

# Mullumbimby Public School P&C

## President's Annual Report 2023

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Congratulations to all members of the Mullumbimby Public School P&C for a successful 2023. It was an exciting year for the school, with the opening of newly rebuilt classrooms and facilities following the devastating flood in 2022. This is a welcome relief for students and families after two years of construction fences and temporary work and play spaces.

For the P&C, this re-build phase meant some difficult times and a whole lot more work required to get things done:

- Running the uniform shop deliveries between the off-site storage facility and school;
- Running school events off-site, transporting equipment, food and drinks. Often this meant storing barbecue equipment in our garages, boxes of snacks in our cars and ice-blocks in our freezers;
- Facilitating the CBP grant to support the renovation and expansion of the canteen;
- Purchasing replacements for lost and damaged equipment; and
- Organising special lunches and a temporary canteen service for the students.

I would like to make some special mentions to our team for their tireless work during 2023, and celebrate our collective achievements.

Leah Molenaar has been an exceptional Secretary, always prepared with meeting documents and keeping our email and paperwork trails under control. This work isn't noticed by most, but I have seen how much time and care Leah puts into the role, ensuring everyone understands what needs to be done.

Charity Nichols has been faithfully performing the role of Treasurer for several years, which is a big undertaking and responsibility. We all value

her level-headed management of the finances and audit process, and her leadership in decision-making.

Edwina Hart had a very busy year taking on the dual role of Vice President and Fundraising Coordinator. She rallied an enthusiastic team of helpers including Holly, Angie, Cara and Sarah to organise a full fundraising calendar, including the incredibly fun 80s Trivia Night, Mothers Day and Fathers Day activities, Halloween Disco, Christmas gifts, Art Expo and several event barbecues. These Fundraising initiatives resulted in nearly \$28,000 profit for the P&C in 2023, an outstanding achievement.

Our VP/Canteen Treasurer Keishia Thompson, and Canteen Coordinator Eleni Pappas are responsible for the very successful set up of our brand new canteen service. There was a lot of work involved (with the assistance of the Canteen Committee) purchasing equipment, designing the menu, liaising with suppliers and regulators to ensure we started out on the best footing. The Canteen Manager recruitment process resulted in the successful hiring of school parent and professional chef Lenny Ransome. P&C funds of approximately \$16,000 were contributed to purchasing quality equipment for the new canteen, which will be utilised for years to come. The temporary Friday Pop-Up Canteen opened in Term 4, and was a great hit with students and families. We are all very excited to help the full canteen service flourish over the coming year!

Dani Ross took control of the Uniform Shop in 2023 and has single-handedly managed this business to great success. It was a year of high-turnover thanks to the government funding boosts of flood Hardship Funds, and Back to School vouchers, all while managing the off-site storage unit and eventual relocation and set up of the new Uniform Shop.

New MPS parent Tandi Palmer-Williams signed on as Grant Coordinator and achieved a \$20,000 grant for the new school electronic sign, which was installed at the end of the year as the cherry on top of the school renovations.

The team was also able to support our school by contributing:

- Stage One parent welcome morning tea
- Kindergarten Information Night refreshments (thanks to Charlotte)
- \$2000 from the old Playgroup spent on new kindergarten outdoor toys

- \$7000 spent on new PSSA sporting team uniforms
- Supporting the school's teacher recruitment process with a Parent Community Representative (thanks to Lhasa)
- Reinstatement and management of Class Parent communication groups - thank you to all our Class Parent Reps for 2023!

Our focus for the next year will be on getting back to "business as usual", running our canteen and uniform shops as a regular service in our new P&C Hub. Our grant efforts will be directed toward the school's big future goal of developing and improving the playground equipment. We intend to enhance our connection to the parent community, by seeking ideas and suggestions via a parent survey. We have already seen some new parent volunteers in the canteen during early 2024, and this is a great opportunity to embed a culture of parent involvement within the MPS school community.

Due to the hard work and achievements of 2023, we embark upon 2024 with a healthy cash position and ample opportunities to make an impact.

Our goal is unchanged: To have a positive impact on our school community and help enrich the school experience for every student at Mullumbimby Public School.

It has been a great honour to hold the position of P&C President this year. Every member of this organisation has contributed in a meaningful way, and there are many who continually show up and support our endeavours beyond the reasonable expectation. I feel very fortunate to be part of this great community and look forward to working together into the future.