President’s Report - AGM - 2010

This is my first report as president having been elected at the AGM last year.

Taking on this role has certainly increased my knowledge and appreciation of the complex nature of running such a large school. I started my involvement at Carlton PS in 2009 as a parent helper in home reading, on excursions and as a member of the Community Club assisting at various fundraising events for the school.

The P & C provides a very important function in the school community – it promotes the interests of the school by bringing together parents, citizens, students and teachers into close cooperation.

The P & C President is a member of the School Council and attends regular meetings over the year alongside elected teachers, parents, community representatives and the school principal to review the school’s policies and finances.

Over the year I was able to participate in Panel Training, together with Emily Yang, to increase the support base of parents available to participate in the very important responsibility of appointing staff to Carlton PS.

Last year the P&C also supported the NSW Teachers’ Federation in collecting signatures to be submitted to the Review of Funding for Schooling. The petition called for Australian governments to ensure the right of every child to have access to a well resourced, high quality public school in their local community. The petition was supported overwhelmingly by parents.

2010 has seen a steady increase in the number of parents attending our monthly meetings. In an effort to increase participation we have organised guest speakers at most meetings who have focussed on a range of topics including: the use of interactive whiteboards, the social and emotional development of young children, school banking/financial literacy, positive parenting and NAPLAN 2010. The P&C also organised a First Aid Awareness course for parents in conjunction with Royal Lifesaving.

At each of our meetings our Relieving Principal, Mrs Leanne Noon, provided regular updates and sought feedback regarding many aspects of school life at Carlton PS. The P&C would like to thank Mrs Noon, and all the teaching and office staff for being so supportive of the P&C and our work. They show a passion and commitment to their roles that is to be highly commended.

Once again the sub-committees of the P&C were able to support the school through fundraising initiatives and the provision of school uniforms. The Community Club organised successful Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day stalls, an Easter raffle, family photos and the sale of entertainment books. Thankyou to Debbie Jacobson, Mick and Janette Holzer, Rachel Flanagan and other committee members who have worked hard to ensure the success of these events.

The Uniform Committee was once again led by volunteers, Lyn Partridge and Gertie Kelly who successfully manage and operate the Uniform Shop and the sale the of uniforms at the Kindergarten Orientation Day. Thanks to Gertie and Lyn and their team of helpers for their dedicated efforts.
The profits from both sub-committees are used by Carlton PS to provide additional resources that benefit students and staff. Due to decreasing attendance at meetings the Community Club folded at the end of 2010. A big thankyou is extended to all those parents who have been part of the Community Club in past years. The responsibility for fundraising will be undertaken by the P&C this year.

Thankyou to the members of the P&C Executive for their support and involvement over the past year: Nicole Hodgson(Vice-President), Rachel Flanagan (Secretary) and Emily Yang(Treasurer).

A thankyou must also go to the parents and care-givers who continue to support the school each year by participating in the various fundraising events throughout the year and attending P & C meetings. The school community values the effort you have made to provide additional resources for the children and staff at Carlton PS.

All parents are welcomed to our meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month during the school term. Come along and join in the discussion about your child’s education.

Marrianne Skinner

P&C President 2010