

Clarence Park Community Kindergarten

2018 Governing Council Report

2018 saw a successful year for the CPCK Governing Council. Following our initial meeting early in the year the group mapped out a number of plans and initiatives to work on throughout 2018 and managed to achieve a majority of them thanks to the dedication, energy, effort and hours put in by the governing council, staff and additional family participation.

Fundraising

A less aggressive approach to fundraising was adopted by the council this year, focusing on activities with good returns and minimal time commitments. As recommended by previous Governing Councils, the People's Choice Community Lottery generated \$810 in direct funds with the online and paper tickets sales. The funds raised from the Community Lottery went toward the installation of the new swing set. A new digger/excavator for the sandpit was made possible from the parents of 2017 who made purchases from the parent direct online catalogue, many thanks for paying it forward. Our final end of year fundraiser was a 2019 calendar featuring all the kindergarten children. A special thanks to the generosity of Milla's family for the production of the calendar, also not forgetting the time and efforts of Ruby, and Julian's families ensuring the amazing final product happened.

Outreach

Enrolment numbers are on the rise due to the efforts of previous years with events and projects to advance the visibility of the kindergarten in the local community. The Friday morning playgroup is continuing to bring strong numbers with the flier still in circulation throughout the local community, as well as the online advertising through the kindergarten's Facebook page. With the past success of the kindergarten's SALA entries, we again held a SALA exhibition at the local café Rise & Grind titled 'KindergARTen'. The wonderful creations of the kindergarten children included; recycled face masks created from recycled materials, self-portraits, marble art, and art of spinning paint created with salad spinners. The event was a huge success and commenced with a grand opening inclusive of guest speakers including Jo from KESAB, and Ruby's grandmother.

Development Projects

Following on from previous Governing Councils and a grant received from the Unley Council the addition of a bus stop was designed and built by a local carpenter and was installed early in the year. Another Unley Council grant was applied for in 2018 for funds to install a child specific street library in the front yard of the Kindergarten. Approval is still pending for this grant, and we hope future governing council/s fulfil this vision. 2018 saw some generous donations from most of the Kindergarten families. A new basketball hoop was kindly donated by Domenic's family, which replaced a tired old one. A new initiative was trialled with the kindergarten families to 'donate and plant' which was a huge success. All families were invited to donate a plant to the rear veggie patch or the front sensory garden, then plant it with their child creating ownership in the kindergarten gardens. 2018 also saw the installation of the new swing set and an upgrade to the landings at both top and bottom of the slide which is due to be installed late in the year with the 2019 enrolments set to enjoy the new facilities.

I would like to thank each and every one of the Governing Council members in 2018, your hard work and dedication has paid off and we should be proud of all we have achieved. Best of luck to the staff, new governing council and parents for 2019 we hope you continue to flourish.

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