



THORNLEIGH WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 11th September 2018, 7.30pm

TWPS P&C

1. Opening and Apologies

1.1 Apologies: Kylie Booth, Ingrid Leese, Musette Healy, Yvonne Curren

2. 7.30-7.50pm Presentation Mr Ross Warren, Principal Pennant Hills High School & Short Q&A

3. Minutes of the Meeting – 31st of July

3.1 Accepted by Lisa Pang and seconded by Janine Sherlock

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 Presentation from Nicky Honeysett on the RagTagd

4.1.1 120 schools in NSW are using the RadTagds and the company started in 2016. They are in partnership with Spartan which is a supplier of TWPS. They are a radio frequency identity tag. Proposing for TWPS: When you buy a jacket from the uniform and it will have a RadTagd sewn into the jacket and has a unique reference number linked to a mobile number - like a credit card. There will be a smart rack that we will need to purchase in the lost property that runs a scan every 24 hours – you will receive a text message to say your child's fleece is the lost property. It will not help if the jumpers are not in lost property. We should be in full operation by the start of Term 4. A seamstress has been organised to come into the school for 2 days end of term to put the tag in the current stock and jackets owned by the children. If you have a current style jacket (not old style) you can bring that to school and get the tag sewn into the jacket. The hats will not be included but may in the future. However, you will be able to buy a tag yourself and attach it to other items such as a hat.

4.1.2 Proposing: New Jackets to be increased by \$2.50 which will incorporate the additional cost of the RagTagd.

4.1.3 Nicky advised that we will need new shelving in the lost property section for the new RagTagd system to work

4.1.4 Nicky suggested a Voluntary donation of \$1 per tag for those who want it to be sewn into the jacket you already have. She noted that Extra tags can be purchased and the cost will be 2 for \$7 or 5 for \$15 for those who would like to add into other items such as hats.

4.1.5 See Uniform Report for further comments and discussion on the above

4.2 Canteen and Uniform sub-committee

4.2.1 Vanessa Erickson said from a federation point of view it was a possibility. It wasn't done previously due to the fact that it was difficult to find people to volunteer. Vanessa thinks it is a good idea and the committee would have to be run the same as the Mothers Day/Fathers Day committee ie/ they would need to report back to the P&C and would have to attend P&C meetings. They would also need a convenor and a group of parents.

4.2.2 There was discussion surrounding the Terms of Reference which Nicky Honeysett would investigate and come back to the P&C Committee next term to ensure the group meets the TWPS P&C rules.

- 4.2.3 Vanessa said that she is supportive but she would prefer to have expressions of interest from people rather than set it up and then look for volunteers so we know that the volunteers are there. Nicky feels that the volunteers won't put their hand up if they don't know what is expected of them. Nicky and Jane Barnwell would like to have people involved in the shop or canteen that have an interest on improving the service they provide to the school. Lisa Pang suggested that it is about information sharing and supporting these people. Vanessa confirmed she would speak to the Federation and get some guidelines. It will be put on the agenda for Term 4
- 4.2.4 Vanessa confirmed that Jane is doing a number of days by herself. A sub committee would help support her. Lisa suggested having that support is important to ensure employees feel supported.
- 4.2.5 Vanessa said that was the main reason she split the VP roles was to support Uniform Shop & Canteen so they had a direct point of contact. She thinks it is a great idea if we get the people to fill the roles. It will go on the Agenda for Term 4 meeting for further discussion.

5. Correspondence - NIL

6. Principal's Report

6.1 Term 3 Week 8

Spring Fair

A special thank you to Vanessa for her leadership in making our spring fair a great success. Thank you Deb and Martina who were stuck indoors all day counting money. To all the mums and dads who set up, cooked, donated, attended and packed down. The community spirit was amazing! We are truly grateful for your support.

Cricket Clinic

Thank you to Hornsby Cricket Club who provided students with excellent clinics. A great way to expose all students to cricket and encourage outside sporting opportunities.

Rugby Union

We applied for a \$4,000 grant and were successful. This was via the Australian Sports Commission. All classes year 3 – 6 are participating in rugby union skills as part of the fitness program. Year 2 will have a one off session.

Dance Group

Thank you to Miss Lundstrum who has trained the dancers. They have performed at many weekend eisteddfods and have made TWPS very proud. Thank you to Annette Mead our parent contact who helps with all of the organisation. Mrs Browne has also ensured the dance group runs smoothly.

Drama Group at TAFE

What a honour it was for our drama group to perform at OTEN. They performed 'My Mob, Your Mob, Our Mob'. It is based on the song 'From Little Things Big Things Grow'.

CPR Training

All staff have recently completed their CPR and anaphylaxis training. This has to be complete yearly face to face.

Parent teacher interviews

Since we last meet, we have had parent teacher interviews. Hopefully you had a chance to check in and touch base to discuss your child's progress.

5A Taronga

Congratulations to Zach Godsmark from 5A who won the Taronga Zoo Art competition. His artwork was amazing and well-deserved recognition. The class were treated to a free day at the zoo! Thanks Zach for making us proud.

Science Week

Great to see so many parents and students at the Science open evening. The children loved sharing their STEM projects. Thank you to Miss Froment and Miss Redford for organising this great sharing of learning. Thank you to the BBQ team this made it easy for parents to attend and have dinner at the same time.

Book Week

Great to see the children young and old get into the Book Week Parade. Celebrating literacy and a love of reading is vital! The library has just purchased \$10,000 worth of books and we can't wait to get these into the library

Waka

Congratulations to all the students involved. The performance was brilliant. Thank you to Ms Johnston, parents and teachers who choreographed, sewed, applied makeup, got dinner etc. We can't wait for the finals 19 September.

Stage 2 PSSA

Stage 2 PSSA season was a great success! It was an honour to take years 3/4 to sport and play against other schools.

Multisport Disabilities

We have two students in wheelchairs who participated in the Multi Disabilities sport day. This was great for them to have a go at a variety of sports in wheelchairs and for their teachers to upskill themselves in teaching sport to students with a disability.

Zone Athletics Team

Thank to Ms Part and the teachers who attend both the track and field zone athletics carnival. Congratulations to all our athletes who competed well and displayed excellent sportsmanship skills. Congratulations to Will Austin and Lachlan Booth who were the overall age champions! This is an amazing achievement. TWPS were the overall champions for 2018.

Father's Day Stall

Wow what a great stall! I especially loved the toilet paper with jokes on it. It was lovely to see the children take great delight in selecting something very special for their dad.

Father's Day Breakfast

Thank you to team who seamlessly ran the Father's Day breakfast. The food was delicious and it is always wonderful seeing our Dads get together for a chat and listen to the Stage band and choir.

Swimming School

Year 2 students and some Year 3 students are attending the intensive swim program. This is a 2 week program where students receive explicit instruction from AusSwim coaches. This injection of explicit instruction has a massive impact on student confidence.

SASS awareness

Our SASS staff are teacher's aides, office staff, general assistant etc.. They work tirelessly behind the scenes. WE celebrated them last week with a special morning team and some lovely gifts to show our appreciation. Thank you to the P & C for sending donuts they were well received!

Musica Viva

Students are involved in this concert. They are exposed to some top quality musicians. Teachers then have lessons to use in the classroom.

Carpets Cleaned

All carpets have been steamed cleaned! Ready for summer.

Focus Groups

Teachers are conducting student focus groups. This is some baseline data to help us make thinking visible at TWPS.

- What is thinking?
- When you tell someone you are thinking, what kinds of things might be going on in your head? For instance, you might be making a mental culture of things, or you might be comparing one thing with another. What other things might be going on in your head when you are thinking.
- Think of time when it was difficult or hard for you to think. What kinds of things did you do then?
- Think about times when you knew you were doing some good thinking. What were you doing then?
- Think of someone you consider being a good thinker. What kinds of things does this person do that makes them a good thinker?

Invictus Games

We will have a ceremony this Friday 11.30am in the hall. The team from Invictus games will be bringing the mascot and provide Q and A time for the children. The house captains will run this special assembly. We were successful in gaining 30 free tickets and will be taking the house captains and some Year 6 students. Plus funding for a bus!

Teacher Professional Learning

Teachers have been learning about building a culture of thinking in their classrooms. I have been making lesson observations and providing teachers with feedback. There is some amazing teaching and learning occurring daily at TWPS.

Teachers have also been involved in learning about outdoor learning and the research behind this.

Dates

- Zoo Years 1 and 2 25 – 27 September
- Footy Fever Mufti 21 Sept
- Year 6 vs Teacher Oz tag 28 Sept
- Drama 26 – 27 Sept
- 27 September School leaders Parliament House

6.2 Vanessa Erickson asked when were the NAPLAN results come out and Mrs Mamo confirmed they are having issues due to having some written exams and online exams as it is a transition period. It should be soon.

7. Reports – P&C Subcommittees

7.1 President and Fundraising - Vanessa Erickson

7.1.1 APPENDIX 1

7.2 Treasurer – Martina Miller

7.2.1 Martina Miller confirmed the P&C have taken in \$300,000 already this year so we are not a small P&C. Everything we have pledged to do we have accounted for except the Learning and Support Teachers but with the funds from Spring Fair we will be able to cover it.

7.2.2 Martina wanted to ask if we can get a credit card to use for the accounting software as it is using her own credit card. Emma Fenton suggested a Load and Go credit card which Martina confirmed we could do that as an option. All Agreed to go ahead with this option.

7.2.3 Martina would like to discuss the Term Deposit next meeting and options. Agreed - discuss next meeting

7.3 Uniform shop – Nicky Honeysett

7.3.1 Nicky Honeysett asked to vote for the increase in the cost of Fleece jackets for the RagTagd.

7.3.2 Deb Flanagan wanted to confirm the mark up for the fleece. Nicky advised it is approx. 30%. The jacket costs us \$31.65 and sold at \$40.50. She suggests that the new cost including the RagTagd will be \$43.50.

7.3.3 Susie Parry asked how it was decided on the mark up. Nicky Honeysett advised it was a comparison of other uniform shops and also suggestions from suppliers. Susie feels strongly that there shouldn't be a high mark up on an item that is lost often. Nicky suggested that if we start cutting mark ups we would not be able to pay a Manager etc. Patty Correll suggested her son wears through his pants so if you put a mark up on pants you will upset those parents who have to buy multiple pairs of pants.

7.3.4 Vanessa Erickson suggested that we ask for a straight \$2 charge per RagTagd for those already with fleece jackets (when seamstress comes in) if they want a tag sewn in

instead of \$1 donation - this money can go toward to the new shelving in the lost property section and absorb some of the cost of the ragtagd on new fleece jackets.

- 7.3.5 Nicky agreed we would not increase the price. Nicky suggested that we need a document which details the margins so people know what we are buying stock for and what it is being sold for.

7.4 Canteen – Jane Barnwell

- 7.4.1 A big thank you to Julie and Oliver who came to my rescue when the canteen computer would not start up a couple of weeks ago. Oliver came in and had a look and decided the computer really couldn't be saved. He has given me a desktop to use. I was able to install flexischools and the label printer that afternoon, so by the Thursday everything was back to normal. I really cannot thank you enough!!! I introduced 99% fruit juice jelly to the canteen as well as crispy fruits (freeze dried fruit). The jelly has been very popular. Both these products are to increase the amount of everyday snacks available in the canteen.

I will be changing the cut off time for canteen online orders, from term 4 the cut off will be 9:00am instead of 9:30am.

Just a reminder that I will be away from next Thursday so the canteen will be closed from Thursday 20th September to the end of term 3. Could we put something in the newsletter or on the P&C facebook page to let people know? Thanks, Jane – canteen manager

- 7.4.2 Amanda Long confirmed she did the day without her computer and on her own and she did an amazing job.

7.5 MDFDGG – Janine Sherlock

- 7.5.1 Our first full Father's Day Stall was a fun and successful day. The students (and teachers) loved coming through and purchasing gifts for the significant men in their lives, specifically their dads and grandfathers. Our price range for gifts started at \$1 with our most expensive marked at \$8.

We sold 1373 items on the day, so an average of 2.3 items per student and made a profit of \$2345 with total takings on the day of \$4281 and a further \$82 collected the following day as IOU's.

We found that using the bags instead of gift wrapping worked well and we had 2-3 volunteers during each session to assist in labelling the bags with each child's name and Class. As with the Mother's Day Stall, the set up for the stall occurred the evening before which made the morning a lot less chaotic. All in all, we were extremely happy with how the stall worked on the day.

So far the feedback that we have heard has been positive, although we are aware that some of the communication regarding the stall got lost in the Spring Fair communications so we will be prepared for that next year.

Unlike the mothers day stall where we had 115 different items, we only had 29 different items for sale, of which we sold out of 7, the limited choice made it an easier for the students to come to a purchasing decision.

Our current Specific Fathers Day stock on hand is 538 items with a stock value of \$ 1018 and our total stock on hand is currently 1284 items with a stock value of \$ 2514.

Due to the success we had on the day, we would love to see and look forward to the Father's Day Stall becoming a permanent fixture on the school calendar.

Thank you, Janine Sherlock on behalf of MDFDGG

- 7.5.2 Vanessa Erickson confirmed she has received the report from the Father's Day Breakfast group. The feedback from the day was good and Emma Fenton confirmed they raised \$1810.93 which is fantastic. Vanessa congratulated Amy and her team who did a great job and there were lots of very happy Dads – thank you the team for doing that.

7.6 Band – Robin Beard

- 7.6.1 Band has had a hectic August

Stage Band and Choir represented TWPS really well at the Sydney Town Hall Arts Alive Choral Concert, a really positive evening, great to see Mrs Mamo and Mrs Granville there.

All bands performed at the School Open Day and Spring Fair.

At the NSW School Band Festival, we received 3 Gold Awards and one Silver. Training Band were particularly thrilled to perform on a big stage. Our Bands performed well and again represented the school well.

We have set dates for our Year 2 try out morning and information night (Nov 1st and Nov 4th), training band isn't limited to year 2 though, if there are other students wanting to learn an instrument, do get in touch.

We have confirmed that we will not be changing the schedule of our band rehearsals for 2019.

Will be holding Stage Band Auditions in Mid November.

6.8 Green Thumbs – Emma Fenton

6.8.1 We would like to thank all the volunteers who came to the Working Bee on Sunday 19th August to help tidy up the Garden ready for Spring Fair. We really appreciated the help, especially at such a busy time.

Envelopes of seeds and a planting guide have been given to Mrs Susan Liddle for the teachers to begin planting Spring/Summer vegetables with their classes. As some of the garden beds are still in use, we will have to stagger the plantings, as the previous crops finish.

We are investigating changing Garden Club from Tuesdays to another day of the week, when more volunteers may be available to help. We would like to thank Fiona Greenwood for her commitment to running Garden Club this year. We are seeking new volunteers to help us run this important activity at lunchtime in the School Garden.

We have purchased three new watering cans to use in Garden Club. We will keep these locked in the shed when not in use, to try to prevent them being misused and broken in the sandpit. We are disappointed that we need to lock them away, as regular watering is critical to keeping the vegetables growing well in the warmer months.

We have organised a Mini Working Bee in the school garden for this Friday 14th September from 9.15 - 11.00 to clear the garden beds ready for Spring/Summer plantings and to dig in the green manure growing in Bed 5. We welcome any helpers who would like to join us in the garden.

8. Agenda Items

8.1 Result of the pants/shorts trial

- 8.1.1 At 8pm there was a fashion parade by the girls who had trialled the pants there was a number of styles trialled by the girls. Evie said it was important for girls to have pants and we all want the most comfortable. Ella said we are able to do more sports, ride our bikes to school that we aren't able to do in the dress. Florence said the double knee ones fitted very well and were very comfortable.
- 8.1.2 Nicky trialled three different styles of trousers for girls. The girls were able to trial a different style of pants each week and 21 students from K-6 took part. There was feedback from both students on how the pants felt and also on parents on wear and washing etc. Nicky announced the results of the survey.
- 8.1.3 Trial Report Appendix 3
- 8.1.4 Nicky confirmed the LW Read Unisex trouser option worked for K-2 girls and this is a standard stock item which is the same as the boys and is already available at the uniform shop and Midford for 3-6 girls which gives a more stylish option.
- 8.1.5 There was some discussion that there was a better option for shorts for 3-6 students and a further trial was needed.

- 8.1.6 Nicky confirmed we already have the Unisex shorts for K-2 so they can start wearing them now. She can also get the shorts within 48 hours once we have voted at the first meeting of Term 4. Vanessa Erickson asked do we send home a Expression of Interest/Pre Sales option asking families what they require ie/how many and what sizes – so we can get the stock levels right. Nicky confirmed she has been careful to choose items that are stock items so they can be ordered within 48 hours whereas the short sleeve blouses take 6 months lead time. So we can respond promptly for a demand. Nicky confirmed we have good stock management system so we don't have excess stock. However it doesn't make sense to order small orders as we pay for delivery. Vanessa thinks given it is a new item we need to work out how much interest and so we could put out as a pre-order on Flexischools.
- 8.1.7 Lisa Gordon Adil asked if the younger girls can order the older girls pants. Nicky confirmed this would be possible.

8.2 Uniform Policy and options voting

- 8.2.1 Nicky proposed Midford long pants for the 3-6 with an option for younger students and Unisex pants available for K-2 which are already in stock for boys. For the Unisex pant for K-2 Emma Fenton voted and Janine seconded. Midford pants for 3-6 Deb Flanagan voted and Janine Sherlock seconded. The Unisex shorts for for K-2 voted by Susie Parry and Deb Flanagan seconded. It was also confirmed there would be an extended trial for the shorts for 3-6. Nicky agreed she would send details of that trial end of term which would be voted on by the executive so ready to be available Term 4.

9. General Business

- 9.1 Lisa Patchett has concerns regarding the Term 4 sports given the cost of the activities. There is pressure on families financially for these activities plus the kids are all talking about what they are doing so there is pressure on the kids from their friends. Plus they will be out of the classroom for a long time. It is creating a divide and a pressure and she doesn't think we need it. We have great for funding for rugby etc – there are a lot of those options we can do.
- 9.2 Kelly Belcastro has also mentioned that as parents she felt the school set up parents to fail. It should have been a sealed document in an envelope and it should have been up to parents to tell students about the options. Kelly felt that the school sport option upset her daughter. There was further discussion about the cost of the activity and disappointment from kids who have to do school sport.
- 9.3 Mrs Mamo discussed that the Sport Teacher came to the executive with a plan. The Executive encourages leadership and felt it was a great option to try for Term 4. She believes this new sport choice will give those students who aren't picked for PSSA to go off site to try a new sport. Beecroft are the only zone that doesn't have PSSA in Term 4 which means we don't have much to offer in Term 4. There are some social aspects – the groups will be across the years and not just with friends so it will encourage the older students to connect with their buddies.. It also starts social skills like – getting on and off the bus and changing clothes etc. She also suggested that Term 4 can be hot and most of the activities chosen were inside with Air Conditioning. She also wanted to support local businesses. She advised that many of her past schools have this option for students.
- 9.4 Lisa advised that the external providers are too expensive and they aren't cheaper.
- 9.5 Mrs Mamo advised that she is giving families options to do school sport at no cost. The school sport option will be with Miss Part and Mr Watkins and there will still be a large number of children at school with a variety of sports and games.
- 9.6 Mrs Mamo confirmed that we don't know until we try these things and she thanked everyone for their feedback. Lisa asked why don't we go back to having a school sport teacher.
- 9.7 Kelly has expressed concern about the cost and the increase in fees from all the external providers that are coming in and questioned why can't we go back to the specialist teachers like the sports teacher.
- 9.8 Mrs Mamo said that there needs to be a review of all the external providers

- 9.9 Susie Parry asked if the teachers are feeling with the loss of the art and sport teacher. Mrs Mamo confirmed the teachers are enjoying teaching art again and missed it.
- 9.10 Vanessa discussed the fact that her son tries out for PSSA and never gets in. She confirmed she thought it was a good thing for her son to have an option to do external sport and he had chosen something new he wanted to learn. Michelle confirmed that she sat with her daughter looked at all the costs of extra sport outside of school and they chose together the school sport / no additional cost option.
- 9.11 Mrs Mamo discussed the RFF requirements that is advised by the Department and why Art & Sport was changed. Chantal discussed the STEM model and will be reviewed for teachers needing to learn more STEM. Mrs Mamo discussed that students are required to have 2.5hrs per week of structured physical activity (as per the Curriculum). Nicci Fishwick advised that school shoes are getting trashed because of the extra activities. Mrs Mamo thanked the parents for their feedback and external providers will be reviewed at the Executive Planning Committee Meeting.
- 9.12 Mick Faber asked who would be going to the Invictus Games. Mrs Mamo confirmed that the Sport Captains will be going plus Hamish & Jeremy to attend also.
- 9.13 Lisa Pang suggested that the opportunity could be offered to other students who never get to go to Sport Options. Belinda Tasker said that she has interviewed many people about the Invictus Games is not all about Medals, we could choose kids that might need the opportunity mentally & physically. Mrs Mamo said she has 30 tickets and could possibly get more. She will look into it. Some parents said they would happily pay for it as part of a Sport Options if their children could go to the games.
10. Lisa Gordon wanted to acknowledge Jane Barnwell for doing a great job in Canteen especially when she had to do all lunches one day (215) by herself. All agreed that Jane is fantastic. Briefly discussed that it is difficult for Jane to get volunteers. Patty Correll said she is disappointed that she is struggling with volunteers. Lisa Pang said it took her at least 3 terms to build up her volunteer base and she still has some struggles.

11. Closing - Meeting Ended 10.15pm

12. Next Meeting

Appendix 1:

Presidents & Fundraising Report – 11th September 2018

Welcome to Term 3 Week 8 and Meeting 6 of 2018!

What a term! August traditionally is insanely busy but we survived, as do each year! Spring Fair has been and gone for another year. Thank you to everyone who has helped with Spring Fair on the day, behind the scenes and for your incredible support of our biggest and most important Fundraiser of the year. As much as it is hard work (8 months planning) when the day arrives, it is so amazing to see so many people thru the gates of our awesome school and it is more exciting knowing that the kids have the best time.

A few updates before we get into the nitty gritty of Spring Fair.

BUDDY BENCH UPDATE. 4D have rec'd a quote for their chair and are currently finalising the design. Replas, the company that the students have chosen to manufacture the Buddy Bench has been amazing and are going to do a conference call with the students to talk them thru the process of how the chair is made. The chair is made out of fully recycled plastic. The Chair weighs approx 85kilos and for every 50 kilos of this particular product, we have saved the equivalent of 12500 plastic packages that would have been sent to landfill. Thank you to Nicole Dowd for organising this great initiative and Buddy Bench for our school. Once the design is final, I will get it up on Facebook.

MUFTI DAY - Grand Final Footy Fever - the date of the Mufti has been moved forward by 1 week to Friday 21st September to ensure that Jane can help with printing of the orders before she is away. Flexischools orders are now open for ordering. It is a pie/sausage roll day with a cup of ice cream. There are GF options for those who require it and a very limited Vegetarian option. There will be a sign up link also sent for some helpers on the day. Thank you to Jo Phillips for organising this event for us.

FATHERS DAY STALL & BREAKFAST. A huge shout out to both teams who did an incredible job of organising both just 1 week after Spring Fair. I totally understand that it is a massive ask as all of the main organisers were also very heavily committed with their class stalls. Both were successful and I will leave for each team to read their report and their final figures raised.

CONTRIBUTIONS – Thank you to everyone who has paid their Term 1 voluntary P&C contributions. Please consider to pay the final voluntary P&C Contributions on your Term 3 Invoice. We really do appreciate it. So far we have approx \$7500 outstanding on Term 3 Invoices.

BBQs - It was exciting to have the first of our new BBQs arrive just before Spring Fair. Thank you to Stacey & Nicci Fishwick for organising pick up the week before Spring Fair & thanks to Stacey & Trevor Long for assembly. Again a HUGE Shout out to Bunnings Thornleigh for

agreeing to give us 3 x new flat top BBQs for our fundraising purposes. They will be getting good use especially in the new year for the impending Election Day!

SPRING FAIR UPDATE! WOW. What a day. The threat of the drought breaking on SF day sent everyone into a frenzy - I am sure I rec'd 50 text messages asking what my Plan B was! I was quietly confident we would be ok! We did get a bit of drizzle in the afternoon but nothing to damper the spirits of the day or to our fair goers. We were so incredibly lucky to have Channel 7 with us on the day of SF. An added bonus! We also got some fantastic coverage on the News that night and across the socials that I know many of my friends outside the area saw so that was an unexpected bonus.

There are so many thank yous that must be personally mentioned so please bear with me - I really hope I haven't forgotten anyone!!

SPONSORS. I am always beyond grateful to have such amazing local businesses that jump on board to be sponsors of our Spring Fair. A huge thank you to Dion & Nathan from Ray White for being amazing Platinum Sponsors of our event - 4th year in a row. The team at Ray White are so incredibly supportive of our event each year and Dion is my hero at 7.30am when he delivers a coffee to me! The use of their UTE for transportation for set up, their pointer signs and Gazebos. Thank you also to our Gold Sponsors: Mint Fresh IGA, Westleigh Village, Centech Online, Scooda, Soames Real Estate, Di Jones Real Estate, Signarama & PODs Australia. Thank you to Silver Sponsors Young Engineers, F45 Training Westleigh, Normanhurst Vet and Thank you to Bronze Sponsors Dentist @ Westleigh & North Connex. Many returning Sponsors and I am truly grateful to each and everyone! It really does bring our community together having incredible businesses sponsor this event. Also a thank you to our Competition sponsors: Young Enginners, AS Decorating, Aldi Westleigh, Berkelouw Books Hornsby, Yarnia and also our esteemed Judges, Young Engineers, Debbie McKenzie from Yarnia, local artist Belinda Nadwie who also donated a stunning artwork piece for our Silent Auction, Julian Leeser MP who did some round 2 judging of Lego, Author Bernadette Azizi and to Mrs Granville who judged our Cake Decorating and Best Chocolate Cake entries. Thank you Julie for taste testing 28 chocolate cakes at Spring Fair. An amazing effort - I am sure I saw you buzzing high on sugar on the day.

I wanted to firstly say a very special mention and MASSIVE thank you to Amanda Long who I must have sent 700 text messages to in the lead up to Spring Fair. Amanda ran our Sponsor PR on Facebook, organised our marketing to the local schools & newspapers and was such a great support to me not only for Spring Fair but all other P&C things that continue. Thank you so much Amanda I would have been in the looney bin otherwise.

Thank you to Janine Sherlock who put together every single Roster for each class at Spring Fair I threw Janine in the deep end with a new system this year and she just ran with it. Again, I am sure I sent Janine hundreds of texts leading up to SF about Rosters - not to mention she was also busy organising Fathers Day Gift Stall with the GG team. Now we have all the rosters from

this year next time will be alot easier as we can use everything as templates and update as per Class Parents advice and feedback.

Marketing. Thank you to Kim Richards who designed our Spring Fair Artwork, Competition designs & Spring Fair Event Program for 2018. I am sure we were up to version 12 of the Event Program before it went to print. Lots of late night messaging to ensure it was correct. Thank you to Leigh Bornstein who always goes above and beyond and never complains about getting late insane requests from me!

Thank you to Margaret in the office who saved us spending an unaccounted for \$1000 on rubber matting hire! Because of the new artificial grass, we had to really consider how we could get the rides trucks in without damage to our new grass. Margaret organised the removal of some trees down the side of the school to ensure that emergency vehicles could get access into the school grounds. This of course allowed us to get the rides trucks down the side - it was nail biting when they arrived but it was a success and such a relief not having to spend that money!

Thank you to Angela Axisa who hand delivered 7500 flyers to the local areas of Hornsby, Waitara, Wahroonga, Thornleigh & Westleigh for us.

Thank you to Trevor Long who was our outstanding MC on the day - our new PA system was absolutely amazing and was well and truly put to the test - I loved hearing Trev MCing the event from the actual RIDE. It really kept the fair event flowing and also a great way to support our Sponsors on the day with some great sponsors plugs. Thank you to Matt Dalziel and Peter M for their amazing commitment for the sound for Spring Fair. Peter M arrived at 5am (earlier than me!) on the day to start set up for the event and for Band.

There was also so many people who quietly took on extra tasks in the background leading up to Spring Fair who were always happy to help in some way ontop of their other commitements for Spring Fair - Shannon Curran, Lisa Dula and her team - Katie Holkin & Kim Hansell for setting up the Competitions in the library, Cathy Carlton, Jo Philipps, Caroline Dalziel who set up the Photo Booth space for Mickey Mouse, Alex Ryan and Kirsty De Vallance. Thank you to Christie Buckland who arranged the Envirobank promotion. We collected an incredible 2480 bottles that we rec'd a refund for our Spring Fair fundraising. Thank you to Narelle Bowly who organised the Year 5 & Year 6 students to be Environmental Ambassadors at Spring Fair - they looked fantastic in their Bright Green T Shirts. I was super impressed that some were even going thru the bins and picking out bottles and cans on the day!

A special thank you to Yvonne Curren who organised the market stalls this year. I handed all things Market to Yvonne this year. It is such a huge task coordinating enquiries, applications, Public Liability Certificates, bump in, bump out & safety issues. Yvonne did an amazing job and it was such a relief to know it was well organised. I also know the Market Stall holders were impressed with how well organised it was.

Next - a HUGE Thank you to our **amazing** Class Parents. I can understand that it can be a daunting task to be allocated a Stall (especially to our newest Class Parents in Kindy) and to organise and run a stall for 6 hours at Spring Fair. Each and everyone just got on with the job. Every stall - including pre event stalls, was so well organised and I am so so thankful to everyone! Thank you to previous Class Parents who helped as 'consultants' to stalls that needed a little guidance. I hope I haven't missed anyone: But a personal thank you must go to each: Ann Maree Ormiston, Andrea Bornstein, Fiona Greenwood, Janelle Behrens, Sherry-Ann Bieman, Meaghan Tchepak, Christie Buckland, Megan Sinclair, Simone Raison, Laura Osmotherly, Anna Hobson, Carolyn Delapierre, Ainslie Jennings, Tracy McGrath, Fleur Findlay, Naomi Taylor, Kim Curby, Michelle Gardiner, Aimi Forsyth, Mel Barter, Nicci Fishwick, Kate McGettigan, Vanessa Bayliss, Berenice Ferguson, Julie Tanger, Tina Kristensen, Lesley Zieglar, Kerith Massey, Belinda Cooper, Nicole Reid, Julie Morris, Sarah Williams, Rowena Sidaway & Lisa Michelson. You all did an amazing job - the dream teams - thank you.

I also wanted to say a special thank you to the set up crew this year - it is always a drag being rostered with set up and a 6am start - but honestly, the team who arrived were absolutely incredible to say the least. It was so early and I was so bleary eyed I can not even remember each person who just 'turned up' - apologies - but thank you thank you. The team were all briefed and just got it done. All gazebos were up, tables & chairs delivered, seating chairs washed, cleaned and dried, umbrellas up, BBQs delivered to each spot quickly and efficiently. Thank you to Scouts for their helpful loan of gas cook plates for the Curry Stall and also extra tables and gazebos. A special thank you to Billy Shahidi who also helped Lisa Michelson to put up the big banners, all the bunting at school and take it down. Billy was a huge help with pack down also. Thank you to the BBQ team of Nicci & Kate & Stacey who were ready to rock to serve the set up crew brekky super early on the day and I can say it was the most perfect bacon & egg sandwich ever - thank you!

A big shout out to Marti & Deb who were in Treasury ALL day - they literally don't see the light of day - thanks girls. You do an amazing job and I am so grateful for your dedication on Spring Fair day and thank you for putting up my gazillion emails and questions.

Finally, a big thank you to Chantal, Julie, our wonderful office staff who printed, laminated, collected competitions, handed out raffle floats, collected raffle tickets, filled sand bags, let me take over the office with delivery after delivery and so much more, thank you also to Paul & James the cleaner for their invaluable help on the day PLUS all the teachers who supported with making Class Signs and some were even helping to serve on the day! The P&C are so grateful for your support of this event. I know it pretty much takes over the school leading up to Spring Fair.

OK. So everyone wants to know the number. It is less than last year, however, considering weather, threat of weather, a hugely busy August for families and approx 1000 less people thru the gates this year. I am extremely happy & proud to announce that we raised an incredible **\$53k** for Spring Fair 2018.

I will send each Class Parent an amount raised on the day to share with your class later this week.

As always, there are learnings from each Spring Fair. I know that there is always a bit of stress leading up to Spring Fair, but at the end of the day, seeing that figure, seeing how amazing the day always is, how much the kids have 'the best day ever', how every family comes together to get the job done, I honestly believe it really outweighs the minor negatives.

Well done TWPS.

Vanessa

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TROUSER/SHORT TRIAL OVERVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Overview of Girls Trousers and Shorts Trial

28 students, ranging from Kindy to Year 6, participated in the trial, which ran for three weeks during Term 3. Over the course of the trial, each student had the opportunity to wear each of the different styles of trousers and shorts, which included a unisex option.

Each week students were given a different pair of trousers and shorts to wear, and at the end of the week, Parents and Students completed an online survey of ten questions that allowed us to weight and score the trousers and shorts on various criteria.

We also held a student feedback session on the final Friday of the Trial, where the girls' had the opportunity to sit in groups and provide direct feedback about the various options.

TROUSERS:

1. Midford Girls Tailored Straight Leg Trousers

Child Sizing: 4-16

Adult Sizing: 8-20

Material: Polyester / Viscose / Elastane Stretch Gaberdine 250g

Selling Price: \$40 trousers

2. LWR Unisex Gaberdine Double Knee Pants

Child Sizing: 2-16

Adult Sizing: 4-16

Material: Gaberdine (200g - 65% Polyester / 35% Viscose)

Selling Price: \$30

3. LWR Spence Gabardine Trousers

Child Sizing: 4-16

Adult Sizing: Not available

Material: Gaberdine (200g - 65% Polyester / 35% Viscose)

Selling Price: \$30

SHORTS:

1. Midford Girls Tailored Shorts

Child Sizing: 4-16

Adult Sizing: 8-20

Material: Polyester / Viscose / Elastane Stretch Gaberdine - 250gsm

Selling Price: \$35

2. LWR Unisex Gabardine Shorts (Fully elasticated waist)

Child Sizing: 2-16

Adult Sizing: S-XL

Material: Gaberdine (200g - 65% Polyester / 35% Viscose)

Selling Price: \$25

3. LWR Girls Dugdale Tailored Shorts (Semi-elasticated waist)

Child Sizing: 4-16

Adult Sizing: Not available

Material: Gaberdine (200g - 65% Polyester / 35% Viscose)

Selling Price: \$25

TROUSER/SHORT TRIAL OVERVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SURVEY CRITERIA

Parents and Students were both asked to rate the style, look and fit of the trousers and shorts.

Students were asked to rate level of comfort, and how happy they would be to wear them as their school uniform.

Parents were asked to rate the quality of trousers and shorts, in terms of make and material, and how well they washed and dried. We also asked them if they would recommend the trousers.

FINAL SCORING OF TROUSERS

Out of the 28 participants, 21 completed and returned responses for all three weeks', which were received and evaluated.

The overall rating of the trousers were:

1. Midford Tailored (Recommended by 17 parents and 16 Students)
2. LWR Unisex Fully Elasticated (Recommended by 10 parents and 9 students)
3. LWR Semi Elasticated (Recommended by 7 parents and 9 students)

Midford Tailored Straight Leg scored highest marks on all criteria: parents and students rated them the highest on quality, style, look and fit, with 18/21 students rating them as comfortable/very comfortable to wear and move in. Midford also scored in the top percentile on ease of washing and drying.

There was very positive feedback from parents and students regarding the fit, style and level of comfort. The main negative feedback came from our younger students, as they struggled with the buttons and doing them up. A couple of students found them slightly tight on the waist but overall the fit is seen as very flattering for most builds.

The **LWR fully elasticated** scored average marks from parents on style and look, but was scored well by students in terms of comfort. They were more popular with younger students due to the fully elasticated waist and relaxed fit.

Negative feedback centred on how baggy and unflattering some of the students found them, the wider leg cut, and the double knee pads. However, most said they found them easy to wear and comfortable, and an equal number of parents liked and disliked the fact that they are unisex!

The **LWR Semi Elasticated** scored also scored average marks on style and look, although they still scored well in terms of comfort with the students. Unfortunately, the poor fit of these trousers let them down, with 95% of students needing to size up, and then finding the leg length was too long. Some of our year 6 girls struggled with fit on these, as the sizing disparity means sizing is only equivalent to a small size 14. Negative feedback from parents mainly concerned the dated style of the trousers, the poor fit, and some comments that quality was not as good as other trousers.

TROUSER RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the results of the Trial, our recommendation is that the **LWR Unisex Elasticated Waist Trousers** are the most appropriate choice for K-2 students. The Unisex trousers offer a comfortable and functional option for younger girls, who might struggle with buttons and zip. They are already a standard stock item and sizing starts at size 2, which is great for Kindy,

TROUSER/SHORT TRIAL OVERVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that **Midford Trousers** are available for Y3-6 girls. These offer a more stylish and smarter looking trouser option for the older girls, and are available in both child and ladies sizing. It is a standard stock item and can be ordered in as required.

SHORTS RECOMMENDATION:

Our recommendation is to offer the **LWR Unisex Elasticated Shorts** for K-2, as again these were clearly the preferred option with our younger students.

The scoring between the Midford Shorts and LWR Semi-elasticated was very close. Based on feedback received, the ratings were clearly influenced by the fact that students were only able to trial the Midford fixed waistband shorts, which have now been superseded by a semi-elasticated waistband and single button.

Our preference at this stage is to continue a smaller wo-week trial between Midford and LWR Semi-Elasticated, with a view to report backing with a final recommendation to the P&C Executive at the completion and assessment period.