



Junior School Supporters' Group

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ST PAUL'S JUNIOR SCHOOL SUPPORTER'S GROUP Annual General Meeting Thursday March 7th 2013

1. Meeting Opened

The meeting was opened at 7:31pm by outgoing President Becky Mammen. Becky welcomed everyone in attendance with a special welcome to Marianne Connolly, Cheryl Wegener and Michael Skinner. Michael Skinner is the President of The Association, (2011 & 2012). Becky thanked Michael for his efforts in his school role and for attending tonight to preside over the election of office bearers.

Welcome to new parents Jo Rooke and Julie Ye.

2. In Attendance

Cameron Carter, Alan Bradley, Juanita Rayner, Kylie Marschner, Jo Rooke, Sue Elliott, Libby Duffin, Cheryl Wegener, Marianne Connolly, Michael Skinner, Gary Jackson, Kathy Lollback, Julie Ye, Becky Mammen, Brooke Long.

3. Apologies

Robyn Kozera, Richard Frenken, Vivian Younger, Libby Patrick, Gwen Bell.

4. Acceptance of Minutes from previous AGM (1 March 2012)

As Tabled. Proposed by Sue Elliott and seconded by Juanita Rayner.

5. President's Report

Becky Mammen read her President's report which was received to applause:

2012 was another very busy year for us. In his 2011 President's report, Paul Hardie (a JSSG Executive member since 2005) was keen for us – the next generation – to understand the legacy of the JSSG and not fall into the trap of viewing the JSSG as 'only a fundraising group'. I am proud that we have picked up where Paul and the previous Committee left off and that we have fulfilled our charter so successfully by helping to build Community and by enriching the educational and extra-curricular experiences of our children.

During the year, we organised, funded, facilitated or fundraised for a raft of events and activities. Please bear with me while I go through this extensive list and extend my thanks to those involved:

1. The funding of the shade, benches and tables in The JSSG Courtyard.
2. Collection, collation, proof reading, printing and distribution of The TICK Directory; the 12th anniversary of a proud tradition. Thank you Libby Patrick and Libby Duffin.
3. The sponsorship of Rhys, our Smith Family Learning for Life Student.
4. The Uniform Swap – a fabulous resource to families and run specifically to fund the Smith Family Sponsorship. Thank you Libby Duffin for all the time and effort you put into washing and sorting hundreds of items and enabling the Swaps to run so smoothly.
5. Monthly publication of the JSSG's Connections Newsletter – its revitalisation widely appreciated around the broader School Community; thank you Juanita Rayner.
6. Funding for Year Four Carnival Shirts and funding for the Netball and Rugby Supporters' Groups.
7. We hosted morning tea at the Orientation Morning and supported the New Families Welcome Evening.
8. The Movie Night – game fully taken on by Robyn Kozera as a parent new to the School and organised with seamless efficiency. Thank you, Robyn and also Tammy Lawson, Gary Jackson and Carol and Alan Bradley.
9. Canteens at various sports activities (thank you Sue Elliott and Kylie Marschner). These included JS Inter-house Athletics and Cross Country and a monster of a canteen for the JTAS Athletics Carnival. Thank you Sue for embracing this daunting challenge with such an enviable sense of calm and clarity. It was hugely successful thanks to your planning and coordination. It would be remiss to mention the Canteens without also thanking our wonderful and very glamorous Barbie Boys, Isaac Prasad and Richard Frenken. Your burger flipping and sausage spinning was greatly appreciated.
10. The Athletics Development Day (sadly washed out, but the organisation for which was still greatly appreciated; thank you Alan Bradley).
11. Camping at St Paul's – threatened but not bowed by the weather (thank you again Alan Bradley and also Gary Jackson, Richard Frenken and Robyn Kozera).
12. The Red Shirt Football Program (thank you Brett Spelman and Tony Kozera and the Football Supporters' Group who provided senior students to assist).
13. The relocation of the JSSG's supplies from the grotty old shed to the Cottage – a welcome and long overdue move. Thank you to Charles Sweeney and Mrs Connolly for making this possible and thank you Richard and Selina Frenken for the hard graft in making it happen
14. The second JS Pre-loved book and now DVD sale (thank you, Juanita Rayner).
15. The Family Portrait Day (thank you Sue Elliott).
16. Funding of The Writer in Residence/Author visit.
17. Funding of JS Awards for the JS Celebration of Achievement.

18. The Year 6 Graduation Breakfast and Year Book.
19. Our inaugural end of year Community Barbecue – thank you, Kathy Lollback, for your meticulous organisation.
20. Our wonderful CPL network - the communication conduit of the Junior School and the coordination point of so many class based activities and functions; the additional support they gave to our broader activities and, on top of all this, a mammoth effort spearheading the Junior School Fair Stalls
21. The Fair - the Junior School Stalls not only provided a geographical focal point for the Fair but were once again at the heart of the fund raising action, generating around a third of the overall profit. The CPLs worked incredibly hard making each Year Group's Stall better than ever before, while Brooke Long and Kylie Marschner provided an essential and efficient link between the CPLs and the Fair's organising Committee. Additional support was generously provided by Mrs Abbott, Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Skinner. Thank you, each and every one of you, for all your effort and tireless energy.
22. The Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls and Car Park Raffles, Coles Sports for Schools and Woolworths Earn and Learn events. None of these activities would have got off the ground without the unrelenting and dedicated commitment of our fabulous CPL coordinator, Brooke Long. Thank you, thank you and thank you again. Thank you too Gwen Bell for the additional support you gave Brooke with the Woolies and Coles programs and thanks to all who shopped and donated.
23. The car park. We continued to invest a lot of time and energy on this in 2012. A huge number of improvements have been made to the car park since early 2011, starting with changes in signage and additional speed bumps and ending with yet more speed bumps. From the start, the JSSG was keen to see changes made to the crossing too and, while there have been hiccups along the way, I would like to acknowledge the work that Mrs Connolly and Mr Browning have done to get crossing supervisors in place every afternoon. For this to happen, Mr Browning had to get training exemptions approved by Road Safety, a process which required significant commitment on his part. I acknowledge that many parents continue to feel a huge sense of frustration about the lack enforcement and I hope we can continue to facilitate positive dialogue with the School on this topic. At the same time, we still have a persistent minority of parents who refuse to respect the signage, putting their own convenience ahead of our children's safety.
24. Finally we coordinated a significant effort to mark Mrs Abbott's retirement. Junior School families gave very generously to thank Mrs Abbott for her service to the School and it was a privilege to have the responsibility of spending those funds wisely. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped with ideas and special thanks to Kathy Lollback for riding the emotional and somewhat stressful rollercoaster with me.

So, that's my tally. If I have missed anything out, please let me know and I will correct the record. I am conscious that in most cases I have only thanked the coordinator of the activity, but as I compiled this list I was reminded of quite how many generous people have supported us – the 2012 Executive, the broader Committee, countless Junior School families and Staff alike. As a society (myself included) we are increasingly quick to say how busy we are and how short of time we are. But everyone who has contributed during the year has made a conscious decision to embrace a common purpose – enriching our community. Whether you face work pressures or any number of the raft of other demands and responsibilities facing all of us (most of which pass under the radar without mention or recognition), thank you to all of you for giving your time, energy and enthusiasm to the JSSG.

Additionally, I would specifically like to thank Mrs Connolly, Mrs Wegener and Mrs Abbott for their moral and practical support in supporting me as a “green” President and also for helping us as a Committee to achieve so much throughout the course of the year.

A large chunk of the JSSG's regular income comes from Coffee Royal, “the Coffee Van”. I would like to thank wholeheartedly Adrian and Julie Chippendale for their ongoing financial generosity as well as their support at many of our events. It would be too easy to take this support for granted, but the truth is that many of our funding commitments simply would not be possible without their wonderful contribution to the JSSG.

When Paul Hardie was figuratively twisting my arm and trying to convince me to nominate for this role, he assured me that the only thing that really mattered was that I had the support of a good Secretary and CPL Coordinator. Paul was right about pretty much everything and this advice has proved to be no exception.

My sincerest thanks to Kathy Lollback for your dedication, generosity and professionalism in fulfilling the role of JSSG Secretary, the fantastic improvements you made in 2012 to our profile through updating our artwork and communication headers, your wise, calm and considered counsel and above all thank you for your friendship.

I extend equal thanks and gratitude to Brooke Long for your unstinting hard work in carrying out the role of CPL Coordinator. This is a hugely demanding role with almost no opportunity to stop and catch your breath. And yet you have cheerfully and willingly gone about your business keeping the wheels of the CPL train turning. Without your vigilance and attention to detail, communication in the Junior School would at best be severely compromised and at worst come to a virtual halt. Emails – with the perfect choice of words and language - have often been sent in the early hours of the morning and everything you have done has happened quietly, efficiently and effectively. Thank you for the generous support you have given me, but - above all - thank you for all you have done for our School Community.

Finally I can't finish without mentioning my husband, Tony. Little did he know that, when I agreed to nominate for this role, he himself would end up living the JSSG Presidency vicariously through our email Inbox. This isn't something that he has relished. Tonight we should be celebrating the 21st anniversary of our first date, but instead I'm here and he's holding the fort at home.

So, that's a wrap. I wish the new Committee and The Junior School Community well for 2013. Thank you.

Regards, Becky Mammen

JSSG President 2012

6. Treasurer's Report

Current balance of the JSSG Account is \$14,848.60

Funds after committed expenditure and unbanked income is \$10,716.68

Money committed for concrete slab is still outstanding.

Have received 2012 reports from The Association and the JSSG accounts balance.

Financial Report moved by Alan Bradley and seconded by Kylie Marschner.

Becky thanked Alan Bradley for his commitment to the role of Treasurer.

7. Request for Nominations to vacated positions.

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

Michael congratulated Becky and the committee on their efforts in the Junior School. He offered a further special thanks to all the parents who were involved in the school fair and for their great efforts. Michael 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	Kathy Lollback	Kylie Marschner	Elected
Vice President (1)	Libby Duffin	Libby Patrick	Sue Elliott	Elected
Vice President (2)	Juanita Rayner	Becky Mammen	Kathy Lollback	Elected
Secretary	Kathy Lollback	Becky Mammen	Sue Elliott	Elected
Treasurer	Alan Bradley	Kathy Lollback	Becky Mammen	Elected
CPL Coordinator	Brooke Long	Kylie Marschner	Juanita Rayner	Elected
Asst CPL Coordinator	Kylie Marschner	Kathy Lollback	Becky Mammen	Elected
Connections Editor	Juanita Rayner	Becky Mammen	Sue Elliott	Elected
TICK Editor	Libby Patrick	Libby Duffin	Sue Elliott	Elected
Committee Members	Richard Frenken	Kathy Lollback	Sue Elliott	Elected
	Sue Elliott	Becky Mammen	Kathy Lollback	Elected
	Robyn Kozera	Sue Elliott	Kathy Lollback	Elected
	Gary Jackson	Kathy Lollback	Becky Mammen	Elected
	Cameron Carter	Kathy Lollback	Becky Mammen	Elected
	Jo Rooke	Sue Elliott	Kylie Marschner	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 26 at 6.30pm in the Library.

The JSSG Annual General Meeting was officially closed by Michael Skinner at 7.54pm.