

Murray Farm PS P&C Annual Report 2023

- Janet Zuo, P&C President

On behalf of Murray Farm Public School P&C, I am thrilled to express our gratitude for another successful year. Reflecting on our achievements, it's clear that 2023 stands out as a year of significant contributions and initiatives, positively impacting our students and school community.

We kicked off the year with the introduction of the Volunteer Reward Program, a testament to our dedication to engaging more parents in school events. This program, costing \$150, has been pivotal in recognizing and encouraging the active participation of our parent volunteers.

Our commitment to education shone through with an \$8,000 donation to the school library, enhancing the students' reading program.

The Gardening Club initiative continued to flourish, creating a thriving green space for our students. This project not only beautifies our school grounds but also instills a sense of environmental stewardship in our students.

The School Community Support Initiative, though yet to receive applications, stands ready to assist families facing unforeseen challenges. This initiative underscores our commitment to the well-being of our entire school community and will be a long-term initiative to help our families.

Our P&C Logo Design Competition was a highlight, involving our community in a creative endeavor to define our collective identity. The result was a new logo, inspired by the creativity of three talented and lovely Murray Farm students, now proudly representing our school P&C.

Our BBQ Election Day Fundraisers were resounding successes, held twice this year. In March, Cecile's leadership raised \$2,690, and in October, our student-led event added another \$1,388.20 to our funds. These events not only raised substantial funds but also showcased the dedication and skills of our students and community.

The launch of our P&C website in July, murrayfarmpnc.com.au, marks a milestone in our efforts towards a more connected and transparent community. Thanks to Shirley, our IT coordinator, parents now have a central hub for all P&C information, including involvement opportunities and multi-lingual meeting support, catering to our diverse community.

A significant financial decision this year was the establishment of a 6-month term deposit of \$200,000 in October, at a 4.83% annual interest rate. This strategic move aims to generate additional income of \$4,830 for next year's funding.

Continuing our tradition of enhancing community engagement and student support, 2023 was a year of impactful initiatives at Murray Farm Public School.

The Class Parent Scheme fostered connections among parents, and the Year 6 Farewell project was a touching celebration of the remarkable journeys of our students. The Murray Farm Cracker Carnival, held on September 16, 2023, was a highlight event, showcasing the vibrant spirit of our school. Additionally, the Parent Masterclass initiative, which involved coordinating guest speaker programs in collaboration with the Principal, significantly enriched our educational offerings.

String Ensemble – from Tina Kao

This year, our P&C experienced an unprecedented surge in participation, with membership reaching a record high of 124. This remarkable increase signifies a growing enthusiasm and commitment within our community, greatly contributing to the vibrancy and success of our school's initiatives.

Canteen – from Sophia Kim

The canteen has 3 managers, 2 supervisors and 4 relief supervisors along with a dedicated team of regular volunteers. Our lovely Gaye retired after 12 years of service.

The P&C created a new website allowing volunteers to sign up online for the first time.

The canteen successfully provided over 1000 recess and lunch orders on International Food Day.

The P&C supplied thank you ice block vouchers to parent volunteers of the school- which were very much appreciated by the children who enjoyed the reward!

We trialed a different Chinese Food supplier whilst Carmen Drive Chinese restaurant underwent renovations.

We bought a new fridge and a new oven and added new laptop to process orders more efficiently.

Food Safety Supervisor certificates have been completed for the three managers for compliance with the new legislation which exceeds the requirement.

New food menu items were trialed (frozen grapes/ strawberries and more to come!).

A huge thank you to the wonderful staff at the canteen and all the amazing volunteers. Onwards and upwards for 2024!

Events – From Kim Balcombe

As P&C Events Co-ordinator, and with the Events Crew, we've supported the following successful Events: Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival, Open Day, Mother's Day Stall, Character Dress Up Parade/Book Week, Father's Day Stall,

Teachers Day High Tea, Scripture Morning/BBQ, Strings End of Year Concert, Volunteers Thank You Morning, School Disco, Grand Parents Day/K-2 Fun Day and Star Morning Tea.

This year, I fought for, and got a few new ones, Mother's Day & Father's Day were both a resounding success. I received no complaints on the service or items provided, received high praise from Teachers, Faculty and School Executives on how well the Events were co ordinated, messages/emails complimenting the initiatives and how much it was enjoyed and appreciated by the wider School Community.

The Teachers Day High Tea was also an incredibly honour, our Teachers absolutely loved it. This should be a staple of our Events Calendar as those above.

I also successfully petitioned a request for the P&C to fund the SDD (Student Development Day) luncheon for Teachers and Executives.

We supported SRC and Wellbeing Team with bringing back an old School End of Year Disco. To liaise with Miss Potter and the Kids was a privilege, and to be entrusted with organising, setting up during the day, collecting the Glow Stix monies & making the Posters/Signage prior to the day.

I can only praise my Events Crew on their dedication to all Events, Teachers, the School Community (Parents and Children), and we will continue the high standard, Excellence and Expectations we have achieved over the last 4-5 years.

It has been my absolute pleasure to be Events Co-ordinator all these years and to ensure all these Events have been so successful.

Book Club – from Carmen Lee, Book Club Coordinator

It has been another successful year for Scholastic Book Club running at our school. Our young readers from Kindy to Year 6 has ordered a total of 898 copies of books from Issue 1 to Issue 8, valued at \$11463, which has helped our school to raise \$1,719; this money has helped us to purchase more books and resources for the library.

Vice President – From Cecile Siu

This year I supported the President and other executive members with routine authorized tasks and staff recruitment efforts. I actively participated in organizing two BBQ fundraising events for the Elections. Additionally, I monitored, initiated, and followed up on matters concerning student traffic safety and other requirements on the school grounds. I also took charge of the P&C Logo competition, managed the ICAS back-to-school quest, and served as the convener for the international food stalls with net profit of \$39,692 at the Cracker Carnival.

Special Thanks to our Year 6 Volunteers – From Janet Zuo

Lastly, our heartfelt thanks go to the parents of Year-6 students, who have been pillars of support and dedication throughout their time at Murray Farm. We wish Elka Watmore, Jenny Su, Kim Balcombe, Lydia Chan, Lydia Deng, Mandy Lam, Nicole Cook, Olivia Suen, Rebecca Male, Rory Warren, Sarah Selva, Sasikala Pattabiraman, Jacqueline Cheong and Sophia Russell all the best as their children move on from our

school.

As we conclude this year, we look forward with enthusiasm to the opportunities and challenges that 2024 will bring.

Committee Members 2023

President - Janet Zuo

Vice Presidents – Cecile Siu & Fay Ji

Treasurer - Vincent Man

Secretary - Anna Kan

Book Club Coordinator – Katy Tsui & Carmen Lee

Canteen Convenor - Sophia Kim

Class Parent Scheme - Cathie Bates

Cracker Carnival Convenor - Kim Balcombe

Events Coordinator - Kim Balcombe

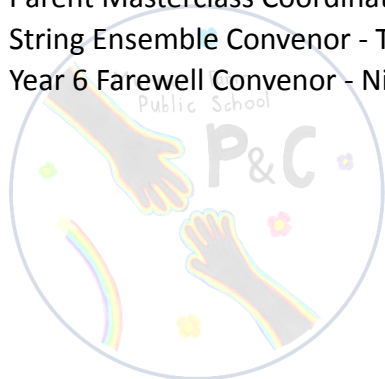
Grants Officer - Andrew Jefferies

IT Coordinator - Shirley Xie

Parent Masterclass Coordinator - Carmen Lee

String Ensemble Convenor - Tina Kao

Year 6 Farewell Convenor - Nicole Cook



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