

P&F President Report – 2024 – AGM 28th Feb 2025

Welcome to our 2025 AGM and first Café night for the year. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new families this year, we are so happy to have you in the community. As many of you know, café nights are amongst the main fundraising events for the year and so your continued support for these is crucial to raise needed funds for projects for your children and so your participation is greatly valued.

Before I share the incredible success of the P&F projects for 2024, I would like to once again thank the extraordinary efforts of the 2024 P&F Executive Committee and Parent Reps. It was through their dedication, commitment to projects and innovation of new ideas that we were able to have a highly successful year. Although

Now, onto all the fantastic things that were achieved by the P&F in 2024! We all finished the year feeling satisfied with the contributions we were able to make thanks to not just the committee but parents and teachers.

I am going to combine this with some of the Treasurer report. If you want to read the full Treasurer report with exact figures, please contact the P&F on pfcommittee@riverschoool.com.au

We started 2024 with a substantial bank balance of around \$30 000 which we had been saving for air-conditioning, until the school received a grant to cover that. We added almost \$16 000 in net income in 2024 through Café Nights, the Combined country Fair and the Spring Fair (including the event, raffle and sponsorship).

During 2024 we spent about \$40 000 of P & F funds on the following projects:

- Library resources.
- Red Cedar garden project.
- School improvements including the Bliss Centre carpet.
- Classroom resources including contributing to the art shed kiln, music resources and the drumming incursion, literacy readers for Learning Support, and laptops for the senior classrooms.
- Our main priority for 2024 was improving the school kitchen to make it more user-friendly for tuckshop, school events and class use and we succeeded in this by completing a rewiring, adding a new over and rangehood and dishwasher. We will all be able to benefit from these new resources at this Café night tonight and many more to come. Spring Fair will also be a different vibe with these kitchen improvements.

The outgoing P & F Committee would like to thank the staff, parents and students for their efforts in 2024 and look forward to another successful year in 2025 with a brand new committee, led by Tanya Arnold who has stepped up as Acting President and will formally nominate for the role tonight. We wish her and the rest of the team well for a fantastic 2025.

With that, I am obviously not continuing on as President this year but would like to add that my last 2.5 years in this role have been extremely rewarding and I know that a large portion of this has come from the incredible team I was fortunate enough to be a part of and this wonderful community we have here. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in this role and leave feeling very satisfied with what was achieved in this time.