



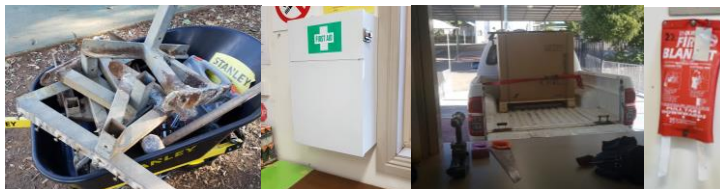
Woonona Public School P&C Association News – May 2019

**OUR PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (P&C) BRINGS PARENTS, STAFF
AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER, TO ADVANCE THE
BEST INTERESTS OF OUR GREAT SCHOOL AND ITS STUDENTS.**

Working Bees are the new “Fun Raisers”

With one major project on the cards and others in the wings we feel there's great value in running some working bees. Whilst the playground installation will require new drainage, timber edging, soft fall mulch and general landscaping, we have some other great ideas to improve the larger playground of our school. Whilst we have our ideas for improvements maybe you have some great ideas, and we'd love to hear about them.

As the planning and organising work has begun, a small group have been tackling odd jobs once a fortnight with a few achievements to date including installation of the new canteen oven, repairs to canteen fridges, wall mounting first aid kits and fire blankets in the canteen, demolishing and removing old concrete footings, disposal of scrap steel including the old oven and the list goes on.



The list of willing volunteers is building into a fun and capable team who enjoy working together. We're working hard to find ways for all to be able to contribute given the varying constraints we all face with limited time, energy, knowledge and availability.

Key areas of focus at the minute are landscaping, designing play and learning spaces, gardening, drainage, maintenance, materials sourcing and fun raising!

So if any of this sounds interesting to you please get in touch. I guarantee you'll enjoy it.

Justin Dixon
0434978778

Next P&C Meeting

Wed 12 June in the staffroom

Please join us! It's a great way to gain insight into our school community and/or get involved

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Upcoming Events...

**P&C Meetings – All welcome!
6.30pm in the staffroom**

- Wednesday 12 June
- Wednesday 14 August
- Wednesday 11 September
- Wednesday 13 November
- Wednesday 11 December

Father's Day Stall

Thursday 29 August

- Friday 23/8 – Wrapping of Father's Day Stall gifts 9am-1pm (or take home to wrap)
- People required to help run the stall 29/8 9am-1pm.

Trivia Night!

Friday 20 September (new date)

- Lots of ways to get involved and have fun!
- More details to come...

New & Upgraded Playground

And we have a winner!!

When the winning playground design was announced at the Easter Hat Parade, there was a lot of excitement and cheering by all!! It seems the O-net-tunnel will be very popular! This design was selected by vote involving students and staff.



Location - The new play equipment will be adjacent to the existing playground on the eastern side.

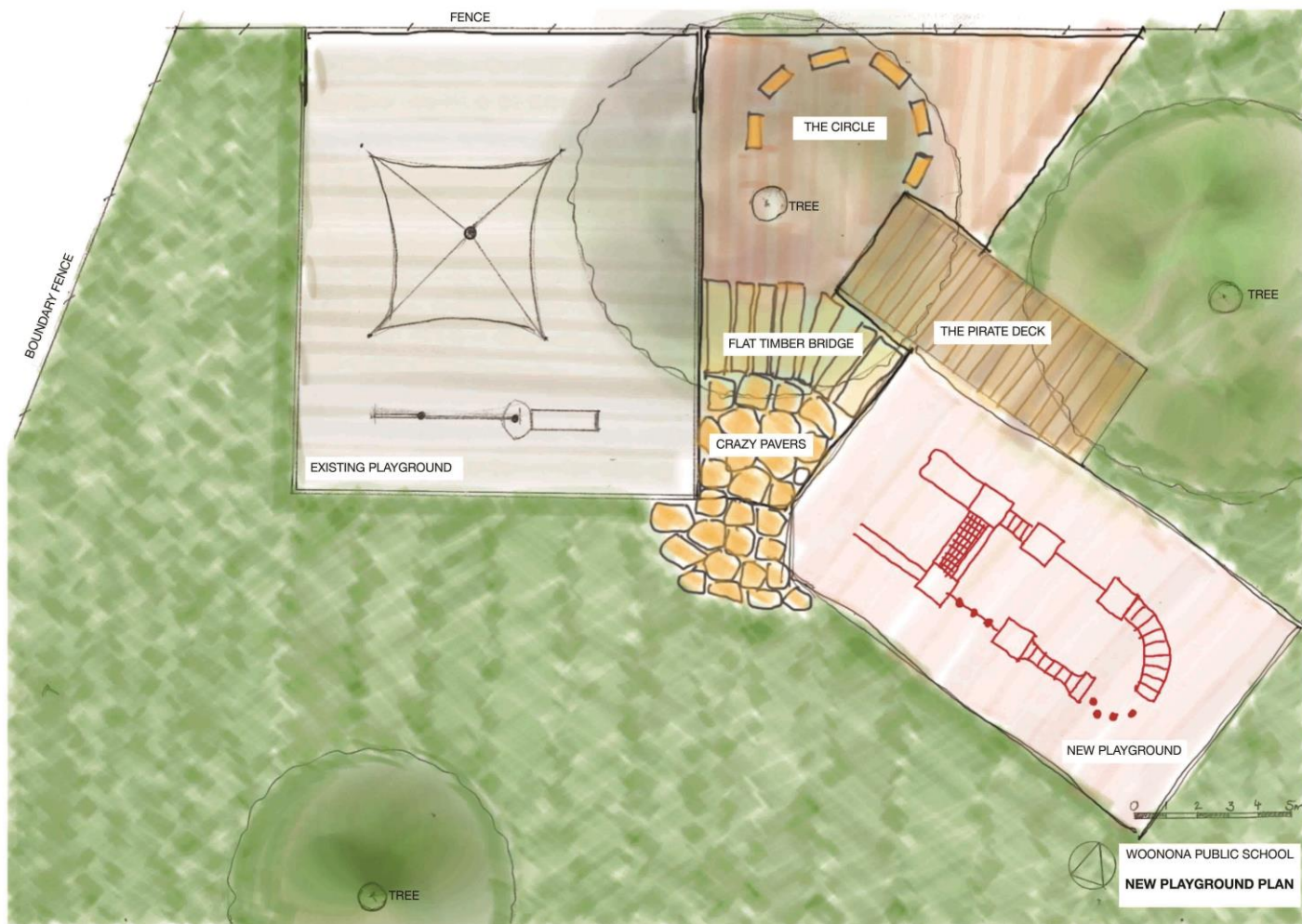
Landscaping – Drawings of the whole upgraded playground area including landscaping were presented at the May P&C meeting. We hope you're as excited as we are! See page 3.

Construction – The playground project will be completed by both Moduplay and volunteers at School Community Working Bee/s:

- **Moduplay** - site preparation and equipment construction
- **School Community Working Bees** (timber border edging, drainage, mulch and landscaping)

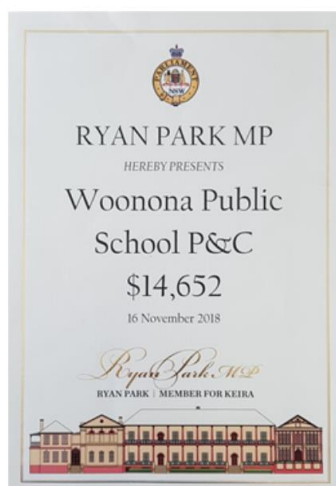
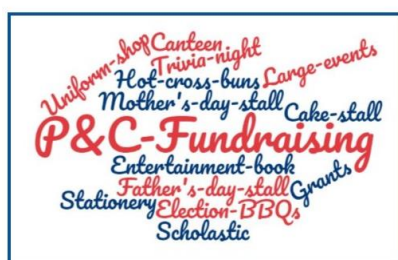
Timing – Installation will occur this year, however the exact timing is dependent on the Department of Education Assets Management Unit (AMU). We will continue to do all we can to get it installed as soon as possible.

Landscaping design – upgraded playground area



This amazing project is only possible because of....

- **P&C Fundraising - your contributions!!** The efforts and generosity of parents, staff and others in the community (in big and small ways) at many P&C fundraising activities over the past years! - \$25,000
- The **NSW Government Community Building Partnership** grant 2018 - \$14,652
- **BlueScope WIN Community Partners** grant 2019 - \$1,500
- **Our Space OOSH** donation - \$1,000
- **School and wider Community** help and donations at our upcoming working bees!



Happy Mother's Day!

What better way to celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, and all other fabulous maternal figures in our community, than with hand-made art works and a lovingly chosen gift from our school Mother's Day Stall?

Thank you to the families of WPS who all contributed to make the Mother's Day Stall such a memorable occasion for our children. Their pride of choosing the perfect gift and taking it home to hide for their special person is priceless.



From the task of choosing all of the gifts and coordinating the process (Jayde & Terri), to the wrapping and helping out on the stall, to the class organisation and excitement built by teachers, and the participation of families. We all came together to create a fun event which raised an amazing \$1,902 for our playground project.



Hot Cross Buns

This year's Hot Cross Bun Drive was a success, with many satisfied families and friends raising \$870 for our playground upgrade.

Thanks to Donna and Michael at Bakers Delight in Corrimal and Bulli for their ongoing support in our fundraising activities, and to the parents who helped sort the buns and deliver to classrooms.

New Canteen Oven

Remember mashing that vote button last year and our school winning the major grant for Greater Bank's #GreaterIllawarra community program?

This \$2,000 oven, awarded by this program was installed during the Easter holidays. Lunches are about to get tastier, and we hope the work for our volunteers a little easier.

Thank you to all involved in the grant application, voting and installation.



Federal Election BBQ

The election result called before the ABC..... WPS parents on the #democracysausage production party are WINNERS with \$1,306 raised! Fabulous result!

Thanks to so many families who came to buy breakfast and lunch.

🍵 Kindergarten Parents Meet Parents Morning Tea 🍵



Thank you Year 1 for providing and hosting the Kindergarten Parents Meet Parents Morning Tea in week 1 (coinciding with their wonderful artwork showcase)!! Your generosity and time made it a great success. Many kindergarten parents expressed their appreciation.

This event was designed as one positive way to meet families within our school community and establish a parent network that can continue throughout their child's school years at Woonona PS.

Would you value more of these opportunities? Please let us know!



Want to find out more or be involved?

Justin Dixon (P&C Working Bee team) is eager to hear from anyone interested in working bees around the school. There is no need to commit at this stage, but it would be extremely helpful to know who, and in what ways, the community may wish to get involved – whether it be by offering time and energy, skills, or perhaps some could source discounted or donated supplies and equipment.

Please send an **expression of interest** to Justin Dixon on 0434978778, enquiries@wppc.com.au or on the 'School Working Bees' clipboard at the school front office counter.



The *BlueScopeWIN Community Partners* Program sees two iconic businesses in the Illawarra joining forces to make a real difference to the Illawarra community.

Following a grant application, the program generously awarded \$1,500 in April to support our playground upgrade. Thank you!!

About Woonona Public School P&C Association

WPS P&C are a diverse group of parent and community volunteers who work with the school to support the programs and activities the School is involved with. All parents are invited to participate in the activities of the P&C. Together we support and encourage the school to provide a positive learning environment.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm. All welcome!

OFFICE-BEARERS

President: Marg Nichols

Vice Presidents: Andromeda Lembo & Justin Dixon

Secretary: Rebecca Griffith, Treasurer: Terri Toneguzzo

Committees: uniform, canteen, fundraising, school banking, scholastic, working bee, grants, social.

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Minutes from previous meetings, including reports presented are available on the school website:

<https://woonona-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/supporting-our-students/parents--carers-and-the-community/parents-and-citizens--association--p-c-/meeting-minutes.html>

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