



# Junior School Supporters' Group

MINUTES

## **ST PAUL'S JUNIOR SCHOOL SUPPORTER'S GROUP** **Annual General Meeting** **Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2012**

### **1. Meeting Opened**

The meeting was opened at 7:30pm by outgoing President Paul Hardie. Paul welcomed everyone in attendance with a special welcome to Marianne Connolly, Cheryl Wegener and Michael Skinner. Michael Skinner is the President of The Association. Paul Hardie thanked Michael for coming along.

### **2. In Attendance**

Paul Hardie, Michael Skinner, Alan Bradley, Kylie Marshner, Brooke Long, Gwen Bell, Sue Elliott, Vivian Younger, Clark Siemsen, Jason Samuel, Robyn Kozera, Justin Lawson, Juanita Rayner, Marianne Connolly, Becky Mammen, Cheryl Wegener, Gary Jackson, Michael Skinner, Wendy Kirkham, Kathy Lollback, Antonia Lockitch.

### **3. Apologies**

Ann-Maree Patrick, Julie Hardie, Kylie Graham, Allan Deacon.

### **4. Acceptance of Minutes from previous AGM (3 March 2011)**

As Tabled. Proposed by Alan Bradley and seconded by Justin Lawson.

## 5. President's Report

Paul Hardie read his President's report which was received to applause:

Well, 2011 was a very successful year for the JSSG

When I began thinking about this, the JSSG, and what is my last AGM, I started jotting down on a piece of paper the events, activities and fundraisers that we conducted during 2011. There are a lot!

Here's my "back-of-the-envelope" list. We organised, funded or facilitated the following (and probably many more that I have overlooked inadvertently):

- The first ever JS book sale (thanks Juanita)
- A highly successful JS Fancy Dress Ball
- Canteens at various sports activities including JS Athletics and JRFH
- The uniform swap (thanks Amanda and Julie)
- Family Portrait Day (big thanks to Sue Elliott)
- An \$18,000 funding commitment for The JSSG Courtyard... seating, concrete and shade. I look forward to its opening in Term 2.
- Funding of the Writer in Residence program
- Funding of JS Awards for the JS COA
- Collation, proof reading, printing and distribution of The Tick (massive thanks to Libby Mackay and her proof-readers)
- Monthly publication of JS Connections – thanks Justin
- Camping at St Paul's – probably my "conceptual high-point" while in the Junior School and now embraced and improved by Alan Bradley and his team
- The Athletics Development Day which has evolved into a tight, fun, one day activity – thanks again to Alan Bradley
- The movie nights
- Our wonderful CPL network and the many class based activities and functions they coordinated throughout the year
- The carpark. Will leave to our new committee to discuss this further but suffice it to say we invested a lot of time and energy on this in 2011
- The Coles Sports for School and Woolies Earn and Learn programs. Thanks to all who shopped and donated and thanks to Jules for collecting, counting and redeeming
- The Mothers and Father's Day sales and the various car park raffles
- The Year 6 graduation breakfast and year book

It's always dangerous compiling lists because you run the risk of missing something out, so if I did and you organised or were involved in it I apologise, but the purpose of documenting these things was to show just what a difference the JSSG makes.

In my first stint as President in 2006 I was proof reading the Tick and started thinking about just what the JSSG stands for. As a result, myself and a couple of then-committee members developed the charter of the JSSG which can be found on page 7 of last year's Tick and will no doubt be carried into this 2012 edition we are currently working on.

I mention this now because as my wife and I leave the Junior School, we are keen to ensure that the next generation understands the legacy of the JSSG and hopefully doesn't fall into the trap of viewing the JSSG as 'only a fundraising group'. Those of you that have heard my many Chapel speeches over the years would know that I have really labored this point and it is therefore no surprise that fundraising comes last in our JSSG charter. For those that don't know, the points are:

*Our aim is to enrich the educational and extra-curricular experiences of the children of St Paul's Junior School. We do this by:*

- Fostering School community spirit by promoting communication between parents, the School and students
- Supporting the management and staff of St Paul's
- Encouraging relationships with other Supporter Groups and communicating the needs of the Junior School accordingly
- Cooperating with the St Paul's School Association on matters relating to the St Paul's Junior School
- Conducting a wide range of appropriate supporting and community building activities
- Directing any funds raised from the above activities back to the St Paul's Junior School

In other words, we help build a community. We are not a lobby group and while difficult at times (eg – the air conditioning debate) we serve as facilitators, not lobbyists. Notwithstanding this though, when necessary the JSSG can move mountains as has been evidenced when we ran the first ever Junior School Fair and raised over \$50,000 for our Junior School, or more recently been active in making changes and creating awareness around the safety and congestion issue of the Attunga St carpark (though as we know – this one is at best, still a work in progress!)

Again, at the risk of making a list and offending those I leave out, I must thank some people.

Firstly, the School staff that have been so supportive of the JSSG, myself, my wife and our son Lachie. Mrs. Connolly, Mrs. Wegener and Mrs. Abbott – thank you so, so much. Warren Smith, Charles Mackenzie-Smith, Angela Keyte, Bruce Robinson, Dorothy Skinner and Rowena Harle – thank you all for supporting the JSSG and our various functions and sporting events over the years – we have never taken your support for granted and your enthusiasm and the smiles on the faces of your students have (we hope) made it all worthwhile.

Kylie Graham, Helen Duncan, Sheena Treston, Stuart Tanner, Steph Fisquet and the unique, passionate and irreplaceable Claire Jackson were all committee members that I have had the honour of working with in the years preceding our current committee. They set the tone for the JSSG as you see it now and many still serve other Supporter Groups or the Association, and all have made St Paul's a better place.

Also, I would like to minute my thanks to Adrian and Julie Chippendale who have supported me, the JSSG and SwSG over many years – not just financially but also with their active involvement and enthusiasm for any activity that we may be planning.

To the current cohort that is the JSSG I thank you. It is fair to say that when I agreed to again be the President a couple of years ago, it was because we were struggling as a SG with parental involvement low and I was concerned about how we could keep the JSSG going. Seeing the talent that is our committee now, I don't know what I was worried about. My heartfelt thanks to you – our current committee. In your own way you have made such a difference in your short time at the School and you have been so patient with me as I explain and background to the 'newbies' the sensitivities and rationale behind the way things happen at SPS. So – to you all, the outgoing JSSG committee; thanks.

However, I feel I must mention a couple of people by name:

Alan Bradley (and his wife Carol) – who have been the rock/s and upon whom we have relied many times. They have embraced the movie nights, Athletics, CASP and many other JS activities and I am grateful for their hard work.

Allan Deacon – for his reliability and accuracy as a Treasurer and at times his positive influence as the Group's unofficial Management Accountant.

Libby Patrick and Justin Lawson - both of whom have worked hard behind the scenes to create and edit The Tick and Connections respectively and both of whom have willingly helped in most of the activities organised by the JSSG . I'd also like to acknowledge Libby Duffin whose graphic design skills have made a stunningly positive difference to The Tick and the Grade 6 Year Book in the last 2 years.

Kathy Lollback – who nervously and almost reluctantly agreed to be our Secretary... I think because she was concerned I was going to cry in public out of desperation for a reliable support person! Kathy is just wonderful – the minutes barely if ever need editing, the notes are always on time and she prompts me when I forget to add things to the agenda. Thank you Kathy – you are a legend.

Becky Mammen - affectionately referred to as a Terrier by her husband and after working closely with her for the last 12 months on the carpark... I now understand why. Becky is the epitome of the velvet glove. She speaks so eloquently you don't realise you've been hit till about 10 minutes later and then you realise she is 100% right and you'd better get on board – quick smart. Becky builds consensus, listens to others perspective and has the courage of her convictions. A very special person and one that the JSSG is lucky to have. Good luck in 2012, but I honestly don't think you'll need luck; you're a natural. Back your judgment and have fun Becky.

To all of our wonderful CPL's from 2011. The role of the CPL has evolved over the last 5 years to the point where they are really now the focal point of the JS communication channel. I thank all of you sincerely and hope that as CPL's you enjoyed the opportunity to be involved in your child's classroom and be conduit of much of the communication within our School community.

And finally, I'd like to publicly thank my wife Julie. Not for being my wife – that is reward enough (!) but for helping the JSSG so much. While I have been on the JSSG Executive since Lachie's Prep year in 2005, Julie hasn't once – in fact she's only been to one meeting! But in almost every way – her effort and hard work have been far more than mine. I have lost count of the number of times that she has worked through the night without sleep to get something ready for the School – and she does it without wanting anybody to know or notice. She was a CPL for the first few years and then the CPL coordinator for the last 3. And that my friends is the hardest, biggest role of them all. (So make sure Brooke gets plenty of support please incoming-committee!). Jules doesn't like the limelight and gets embarrassed when people single her out, but that is just what I am doing now and I would like to formally thank her on behalf of the JSSG for the amazing commitment she has shown to our Group and our School over the years.

So, that's it. We have a new committee coming in and I wish you well. The Junior School is a special place. Our Junior School children are innocent and little. They want you involved in their School life. That does change quickly – so embrace the opportunity while you can and make a difference. Thank you to you all, and good luck for a wonderful 2012

Regards, Paul Hardie

JSSG President 2011

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Allan Deacon prepared the Profit and Loss Statement for the period 1/01/2011 through 31/12/2011. The total income was \$13,643 and expenditure was \$5,841. The JSSG finished the year with \$25,500 in the bank.

The courtyard project has earmarked \$17, 839.00 and the Year 6 graduation book cheque has been raised for \$750. Ongoing commitments are \$6,500

Electronic report moved by Paul Hardie and seconded by Allan Deacon.

## 7. Request for Nominations to vacated positions.

At this point, the meeting was handed over to Michael Skinner, President of The Association.

Michael congratulated Paul on his efforts in the Junior School. He further commented on a job well done to outgoing committee and then declared all positions vacant.

Michael read out the nominees for each position and asked for any further nominations.

## 8. Election of Office Bearers

The summary table below lists each position, the nominations and those elected:

Position	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by	Outcome
President	Becky Mammen	Wendy Kirkham	Juanita Rayner	Elected
Vice President (1)	Sue Elliott	Paul Hardie	Kathy Lollback	Elected
Vice President (2)	Juanita Rayner	Becky Mammen	Kathy Lollback	Elected
Vice President (3)	Justin Lawson	Alan Bradley	Paul Hardie	Elected
Secretary	Kathy Lollback	Wendy Kirkham	Becky Mammen	Elected
Treasurer	Alan Bradley	Paul Hardie	Kathy Lollback	Elected
CPL Co-ordinator	Brooke Long	Kylie Marshner	Paul Hardie	Elected
Connections Editor	Juanita Rayner	Becky Mammen	Alan Bradley	Elected
TICK Editor	Libby Patrick	Paul Hardie	Kathy Lollback	Elected
Committee Members	Kylie Marshner	Brooke Long	Paul Hardie	Elected
	Gwen Bell	Paul Hardie	Alan Bradley	Elected
	Clark Siemsen	Paul Hardie	Alan Bradley	Elected
	Vivian Younger	Paul Hardie	Alan Bradley	Elected
	Jason Samuel	Paul Hardie	Alan Bradley	Elected
	Wendy Kirkham	Paul Hardie	Alan Bradley	Elected
	Robyn Kozera	Paul Hardie	Alan Bradley	Elected
	Gary Jackson	Paul Hardie	Alan Bradley	Elected

## **9. Meeting Closed**

Michael confirmed that all members had been duly elected, wished the new committee all the best for the coming year and encouraged everyone to keep up the good work. Michael invited everyone to come along to The Association AGM on March 27 at 6.30pm in the Library. The JSSG Annual General Meeting was officially closed by Michael Skinner at 7.55pm.