

## Winton PTA President's Report 2108 AGM 13/3/18

It's that time of the year again to express my unending gratitude to all of you for making my 2 years as president easier, enjoyable and profitable. To Ashlee and to Kirsten, who are both far more organised than I am, thank you for your office bearing roles on top of everything you already do as committee members. To Mel Cowan, Suzan, Jane, Jeanette and Kirsten, for organising our incredibly successful food fundraisers. Thanks also to Denise, as we heard in the financials, 2017 was a very successful year for second hand uniform sales.

We started 2017 quietly in the fundraising department, with Jane taking on entertainment books by herself and making the process easier for us while still maintaining a good profit; and in June we had our entertainment evening "black white and bling". This was a large undertaking and would need careful consideration if we were to repeat, despite it being a blast!

Thank you so much to Ashlee and Brenda, Steve and Helen who did so much of the work to make this evening happen, and to the large team of organisers on the day and next day! And a massive thank you to Cameron Davis and band Rapid ONE23 and to Steve for agreeing to MC.

In 2106 we said goodbye to demo days as we knew them, and gave it 1 shot to help with the catering under the new management. Thank you to Jenni for doing a stellar job under massive pressure with catering for twice as many people as initially expected. Perhaps it's not unfortunate that we won't be doing this fundraising activity moving forward. Many parents from the school helped by providing soup, thank you to everyone.

Thanks to Nicole for running Friday sausages, which continue to be a profitable venture, it will have some competition in 2108 with the return of subway; we will keep an eye on this!!

More thanks goes out to all the people who helped the school and PTA by volunteering at disco's, at pet day (again, massive thanks to Jane for being the PTA lead on this)

Lastly but certainly not least Liv Green gave us the opportunity to fundraise by bringing Chelsea Winter back to Winton for a second time, this time in the newly completed Memorial Hall. If you haven't seen Liv in action she is a formidable force in the organising world, and Chelsea's evening was wonderful, so thank you very much to Liv and her team.

That completed our 2017 in fundraising, and allowed Jane to finally see all her hard work in the flesh, (or rather, feathers). The staff and committee did a great job of keeping secret the fact that RERE was coming to life, and at prize giving the school's new mascot, made her (?his?) debut! I just hope Jane enjoyed the look on the children's faces as much as I did.

We continue to try to provide benefit to as many children as possible when we allocate funds; yr 7&8 camps were subsidised as in previous years, whole school events such as polyfest; and in-classroom activities such as dragon maths/action english books. We were proud to be able to send ALL yr 8 children to National Young leaders day, to fund the school hosting Craig Smith, and to help the school purchase a new outdoor PA system. The end of 2017 saw Steve organise a new cricket pitch, chillout area and long jump pit for the far play field; valuable assets for the children to use.

Everyone's hard work has left the account balances healthy, and this year we have already completed the bi-annual ravedown field days catering. If you haven't had a chance to spend the day in the tent, give it a go, its a lot of fun (and even more sweat).

Thank you so much to Janet Anderson for re-introducing us to the delights of the annual golf tournament; it is great to spend some time with the board and staff who already do so much for our children, so thank you to them and all the parents that came.

All of the activities we help to subsidise would still go ahead without the PTA inout, so it is important for us to continue to promote to parents our goal of making sure families are not having to pay as much for school activities, and that we are able to fast-track playground amenities for which there is not as much government funding. The number of undertakings the PTA have got involved with for outside the classroom facilities over the years is quite staggering.

My last thank you goes to all the members of our school community who help and support us; and to Steve and all the staff who I'm sure you will agree, deserve our admiration in a hundred ways.

To the incoming president for 2018 and beyond, all the best, I have enjoyed my time as president and look forward to continuing on the committee at your service!!

Louise Lyall 13/3/2018