P & C News

On the 14th March the Westminster Schools P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held and the following people were voted on the Committee:

Helen Notis - President
Paul Kopellis - Vice President
Norman Gibbons – Treasurer
Tammie O’Donoghue – Secretary

I welcome Tammie to the Committee and look forward to her input and contribution in her role as Secretary during 2016.

On behalf of the Committee, I also thank sincerely all those new parents and “not so new” parents who attended the AGM and supported the P&C. We look forward to seeing them at our next meeting in May! I would like to extend my thanks to Julie and Bree from the Child and Parent Centre (CPC) for their hospitality and allowing the P&C to use their facilities once again.

Lastly thank you to our Principals Jo, Gary and Bev for their continued support and commitment to the Westminster Schools P&C. We look forward to working alongside them during the year to maintain our successful and productive relationship.

What’s on in March?

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – Saturday 19th March**

On Saturday 19th March, the P&C co-ordinated a Bunnings Sausage at the Balcatta store. We had an enjoyable and successful day, raising over $1,500 (859 sausage sizzles and 225 drinks) which will go towards our end of year book prizes. Thank you to all the Committee members including Norman, Tammie, Angie and Natalie for your help on the day and in the lead up to the event. Also sincere thanks to all our parents including Matt, Brogan (ex-student), Georgina, Leslie, Leoni, and Rebecca who offered their time to help out during the day. I express my thanks to the WJPS Principal Jo Hine (for her cutting prowess) our Chaplain, Susan Earle and Sam Luxford year 5 teacher (who cooked a mean sausage), and to all from the Westminster Community who came and bought a sausage in support of your P&C.
P&C Easter Egg Raffle at the Undercover Cafe

Are you able to help? The P&C are holding an Easter Raffle for the ESC, WJPS and WPS through the Undercover Cafe. We are asking our children from our Schools to donate an Easter Egg at the Undercover Café. The more eggs that are donated the more baskets we can make. The raffle will cost $1.00 per ticket and will be drawn on Thursday 24th March.

What’s on in April?

ANZAC Day Morning Tea – Wednesday 6th April – Westminster Primary School Library

The P&C cordially invites parents, guardians and members of the Westminster Community to a complimentary morning tea immediately following the ANZAC Day Service on Wednesday 6th April 2016.

***NEWS FLASH***

Many of you have noticed that Mrs Liesl Smithers (Canteen Manager) has been missing in action this term. Liesl has taken a leave of absence for personal reasons and has left the management and care of the Undercover Café to Norman Gibbons. With the assistance of Britt, Tammie, Sarah and Gordana the Undercover Café has been doing well. Thank you to the Westminster Community for your understanding and support during this challenging time. I am reassured that Liesl will be back next term and please join me in giving her a warm welcome on her return.

Other matters

In the previous newsletter (week 6) the Westminster Primary School (WPS) Principal Bev Jones, asked the Community to provide feedback on whether we would support the application for WPS to become an Independent Public School (IPS).

The Westminster Schools comprising the Primary School, Junior Primary School (WJPS) and Education Support Centre (WESC) have continued to work well together since the IPS changes in 2014 to support decisions that are for the benefit of our children and for the entire Community.

The move to IPS will allow WPS to have the same flexibilities and responsibilities to make decisions across a wide range of operations like WJPS and WESC. As your President and Council representative I encourage you to support this decision for WPS to apply for IPS status and urge you to ask questions or provide feedback to Bev Jones.