

11th June 2009

Next meeting:
Wednesday 1st July
7pm in the Library

Meet the Team:**President:**

Rebecca Williams

Vice President:

Sarah Johnstone

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School Magazine:

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Next Month's Agenda

- Soap dispenser follow-up.

To add items to the July agenda, please contact any member of the executive directly, e-mail us at singletonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or leave a note for us with the office staff. The deadline for July's agenda is Monday 22nd June. The agenda will be published in the newsletter one week before the meeting. Items not on the agenda will be carried over to the August meeting.

Hunter St Happenings

Your P&C at Work.

New Air Conditioners Keeping Kids Warm!

Our new air conditioners have been installed in classrooms 2M, 4S and the Library. The students and teachers of these classrooms are very pleased with the installation and are enjoying the warm learning environment that we now expect. It is surely much easier to learn when you are no longer distracted by how cold your nose is!

Of course, we still have other classrooms with sick air conditioners so our hard work is not over. Ideally we would like to replace air conditioners in another 5 classrooms before the heat of summer hits us. As mentioned last month your P&C Levy and the fund raising from the fete are going directly to this project. Currently we have received \$6,420.00 from the Levy, which is fantastic, but we have a long way to go. We still have to find another \$15,000 in order to have all of our kids sitting in a comfortable learning environment for 2010, so get behind your class fete stall and keep that fundraising levy coming in!

Hygiene at School Not Simple!

A concerned parent e-mailed us regarding the issue of soap in the school toilets. With all the current issues regarding disease prevention and hygiene this parent has questioned why there are not soap dispensers in the school toilets. The current situation is that cakes of soap are placed at the sinks, however these usually find their way to the bottom of the toilet bowls! The main reason for the lack of soap dispensers as an alternative is the safety of our children. The majority of students will use the dispensers responsibly, but experience has shown that serious safety issues arise from their misuse. These include dangerous, messy, slippery floors in the bathrooms, soap in children's eyes and broken/damaged dispensers.

The school is investigating alternatives to traditional soap dispensers to keep the OH & S issues at bay. Meanwhile, most of the teachers have supplied evaporative cleansing gel or soap at the sinks in their classrooms at their own expense. If you have concerns regarding hand washing at school you could discuss these alternatives arrangements with your child.

P&C Social Night Coming Soon

Ever noticed that with all the hard work we do, we never take time out to just relax, get to know each other, and enjoy some good company? We have noticed and we want a change! It has been decided that to rectify this situation we will schedule some social events—just for FUN! All parents and staff will be welcome, it will not be a fundraiser, we will not be talking school, we will just be talking (with some eating and drinking thrown in!) If you are new to town or school, or maybe just new to P&C this might be a great opportunity to get to know other parents and staff in a more relaxed atmosphere. Look out for your invitation in the newsletter.

Family Movie Night

A parent from our school community has done a lot of research into the possibility of holding a Family Movie Night at the school. The idea would be that we hire a large outdoor movie screen and an appropriate movie, all bring chairs/bean bags/rugs etc and enjoy ourselves. The Family Movie Night will not be on this year's calendar, but we are hoping that it will happen around April 2010. The committee is looking for assistance, please look out for their notice in next week's newsletter.

Check Out the P&C Notice board for:

- Details of John Black's Farewell Sunday June 14
- Info about our Working Bee Sunday June 21

Heading for Council July 6!

The issue with Hunter Street as a heavy vehicle traffic route is progressing nicely. After the debacle with the RTA sign we decided that it wasn't good enough just to have the heavy vehicle route stopped, but that we had to protect Hunter Street and our kids in the long term. We contacted The Hon. George Souris, Member for Upper Hunter, and have spoken to several local Councillors and council staff, all of whom have encouraged us to request that Hunter Street be made a *light traffic thoroughfare*. This would mean that only trucks that have deliveries to Hunter Street would be able to travel up Hunter Street at any point in time. Hunter Street would no longer be able to be used as a 'convenience route' for trucks heading to Gowrie Street, John Street or beyond.

We would like to thank The Hon. George Souris, MP for his assistance with this matter. He has written to Singleton Council and the Minister for Roads on our behalf and is very supportive of our cause.

We will be addressing Singleton Council's Traffic Committee this morning (June 11) and will then take **Public Access at the Council meeting on JULY 6 at 5:30pm in Council Chambers**. At this meeting we will be requesting the Light Traffic Thoroughfare be put in place and hoping that one of the Councillors supports us by forwarding a motion to that effect. For this to work we will need **EVERYBODY POSSIBLE to come to Council on JULY 6!**