Overview of what’s been happening this term...

The Parents and Community association (P & C) at Pottsville Beach Public School has again delivered on their commitments to improving the school environment and learning opportunities. Over this year more than $20,000 has been donated to the school and students from P & C fundraising activities.

- A further $5,000 was donated from P & C funds to boost the capacity to buy more books from the schools Walk-a-thon. Efforts are now being spent covering all these great books to ensure the home reader program is ready for the new year.
- The schools carols held last Friday 2 December was a great success for students, families and the fundraising bank balance. The raffle was well supported by the community and the BBQ (manned by the young Leos) and hard work by some mums and dads in the canteen, we were able to raise close to $3,000.

As you will see in the picture above, one of our P & C mums (Kylie Kelly) helping out at Kindergarten orientation with a quick talk on opportunities for parents to be involved in the school and have a say about fundraising ideas. Great work Kylie!

Presidents report

Since September, Mark (Vice President I), Andrea (Vice President II), Hilary (Treasurer), Jacqueline (Secretary) have been applying themselves to work and family commitments, as well as P&C duties, via email, phone calls and face-to-face meetings.

Many other members have been actively involved in sub-committees like Canteen and fundraising efforts including the Car Boot Sale through which Michelle has been featured in recent local publications, encouraging our efforts and informing the wider community.

We managed to get some snaps of the latest Pizza Day and the Kindy Orientation. The latter promoted our Parent Resource Room as a very suitable gathering point, a place to share a cuppa and browse the uniform selection, supported by bright faces and personalities, intent on FUN-raising as well as FUND-raising.

The progress toward our COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) continues as Mark and I support the Principal at various meetings as the year draws to a rapid close. We also met in late November with DEC (Dept of Education & Communities) personnel who have a priority focus upon Pottsville Beach because they recognize the growing opportunities for Public Education which are being appropriately appreciated by our leaders, teachers and staff.

There is a deliberate determination to streamline our monthly meetings so that more people might be able to attend and still return home to say goodnight to their loved ones.

Thanks to everyone for your support as we together serve our School community, made up of so many precious little lives. Enjoy your growing families during the Christmas Season, as they prepare to step up in 2012.

Craig Blackburn - President
Sub-Committee’s

Parents are welcome to join one of the sub-committees and assist in decision making regarding aspects of our school or just be a helper from time to time when an event is being held.

Fundraising Committee

Our last car boot market raised approximately $1,300, the pizza day made about $1,500 and the mini fair sausage sizzle brought in $1,200 for the school. Allocation of this money will be discussed at P & C meetings in the new year. Past distribution of funds have been towards new computers in the year 6 class rooms ($3500), assisting the Music program ($6000), purchase and installation of the playground equipment ($10,000) and subsidising the school magazine “Plovers Post” keeping costs down. The volunteers small equipment grant has also purchased the new items for the parent resource room. You are welcome to come down and have a look.

A BIG thank you goes out to all the volunteers this year. If you would like to be included on the volunteer register for 2012 send Michelle an email and you’ll be kept in the loop of activities going on at the school.

Fundraising Coordinator: Michelle Acret, 6676 1194 Email: macret@yahoo.com.au

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Thank you to the Uniform Shop team for making my life "a lot easier" over the past year. Katrina Worth, Kym Trotter, Glynis Watt, Janette Blackburn, Heidi King, Bec Clarke, Sue Lacey, Robyn Newson, Robyn Geeves....and also Michelle Acret, Karen Freeman and Rebecca Carr with their assistance during Kinder Orientation. They are very much "appreciated”.

Opening hours:

2011 - Tuesday 29 Nov 8.30am - 9.30am
Friday 02 Dec (Future Fives Orientation) 10.30am - 11.30am
Tuesday 06 Dec 8.30am – 9.30am
2012 - Friday 27 Jan (Pupil Free Day) 9.00am-12.00pm.
Monday 30 Jan 8.30am -10.00am
Tuesday 31 Jan 8.30am -10.00am
Wednesday 01 Feb 8.30am – 10.00am
*Every Tuesday only 7 Feb onwards 8.30am -9.30am

Please note – we will have no Size 8 or 10 Purple Polo Shirts until 2012. These sizes will incur the new cost.

Co-ordinator Kylie Kelly, 6676 1224.

Canteen Committee

In 2012 we will be trialing a new roster system for staffing the canteen with volunteers. This has already commenced over the last few months with stage 1 being nominated as the starter helpers.

A note will be sent home when your child’s class/stage will be required to help in the canteen. If you are able to come in for a few hours or even the day, it will be a great experience for you and your child LOVES it.

Please note: Volunteers are able to help at anytime throughout the year as well even if it is not your child’s turn!

Canteen Coordinator: Lyn Marcus, 6676 1161

Meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month
starting at 6:30pm for coffee and a chat with the meeting to commence at 7.00pm.

All Welcome!