I attended the AGM of the P&C last night and I am pleased to report that Diane Della was elected as President for 2014. Wendy Moore and Lisa Anderson were elected at vice presidents. Congratulations! There were no nominations for Secretary or Treasurer.

Diane reports elsewhere in this newsletter but I do echo her sentiments and her thanks to the parents who have worked with us to make our school so successful. BUT we really do need more parent involvement in our P&C because it is not fair to expect the same small group of people to step up and do the heavy lifting, year after year.

Next year each class will need to have two designated parent coordinators. These coordinators will help energise parent involvement in each class by passing on information and connecting everyone with what is going on and what needs to be done to support each class and teacher. Please consider being the class coordinator for your child’s class – you will help us mobilise support around things like our Fete, our Musicals, around specific class initiatives and help to make sure that we look after each other. That’s a good thing to do, that’s a good way to be.

Before the end of the year we will have a Mufti Day to raise funds for the school project on Tanna island in Vanuatu that we support every year through Woolgoolga Lions. I know that there are many worthy causes out there that merit our generosity and support but this project is specifically about kids at this school helping kids in real poverty at another school in a poor Pacific nation. We don’t make a big thing out of it, we just do it – every year. The children will be asked to bring in a Gold Coin donation to buy “school packs” for the children attending our Tanna Island sister school. As the season of good will approaches, let’s be generous so that I can make a lovely cheque to our Woolgoolga Lion’s Club representative at our annual Presentation Ceremony.

There are lots of dates in our Calendar and we’ve yet to fit in some more. So please keep your eyes and ears open for developments – it’s a frenetic time of the year!

Regards

Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wed 4th Dec**: Woolgoolga HS Orientation Day
- **Thurs 12th Dec**: Year 6 Graduation Assembly
- **Thurs 12th Dec**: Year 6 Dinner Dance
- **Fri 13th Dec**: Annual Presentation Ceremony 9.30-11.00am
- **Fri 13th Dec**: Volunteer’s “Thank You!” Special Morning Tea 11.15 - 11.45am
- **Fri 13th Dec**: All end-of-year reports distributed
- **Mon 16th Dec**: K-2 Fun Day here at school
- **Thurs 19th Dec**: Years 3-6 Fun Day at Sandy Beach (no cost)
- **Tues 17th Dec**: K-6 Talent Show
- **Wed 18th Dec**: Last day for students 2013
- **Wed 29th Jan**: School year begins for all students in Years 1-6

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

- **KG**: Chase Foldes
- **KS**: Tyelor Platts
- **1B**: Mahli-Rose Lynch
- **1C**: Piper Burke
- **1/2E**: Ellyce Smith
- **3C**: Tara Stokes
- **3/4A**: Marissa Smith
- **4CA**: Aurielle King
- **4/5T**: Becky Howard
- **5M**: Amy McRae
- **6M**: Sam Featherstone
- **6R**: Zander Flannery

### SPECIAL AWARDS

- **Ruby**: Rhys Swain
- **Sapphire**: Olivia Thompson, Ellyce Smith, Mahlee Hooke, Tom Jarman
- **Jade**: Ally Cork
- **Topaz**: Sam Hodgson, Rebecca Cummings
- **Opal**: Emanuel Sutton
- **Diamond**: Kirran West, Daniel Hutchinson
Our AGM was held last night and I’d like to thank the 5 dedicated ladies who fronted up and Mr. Rincheval for his support.

I was once again nominated for President which I am happy to take on. Wendy Moore stepped up as Vice President and Lisa Anderson 2nd Vice President. However being such a small number who sat around the table and their commitment to other community clubs and their families we are left with the Secretary and P&C/ Canteen Treasurer vacant.

A sheet did go home last week outlining what is involved please re-read and see if it’s something you are interested in or otherwise give me a call.

I’d like to take the opportunity in farewelling from our team our out going secretary Jess Patterson who has worked tirelessly all year, not only great with the paperwork but has such a green thumb. Also, to Karen Black our canteen treasurer, I’m not going to pretend it’s an easy job as it takes a bit of thinking but Karen has it running smoothly and we thank her for that. Last but not least to Susan Soutar our out going treasurer. Although not having a child in the school for the past year she has still been instrumental in the finances.

We (P&C & School) have lots of great plans and improvement for the school in the years to come and hope you decide to join us in making these years spectacular not only for our current students but for those to come.

There will be no more meetings for this year our next meeting is scheduled for Monday 3rd February, 2014.

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LIBRARY NEWS

IT’S TIME TO RETURN ALL BOOKS

Last week was the last week for students to borrow from the library. All books are due back this week. Please assist your children by helping them locate any lost books and return them to the library. Overdue reminders will be going out to inform you which titles are still outstanding. Please let me know with a written note if your child thinks the missing books have been returned so we can help them check the shelves in the library. The first class to return all their library books will win a celebration library lesson.

KEEP READING

Reading is such an important skill to develop for success in life. Stephen Krashen’s book “The Power of Reading”: Insights from the research states:

* Reading is a window to the world.
* Reading is a foundational skill for learning, personal growth & enjoyment.
* The degree to which students can read and understand text in all formats (e.g. picture, video, print) and all contexts is a key indicator of success in School and in life.

Please encourage your children to keep reading over the Christmas holidays by proving them with many opportunities to read. Your local public library is a great place to visit anytime to supplement your children’s reading materials.

Kids who read, succeed!

Edwina Reynolds (Teacher Librarian)