

OXLEY COLLEGE AGM TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2018 – 6.30PM

PRESIDENTS REPORT – BY BEC BIDDLE

Thank you to the members of the P&F Executive, for all your valuable time, ideas and collaboration to help make our Oxley P&F run so seamlessly. Michael Parker, Justine Lind, Emma Calver, Trevor Fair, Lynda Smith, Megan Moore, Kate Gair. All of you have big jobs and big lives, and no one complains about contributing ever! Thank you so much.

I am particularly going to miss Kate Gair (who is stepping down from the Vice President role of Junior School this year). She always offers so much support and positive encouragement. I will personally miss her lovely warm texts of praise after events and having her (sensible) ear, when I've been unsure about something.

To our P&F Committee, Sooz Heinrich, Rachel Harman, Justine McKinlay, thank you for your efforts behind the scenes this year. Whether running the canteen roster, organizing our amazing year reps, but particularly rallying parent volunteers, whilst being such wonderful hardworking (role model) volunteers yourself. Thank you.

The P&F highlights this year were:

Equestrian Day – thank you to Alex Wansey and her team, for putting in so much time and effort into such a lovely event each year. Oxley do really shine as hosts at this event.

Junior School Events – Kate/Rachel/Justine – all the effort that goes on here, with no fuss, all year round - (cake stalls, Mother and Father's Day Breakfasts, cocktail parties)

Hungry Ox – Run this year almost entirely by parent volunteers, steered by Megan Moore's rostering/and hard work setting up and packing up. Thank you to Megan Moore, Trevor Fair and Justine McKinlay for your efforts. Funds raised will cover the new air conditioning system in the canteen, which should be installed this week. The last Hungry Ox BBQ raised an additional \$1,000 towards the Buy a Bale, Drought Relief program, instigated by Mark Case (Deputy Head Pastoral) and involved many parent bakers and volunteers to serve on that day.

Made in 1983 – a wonderful celebratory dinner of 35 years, with loads of atmosphere. We had great feedback from so many people who attended, and were honored to have all the previous heads, the current head, and the future head at the table. Thank you to Justine McKinlay particularly for helping me organize the silent auction, especially when her father became so unwell during this time. We managed to cover all our costs (which were high, even after months of negotiations in the background), and donate \$6000 to overseas sister schools. Geoff Jansz cooked up another storm and we also had a large contingent of parent volunteers in the last couple of weeks, led by Megan Moore, helping set the scene and handle the decorations. Many of the Junior School parents gave up their entire Saturday, to help decorate the marquee, and it was nice to see the mix of parents from K-12, in the canteen pavilion working together that day. Thank you also to Emma Calver, who always helps to ensure these events run well and gives the P&F loads of school access & support to make everything work properly on the day.

World Teachers Day – October 2018

A wonderful idea of Justine Lind's, to hold a morning tea for the staff and teachers of Oxley College K-12, in the senior staff lounge. We must do this annually and will put in next year's calendar of events. We asked head of year reps, Sooz and Rachel, to organize parents to bake for this. We then inadvertently attended the morning tea, which was a really nice occasion. Thank you to Emma Calver

too for being there behind the scenes. Sadly Justine couldn't attend in the end, as she had to go to a funeral, however we all really enjoyed this brief interlude with the teachers and staff of Oxley.

The P&F have managed to go out on another high (and in the black). Thank you to Trevor Fair for his time spent with all the accounts and financial reports each year. Thank you to Lynda Smith for being our efficient secretary. We will have a further discussion with the Executive Committee, to discuss what further disbursements should be made for 2018, once the financials for the year (still in draft format) are finalized.

2019 – there are plans being discussed, about having a bigger fundraising year next year, with Eve on the Green retuning on Saturday 23 November. Equestrian Day as been locked in for Sunday 7 April. We would also like to do a relaxed parent catch up offsite, with a Christmas in July theme. We will look forward to discussing these, at our next P&F meeting.

Michael Parker – Farewell – Michael has been a major contributor to the success of the current P&F. He has a genuine sense of community and has always been extremely supportive, great fun and embraced all ideas (wigs and all!).

We are going to miss him very much. We are hoping we can all be present at his final assembly and afternoon tea, on Friday 7 December 2019.

Thank you again for the support and continual efforts you have given to the Oxley College P&F in 2018. It's a team effort and would not work so successfully otherwise.

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