

Woonona Public School P&C Association

2020 TERM 1 WEEK 8 NEWSLETTER



Introducing our 2020 Executive Team,

On 11 March we held our Annual General Meeting. It's been great having a few new faces and ideas, which is always welcome.

The main event was of course the election of our 2020 Executive Team and Sub-committee Co-ordinators . We are pleased to announce:

- Marg Nichols (President)
- Justin Dixon (Vice President)
- Andromeda Lembo (Vice President)
- Terri Toneguzzo (Treasurer)
- casual vacancy (Secretary)*



L-R: Andromeda Lembo, Marg Nichols, Justin Dixon, Terri Toneguzzo

P&C Subcommittee Co-ordinator Positions

- Uniform Shop Co-ordinator: Terri Toneguzzo
- Events Co-ordinator (formerly called Fundraising): Loren Marsh & Bronwyn Sedgwick
- Canteen: to remain vacant at present due to changes occurring
- Scholastic: Penny Starr
- Grants: Marg Nichols
- Working Bee: Justin Dixon

Congratulations to all those returning and our new members!! We appreciate all the hard (volunteered) hours we know it takes to make the P&C the success it is.

*If you would be interested in taking on the role of Secretary, we would love to hear from you.

If you wish to get involved in smaller ways, why not come along to our next P&C Meeting on Wednesday 8th April at 6.30pm in the staff room (Admin block). We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas about what you would like to see achieved this year.

Click [here](#) to read the **AGM meeting minutes**, including President's Report.

Click [here](#) to read the **March P&C General meeting minutes**, including Principal's report

School Canteen – a positive way forward

A Canteen review working group was formed following the February P&C meeting comprising Marg Nichols and Bronwyn Sedgewick (parents), Tim Fisher and Karina Curry (staff).



This group undertook an evaluation to determine the best way to operate our school canteen for the next few years. Extensive research was undertaken by the team across 27 local schools of similar size.

Based on their research, Marg, Tim and Bronwyn presented their findings in a report, including an evaluation and recommendation for the future canteen operation to the P&C.

The full report can be read [here](#).

The group recommended that the Woonona Public School Canteen be tendered to an external operator for the next 3 years (with review after 12 months). This recommendation was unanimously agreed at the P&C meeting last week.

The P&C and school is confident this will be a very positive way forward for our school community, including staff, parents, volunteers, students!!

The main reasons for this are:

1. All local schools we spoke with (from a staff and parent perspective) who have external canteen operators are extremely happy and would not prefer an alternative model.
2. Positive feedback from many schools includes ease of operation (eliminates almost all issues for the school/P&C), the menu, prices, reliability, quality and way the operator communicates/works within the school community.
3. We did not find any reason why an external canteen operator would not also provide a positive outcome for our Woonona Public School community
4. Almost all schools operating with a paid canteen manager and/or volunteers continue to face significant challenges. Based on this, we do not expect that employing a paid manager would eliminate many of our current challenges.
5. Outsourcing offers the lowest financial risk
6. Approximate (maximum) net negative impact on funds raised for school = \$7.3k per annum.
7. Canteen menu prices from local operators (Made Fresh and Fresh Start) Canteens are reasonable and not considerably higher than 2019 WPS menu. Variety is more extensive and other schools are very happy with it.

The Canteen working group, led by Tim Fisher will now work toward bringing in an external operator to get the canteen open for students and staff as soon as possible, and work through the practical details related to this decision.

Thank you to all the wonderful parent and grandparent volunteers who have faithfully served in our canteen throughout the years. You are appreciated! Going forward, we are keen to ensure the school and P&C continue to provide other avenues for those who wish to be involved in the life of the school through volunteering.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this decision, please contact any of the review working group or email Marg Nichols at enquiries@wppc.com.au