.

## **May**

- In May we held the Mother's Day Stall, which was run by myself and a group of volunteers. Unfortunately, it clashed with the Naplan testing so some classes weren't available to attend. However, we still managed to raise over \$800.00.

## **June**

- The PA held the 1<sup>st</sup> Community Hub, which was hosted in the Boarding House and we had over 30 attend. The community hub continued to run each month for the remainder of the 2017 school year.

## **July**

- The PA hosted a new event a Ladies High Tea, held at Glen Albyn Estate.
- Approximately 160 people attended, and we raised over \$6,000 from the major raffle, small table raffles, and lucky balloon prizes. A big thanks to Jan Glover who initiated the event and all those who helped make the day such a success.
- The money raised from the high tea was spent on the Junior School bike racks and ELC sustainability garden.
- Also, in July the PA tried to manage the Lost Property Boxes throughout the school. We relocated a lot of named clothing back to the owners but sadly the unnamed items couldn't be returned. The unnamed items were advertised on the Facebook site 'Hutchins Buy and Sell' and approximately \$100 was raised from the sale of unclaimed items.

## **August**

- In August the PA held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Magenta and Blacker' outdoor art and theatre event. Unfortunately, the 1<sup>st</sup> scheduled event was postponed due to rain but it was able to be held the following week. The event has become a popular part of the Hutchins calendar and our own little dark mofo.

- The PA donated \$40,860 towards the electronic score board for the War memorial Oval (WMO) supplied by the Electronic Signage Australia. Initial works have been undertaken (with thanks to Sam Fenney) and we are hoping the installation will be completed by Anzac Day 2018.

### **September**

- The Student Representative Council (SRC) asked the PA to fund a new drinking bubbler for the Junior School, and the PA provided \$4,000.
- The Father's Day Stall for the ELC and Junior School was held and raised \$1980.00, this event was managed by myself, with help from number of parents.

### **October**

- The PA funded a table tennis table for the outdoor area in the middle school, with the PA providing \$4,000 and the boys fundraising the remaining \$500. We look forward to seeing the new table in action.

### **February 2018**

- The New Parents Dinner was held with over 130 guests attending, the night was a great success and many members of the PA attended to help welcome the new parents.

On behalf of the Parents Association, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the many teaching and non-teaching staff who are so supportive of all that we do and every event that we run. I would also like to thank the many volunteers and members of the Parents Association who have also given up their time to help out last year. It is what makes the school community so strong and we look forward to continuing these partnerships throughout 2018 and beyond.