

AGM Presidents Report 2022

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and thank the teachers and staff at Rainbow Street Public school who I see again and again give so much of themselves. So much time, care, and patients to students and parents alike.

Similarly, I have seen many examples of parents giving so much of themselves and achieving great things for this school community by working together. I would like to thank each and every person who has volunteered to help at the events the P&C has run or assisted the school to run this year. Many hands do make light work.

Finally, I would like to personally thank the small but dedicated executive team of Morag, Greg, Matt, Kristle, Yeonji, Jen and Annie who sacrifice time with their own families to help make this a much better place for our children and community. Many of the members of this committee are the busiest people in the school and are still taking on extra roles. It is true the statement – “If you want something done, ask a busy person.” We need to look at ways to lower the workload as part of this team and help people turn opinions and ideas into action.

We did accomplish a lot this year as a school community including:

- hitting the ground running again with the class parent survey, resulting in the early and accurate formation of class parent lists. This underpinned the continued improvements in communication via class parents, the P&C website.
- We kicked off the year with the Colour Splatacular Fun Run March which contributed to the planting over 200 trees and 776 corals, raised \$20K but most importantly was a great community building event
- In March we also held the family friendly Meet & Greet at Coogee Beach Club. Another great community building event. Thankyou Kristle for organising
- French language classes began in Term 1 following our P&C language survey at the end of last year
- School Community mural was installed in May and what a wonderful thing to see it come to life with students participating in mural painting workshops with Mulga, the artist chosen by the students. The school mural was an idea our wonderful students raised back in 2020, so it was great to see their idea and the mural they helped design being realised.
- Mother’s Day Breakfast in May and Father’s Day Breakfast in September where huge and benefited greatly from the new larger BBQ donated by Bunnings this year. Thankyou everyone that helped organise. Special thanks to the BBQ king Matt
- We funded a number of incursions this year including an author in residence for Book week, science shows for Science Week and Dr Rip Science of the Surf talks. Thankyou Morag and Annie for helping organise.
- We hosted the Randwick Boys and Girls High School principals, teachers, and students to help inform our school community about the great local high school options we have on our doorstep.
- We held a Teacher & Staff Thankyou Breakfast in November which was a hit and well deserved for our wonderful teachers and staff. Thank you, Jen, and Yeonji for coordinating

- We held Second hand uniform Sales each term, each of which sold out. Big thanks to Annie as coordinator.
- We donate thousands in new sports equipment thanks to Rebel Sports, including end of year sports awards, PSSA equipment and sensory equipment for the support unit.
- We appointed parent representative for a number of vacated and new teaching roles. Thankyou Greg, Gabrielle and Lana
- Pedestrian Safety we continued to lobby Randwick council for improvements to pedestrian safety around the school, presenting again at the Randwick Council meeting and attending numerous traffic committee meeting with the principal. Our continued, consistent and collaborative approach this year saw Randwick Council agree to footpath widening at the back of the school and Transport for NSW agree to a significant extension of the Kiss & Drop zone of Rainbow Street

We should all be very proud of what we have been able to achieve this year and thank you again everyone that helped achieve and deliver for our school community. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, teachers and school staff that made this all possible.

This is not to say there isn't more to do, more and perhaps different opportunities that people would like to see delivered. As an important forum for the communication between the school and parents we must ensure this communication continues to be a two-way flow. That people feel they can be heard, reasoning behind school policy can be explained and in turn staff are able to use input and feedback from parents when formulating school policies.

Personally, and I think our executive would agree we would like to see more people involved in the P&C next year. How that is facilitated and encouraged over and above what we have already been doing is a question for the new executive team next year. Everyone rightfully has an opinion of what we should or should not be doing. It would be genuinely wonderful to see those opinions made into actions. As they say, Be the change you want to see.

Finally, a big thank you to Greg who is leaving this year with his youngest starting high school. Whilst Greg has been our Secretary these last 2 years he has performed various roles over many years including President and Vice President and helped deliver a lot of good for our school community. We are sincerely grateful for your years of service Greg.

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