Babinda P&C President's report 2015
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Without doubt the highlight of the year was the planning and execution of the school's Centenary celebrations. These were held on September 13 2014, the culmination of 16 months of planning by the P&C and school staff. The Facebook page set up to engage the broader community garnered over 400 likes and enabled us to promote the occasion and also provided us with a barometer of interest in the celebrations. We were able to use this information to inform our logistics for the day which was an overwhelming success. This included the official opening of the new adventure playground funded under the Smart Schools Subsidy Scheme which is an exciting and highly visible asset to the school.

We intended to keep the Centenary celebration costs minimal to allow everyone to participate and we achieved this whilst still making a modest profit; we leave the accounts with a healthy balance as we head into 2015.

The P&C agreed to introduce a new school uniform this year and this was well received. Tuckshop is still an area where we struggle to provide a service and I hope the new committee can address this if the school community is supportive.

During my 3 year term I have been fortunate to oversee the introduction of a couple of innovations that have streamlined P&C processes. As volunteers with busy lives, the ability to be able to access information online has improved transparency and enabled us to reduce the workload on individual members and ensure their contributions are manageable. This has included the ability to record minutes during the meetings on google drive, potentially accessible to members immediately after the meeting and removing the need for typing up handwritten minutes for distribution, and the introduction of an online payment system making it much more convenient for payments to be approved by authorised personnel. In addition, we have worked with school staff to establish and contribute to the school's Facebook page which has improved engagement with not only the school community but also further afield. I hope the new committee continue to cultivate and support these measures into the future.

Since my family and I have moved away from the region now I will not be standing for President again. I would like to thank all members of the P&C who have supported our work, in particular the exec committee who stepped up to their positions: Russell Lauridsen (Vice President), Meagan Bombadieri (Secretary), Linda Crabbe (Treasurer), and Aletta Nugent (QCPCA representative).

I encourage all parents and carers to consider coming along to the P&C meetings to contribute in whatever capacity you can, whether that be nominating for a position or simply making up the quorum required for us to function as a committee. Being an active member is a rewarding way to be a part of your child's precious schooling years and support your local school.

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