

March 2019 Presidents Report

Apologies for being absent tonight, but I could not miss one 11 year old boys birthday dinner!!

We are well under way in yet another year. Mel Magini and her team of hard working fundraisers have planned the upcoming year ahead for us. Most of the events are tried and tested, and that is ok, but maybe we can start thinking outside the square for events in the future.....dare I say it, like Sandys idea of a fete (gasp, groan, squeal)

The signatory paper work is still being finalised with Bankwest, this is always such a great process. So stay tuned on this.

Thank you to those who have offered to help with the gunfire breakfast, and especially to the Francis family who are organising the food for us from Woolworths. ANZAC Day services at our school are always a special event (they are certainly my most looked forward to day). I am sure this years different timing will not take away the enormity of the event.

I had the pleasure of attending a forum with Megan Klompmaker yesterday about Connecting with Parents and Empowering Them to Make a Change. The seminar was by the Department of Transport under the [YOUR MOVE](#) It was about exploring the real and perceived barriers parents face when it comes to allowing kids to arrive at school, helping parents to unpack their fears and empower them to make a change. There were some really great initiatives that were talked about (and I would love to share in more detail if I were not an apology). We will be moving forward with making this a standing item on our agenda. I will talk more at the next meeting.

This leads me to my final passion point that I want everyone to get behind this year. That is, engaging our community, breaking down barriers in the space of parent groups and utilising our many parents within our school to ease the burden that is on our small group of regular volunteers, most of whom are time poor themselves, with work, family, other volunteering duties.

Please know that I appreciate EVERY effort that is undertaken by committee members (and those that are not, and help in the background). If anyone, committee or not, have questions please email me at the pncpresident.harrisdaleps@outlook.com address.

Have a great meeting.