PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone

My name is Mitchell Wood, but most of you would know me as Mitch. I am privileged to be your new P&C President.

I have 2 daughters attending Marrickville West, Meg is in 2G and Olive is in 1W.

As a member of the school community and an active member of the P&C for the past 2 years I am looking forward to a great year ahead.

A big welcome also to the other new members of the P&C Executive – Vice Presidents – Rachael Ottaway and Paul Connell, Treasurer – Vanessa Hyde and our returning Secretary – Melanie Stopic.

A big thankyou goes out to our outgoing President Steve Salmon and his wife Daell Martin for their dedication to the school and many long hours of persistence. Without their efforts we would not be where we are today.

Ahead of us we have a State election on March 26 – volunteers are needed for the BBQ and in the Canteen. If you can assist please put your contact details on the forms found on the back wall of the School Hall. Remember many hands make light work for all.

We are also planning a review of the Canteen, food choices, prices etc. As the P&C runs the Canteen, a review is a regular and ongoing procedure. Do you have any ideas or comments? There is a meeting proposed for Friday 18th of March which will include members of the P&C, Teachers representatives and Students. It would be great if you could join our yahoo group with your ideas or come along to the meeting.

The P&C have a Yahoo group where we can join together online to share ideas and thoughts. If you wish to join go to http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/MarrickvilleWestPandC/ and click on the JOIN GROUP button.

We have a vibrant and colourful P&C dedicated to taking our school forward, we are welcoming and open to ideas that will benefit the whole school. I speak for all of the Executive when I say - come and join us, let us together make our school a better place.

Thanks

Mitch Wood
0407 660 072

Find us in the Playground and say hello, we’d love to hear your ideas!
STATE ELECTION DAY BBQ + CANTEEN

Coming up fast is the State Election - Saturday 26th March. On this day the P&C will be holding a BBQ and opening the canteen to feed the hundreds of people who come to our school to vote.

This will be one of the biggest fundraisers of the year. At last years Federal Election our BBQ and canteen fundraisers made over $2700.

In order to make the largest amount of money for our school, we need as many volunteers as possible to help us out on the day. We need people to BBQ sausages, bacon and eggs; take money; assemble sausage or bacon and egg rolls; make coffees; sell cakes, snacks or drinks.

If you can help out in any of these ways we want to hear from you! Please see the rosters on the end wall of the School Hall and add your name to a time slot there that suits you. For more information contact Paul Connell (0407 701 392).

We can’t say often enough that the more people that help out the more fun the day is for everyone. Help us make a $3000 fundraising record!

STATE ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL

Another major part of our Election Day fundraising will be a cake stall.

We need donations of cakes, slices, biscuits or other yummy treats to be sold on the day.

If you could make a plate of goodies, please BRING THEM TO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 25th MARCH and give them to Wendy at the canteen OR EARLY ON SAT 26th MARCH fresh to the stall.

It would be great if you could wrap your treats in easy to take away packages. Otherwise please place them on a paper plate/tray so they are easy to serve and we don’t have to wash anything up at the end of the day.

Please include with your plate of goodies a list of ingredients, so we can let people know if they ask what is in them.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL COMMITTEE

It’s two months until Mother’s Day so we need some willing volunteers to help put together a Mother’s Day stall so our children can buy gifts for the important women in their life.

In the past we’ve had a stall with gifts ranging in price from $1 to $15 and each class is bought down to the Hall so the kids can choose a present for their Mum or Grandma. Often this is the Kindy kids first experience with buying something on their own and it is an exciting event for them. It is also a good money earner for the P&C, as we can make over $500 from the stall.

This year our the lovely ladies who have run this project in the past are now working and studying and can no longer help us out. So we need a new group of people to organise buying of the gifts to be sold, people willing to box and wrap these gifts as well as others who can help us out selling the gifts on the day. If you think you can spare a few hours to help out in any of these roles, please come along to the next P&C meeting to learn more, or contact Melanie Stopic (mstopic@exemail.com.au) for more information.
CANTEEN COMMITTEE

This year the P&C will be invest some time in reviewing the Canteen resourcing, food offering and profitability. The first Canteen discussion will be held on **Friday 18th March**.

Anyone who is interested in contributing to this project should contact Rachael Ottaway (0433 041 629).

SLIP WORKING

In 2008, the P&C adopted a Landscape Management Plan to prioritise what work it undertakes around the school grounds. Mr Tony, the school gardener, also partly uses this plan to guide him in what he does. It’s time to review that plan, to make sure we’re on the right track and add new ideas. Over the last year, management of the school rubbish has been a repeated discussion point which might well need its own place in the plan.

If you’d like to put forward some ideas, or perhaps just find out what the plan is, a meeting will soon be held – so let Karen know your interest via email conneprie@optusnet.com.au or 0417 88 01 98.

Also, mark your diaries for the following 2011 working bee dates: **15 May, 19 June, 7 August, 11 September, 30 October, and 27 November**. Everyone welcome.

Nick’s story of a SLIP working bee

One Sunday in February Nat and I (Nick) went to the Working Bee and we helped out by raking, sweeping, and working with the wheelbarrow. We also played a bit. We climbed a tree, we also played in Paul’s truck, we played Tips and we played on our scooters. We also picked cucumbers from the community garden because this person let us and I ate one. It was super awesome.

By Nick

CAFE WEST VOLUNTEERS

A big thanks to all the wonderful people who take time out to help us out with making coffees in the canteen. This year we have returning volunteers Esther Poulos, Melanie Stopic, Mina Cheng, Rachael Ottaway, Kate O’Grady, Jan Wright and Sharon Chalmers.

Joining that team this year are Vanessa Hyde, Jac Mason and Richard Spencer.

We’d still love to have another volunteer for Monday mornings to enable Esther and Melanie to have a week off every now and again, so if you’d like to help out please let us know.

Coffee making is usually done between 9:30-10:30. You could be trained either as a barista on our professional quality espresso machine or just help deliver the coffees, whichever you are comfortable with. No previous coffee making experience needed – in fact it’s a great way to learn a new skill that may come in handy in the future.

CANTENE REMINDER

**Help out Wendy in our canteen.**

Can you make a child’s hot lunch or sandwich in under 1½ minutes? If you think that would be a hard thing to accomplish spare a thought for Wendy in our canteen. Each day she has to make between 70-80 meals for our kids’ lunches. As a result of the early lunch break at Marrickville West (11:25am) she has only 2 hours to put together all these orders.

Wendy manages this each day with aplomb, but it makes her life easier if everyone can get their orders into the canteen before the bell goes at 9:20am. Thanks!
LAST P&C MEETING

At our February meeting we considered a range of matters. These included:

- Choosing the new P&C Executive,
- Learning about class and staffing arrangements for the year from Ms Ling,
- Welcoming Mr Moran to our school,
- Discussing how we can keep Chinese language classes available at our school,
- Setting up a committee of people to organise the Election BBQ,
- Talking about the film nights to start later this term,
- Learning about the school landscaping plan and upcoming working bees,
- Arranging for P&C representatives to attend a Dance Around the World ideas meeting,
- Organising for thank you letters to be sent to the Marrickville Councillors who voted to keep funding our school’s Out of School Care Centre.

For more information on these topics see the Minutes that are available on the Yahoo Group, on the P&C Noticeboard at the School Hall or ask a member of the P&C Executive for a copy.

SCHOOL BANKING

A reminder that Friday is School Banking day from 9:00-9:30am. Students can bring in their weekly deposit to the Library.

To be part of this programme your child needs to have a Youthsaver account with the Commonwealth Bank. If your child does not have a Youthsaver account and would like to participate in the School Banking program, please come see Tina in the Library on a Friday morning. She will give your child a pack to take home which includes an application form for you to complete.

Tina is also looking for more volunteers to help her. If you can spare an hour on a Friday morning to help with the deposit taking and admin work of the banking, please let Tina know or contact Melanie Stopic.

If your child has an account with a different banking institution then you can bring in evidence of their deposits (i.e. a receipt from the bank etc) and give it to Ms Anne or Ms Stav in the Office. For every 10 deposits they will receive a small gift from the school such as a pencil.

NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 17th March at 7:00pm in the Staff Room. Some topics of discussion will be the Election Day BBQ, the canteen committee, film nights, what the P&C should spend money on this year and more. Everyone is welcome to come along to the meeting and raise a topic that concerns and interests them.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS

Have you recently checked the lost property box outside the Office for jumper or hats? There is a large pile of various school items (including lunch boxes and drink bottles) that need to be collected. Melanie Stopic will be going through the pile next week and marking those that are still there. Uniform items that are not collected within a month will be sold at the second-hand uniform stall in April.

The last second hand uniform stall was the best yet, with over 20 items sold for bargain prices. This made over $90 for the P&C to spend on improving our school - thanks to those parents who patronised the stall.

The next stall will be held on Tuesday 29th March from 9:00-10:00 outside the Hall. It will be a great chance to grab a jumper or jacket for the upcoming cooler months.

If you have uniforms from last year that your children have outgrown please pass them onto us so we can recycle them for other students. Any donated uniforms can be handed into the Office or to Melanie Stopic.

Cuộc họp phu huynh sắp tới sẽ diễn ra vào Thứ Năm, ngày mùng 17 tháng 3 lúc 7:00 chiều tại phòng giáo viên. Nếu quý vị có bất cứ ý kiến gì cần thảo luận, xin hãy thông báo cho cô Melanie Stopic (mstopic@exemail.com.au). Nhà trường đảm nhận vấn đề quý vị nếu cần sẽ được đưa ra bàn luận.

Tất cả mọi người đều được chào đón tại cuộc họp này.