



## Parents & Friends Association AGM President's Report for 2014/15 Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> 2015

The Roberts McCubbin PFA aim is to provide opportunities for parents and carers to be involved with the life of the school, be a part of the school community and help build a sense of belonging. We also support the school with our fundraising events and the teachers with various activities and events as required during the year.

Starting the year with the Beginners 1<sup>st</sup> Day Morning Tea through to the Election Day Sausage Sizzle towards the end of the year – we find ourselves seeing friendships begin casually over a cup of coffee and grow as names are placed together on a roster to turn a sausage or two or sell cakes at our stalls.

Our most popular event this year would have to be the Father's Day Breakfast with many dads/carers coming out very early in the morning to have "brekky" with the kids and then to go out for a kick to kick on the oval and shooting hoops on the basketball courts before the bell went. Many took the opportunity to read a book with their little ones too.

Many activities were organised by the PFA during the year for families to get together socially and to support our school and our children through various social, school community and fundraising events.

New ideas were introduced and were met with enthusiasm by our school community – such as the Children's Book Swap and Family Movie Night, which was wonderful to hear. It is nice to receive feedback such as "what a great idea", and "we had a great time, thank you for organising" – especially for the co-ordinating team.

Our annual Trivia Night was allocated a new date at the end of the year for 2014 and although it resulted in lower attendance, the evening itself was a success and many new families attended. With the Fair being a bi-annual event, the PFA has seen this opportunity to re-invent the Trivia Night as a Major Fundraiser with a Social Night in alternating years.

And once again the Helping Hands Christmas Tree was a great success with many parents/carers volunteering to donate gifts for the children of families in need in our school.

We have such a strong sense of community here at Roberts McCubbin with a strong parent involvement and support and the PFA are proud to be a part of it all - we know many parents appreciate the opportunity to contribute and be involved whenever they can.

Overall the PFA raised **\$20,972** for the school in 2014. A fantastic result! The funds raised helped to pay for the Athletics License in 2014 for the whole school, Parenting Ideas Membership, Pop Up Soccer Goals, and new furniture for all the classrooms.

In 2014 our activities included:

1. Beginners 1<sup>st</sup> Day Morning Tea
2. Monthly morning teas (incl fundraising for the World Biggest Tea)
3. Weekly Mondays Walk and Chat
4. School Picnic Sausage Sizzle, Cake Stall and Icypole Stand
5. Hot Cross Buns Fundraising Drive
6. Mother's Day Stall

7. Women's Night
8. Family Movie Night
9. Father's Day Stall
10. Father's Day Pancake Breakfast
11. Book Swap
12. Rolf Pies Fundraising Drive
13. Walkathon
14. Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall
15. Mango Fundraising Drive
16. McCormicks "What's for Dinner" Survey Fundraiser
17. Trivia Night – Major Fundraiser
18. World Teachers Day Morning Tea
19. Transition Morning Teas
20. School Disco
21. Helping Hands Lunches and Dinners
22. Teachers Support Activities/Contributions: Easter Eggs, Robocup, Grade 6 Graduation Gifts, Performing Arts and Visual Art Room parent helpers.
23. Craft Group
24. Weekly PFA News and Information in Newsletter
25. Helping Hands Christmas Tree

**Thank you:**

To all the co-ordinators of our events - without you these activities simply would not happen and it's wonderful to see such teamwork in action. To all the parents and carers in our school community that have been involved in many of our activities – thank you. Your time, talent and effort make a huge difference and we appreciate it all! And to our whole school community, thank you for participating in our fundraising opportunities throughout the year.

To all the anonymous families that participated in the Helping Hands program and especially to Alison McIntosh who managed the program so well – thank you for being so caring towards our families in need.

To Rachael Hibbins and the Craft Group for providing further opportunities for parents to be involved and creating such beautiful hand-made cards and craft items that help raise funds for our school.

To all the teachers and office staff Suzie, Sarah, Karen, Jen and Tanya that are in the background of all our events - your support is greatly appreciated.

To Marg Pickburn and Amanda Wigg for your support and guidance, and to the School Council who also have been supportive of all our work.

Lastly I would like to sincerely thank the 2014 PFA Committee Members; Vice Presidents Robin Fripp and Lisa Hanna, Co Secretaries - Andrea Belmonte and Ellen Swansson, Treasurer - Chris Rosicka, Assistant Treasurer - Jo Townsend and Janelle Pandit as our school council liaison.

I truly appreciate your enthusiasm to keep the PFA vibrant and relevant for our school community, and your team work and discussions of all things PFA is great to see and I hope this continues with the in 2015/16.

**Matoula Romeo**  
**2014 /15 PFA President**