

2015 YPIS P&C Fundraising Report

2015 was yet another successful fundraising year for the school. It is truly amazing what this small school community can contribute!

However, volunteer fatigue really hit and impacted our ability to get fresh volunteers or get more than one person to organise events. Serious thought should be given to managing people's expectations on the number of events. Also, a potential pipeline of things we are fundraising for should be established with the school. Each year there are a number of grants we could apply for but the length of time to find out what the school wants means we often missed the dates. Grants could be an easier way to raise money rather than constantly asking our own community for money.

Events

Events included:

- March – State Election Gala Day (thanks to Martine for being the main organiser and to all the other volunteers)
- April – Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL club grant (Category 2) was applied for (and later received). This was to fund new whiteboards and some of the costs with Broccoli Tree Cinema
- May – Mother's Day Raffle (thanks to Lisa for organising), some great prizes and very successful
- June – Fabulous Trivia Night was yet another smash hit (Kirstyn pulled this all together – thanks to her and the other volunteers)
- July – Alexandria Bunnings BBQ for the first time. We were amazed at how thirsty the Inner East residents get and ran out of drinks and sausages. We also used the fabulous Volunteer Spot website to organise our volunteer roster – I found this to be fantastic and would suggest using it again.
- August – Ashfield Bunnings BBQ – we were better prepared and didn't run out of anything (probably still some drinks to sell at 2016 BBQs!)
- August – City to Surf runners pulled in some money for the school. Thanks!
- August – Broccoli Tree Cinema was incredibly successful with a great film, petting zoo, popcorn and fairy floss. Thanks to Gemma for helping organise and for all the volunteers who helped out.
- September – Fathers Day Raffle was held this month. We only sold tickets on the day (see above mentioned volunteer fatigue)
- October – we bought some smart whiteboards
- November – Cards, calendars and tea towels were on sale (thanks to Lou for the fabulous effort in pulling that together)

The fruits of our labours

At the final P&C meeting we approved expenditure for the school in 2016 as follows:

1. Music tutor
2. End of year excursion
3. Technology supplementation (robotics equipment and white board upgrade)

4. Learning and support teacher for 20 half days. The school will pay for another 20 half days and the DEC pays for some more so we end up with a LaST one day a week.
5. Another Musica Viva incursion
6. Year 2 graduation books
7. Drama tutor
8. Special play equipment for classes and playground

Ideas for the future

During the year, the committee looked at different fundraising options. So that you can keep track (and not have to re-invent the wheel) here is a list:

- Ashfield Council Summer Hill market thing - what is it, cost, what could we do? I don't think this is really something the P&C could do
- Cookbook (if you have time, check out the Berry Public School Facebook page on this) but to do well would require a lot of work
- Cherries as a Christmas fundraiser
- Tax deductible building fund (could be used for solar panels...) – the P&C would set up a fund dedicated to buildings and renovations. People donate to this and receive a tax deduction for their donation. A number of other schools have done this (eg Petersham). Would need further research on how much compliance is required.
- <http://www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au/home> - a lot of schools applied for play equipment under this grant
- Garage sale trail (<http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au>) - keep this for a non-Gala Day year and use the oval to host car (like a car boot sale), could also include rides and sausage sizzle to build the crowd. Charge each car.
- Walkathon – has been very successful at other schools.
- Sustainable schools grant (<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools>)
- My park rules grant (<http://myparkrules.com.au>)
- DSS Volunteer grant for P&C equipment (<https://www.dss.gov.au/grants>)
- Telstra Kids Grant (<http://telstrakidsfund.com>) this year we had a Telstra employee. Opens August 2016. Grants from this fund have been used by other recipients to buy iPads, for example. Some other large corporates have similar schemes and would be worth asking people to check.
- Comedy for a Cause (<http://comedyforacause.net>) are now doing schools. Suggestion would be to hold it at CHPRSL club auditorium (no fee), team up with other schools as to get atmosphere - would need to sell 200 tickets. School gets a cut from the ticket sales. CHPRSL gets sales from our drinks etc. Run a raffle or art auction during the event. Ticket sales can be tracked so each school gets the percentage of what they sold and raffles could also be sold by each school.

I have some folders and drop box folders to share to the new committee. And happy to answer questions.

Thanks

Thanks to the fabulous 2015 committee:

1. Bill Clarke
2. Louise Gunter
3. Ruth Tetley
4. Mandy Fullerton
5. Bevan Radburn
6. Emily Ireland
7. Pamela Chalmers
8. Kirstyn Bodell
9. Tara Rees
10. Stephen Brewer
11. Steven Riley
12. Lisa Studley

Special mention to:

- Martine La Fontaine
- Gemma Cordeiro
- Kitty Hollywood

All the best for 2016!