Chair: Mike Ticher

1. Welcome


3. Presidents report: Tabled

P&C Executive
I would like to start by thanking the executive members of the P&C; I greatly appreciate everyone’s support and teamwork over the year. Office bearers in 2010 were

- Mike Ticher, Vice President
- Peter Cox, Vice President
- Sue Russell, Secretary
- Suzana Sukovic, Assistant Secretary
- Max Pontin, Treasurer
- Jeff Hockey, Sydney Region P&C representative and College Advisory Council representative
- Ali Hill, School Council representatives:
- Stephanie Searle, College Advisory Council representative

On behalf of the executive, I would also like to thank Judy Kelly for her incredible support and commitment to working in partnership with parents.

P&C representatives
Parents were represented at many forums and events in 2010 including the school council, the college advisory council, P&C regional advisory committee, school finance committee, orientation days and recruitment panels. Thank you to all those involved including Ali Hill and Stephanie Searle, Mick Houlbrook and Sue Russell.

P&C meetings
The P&C held 8 meetings in 2010. We would like to thank everyone who was able to come along and contribute to the discussions as well as those who followed our progress via the minutes and the parent email list. Your support and interest is invaluable.

P&C social events and fundraising
The P&C hosted a number of social events throughout the year. The Trivia Night committee put together a great night and raised over $6,000. Many parents said how much they enjoyed the evening. Thank you to Kate Teevan, Fiona Law, Mike Ticher, Glynis Jones and Sue Russell. It was a great team effort and many parents and staff helped on the evening, as well as donated prizes, silent auction items and cakes. Thank you also to our many sponsors who supported our efforts by donating goods and services to the silent auction.

The P&C continued to collect family donations. Our appreciation to the office staff for their support.

Funds raised from these activities were used to provide additional resources, facilities and equipment for students at the school. This included the Dux award, which recognised academic excellence and the “Gotcha” awards, which recognised student achievement and contributions to the school. The purchase of new equipment from 2010 funds includes:

- Smart Board for one of the Science rooms
- Mulcher
Sewing machine
• Bike racks
• Water fountain for refilling water bottles.

School events
Many parents were involved in supporting school events throughout the year, including Open Days and the Year 7 Orientation Day. Parents assisted with the 50th Anniversary celebrations with the musical “Ibrox High Voltage”, the BBQ for visitors at the Welcome assembly and the Cocktail party for past students, staff, parents and community members. Thank you to everyone who was able to help in showcasing SSC Leichhardt as a wonderful school.

Uniform Shop
2010 saw the uniform shop transferred from the P&C to Your Uniform Shop/Pickles Schoolwear. Our gratitude to Judy Kelly, Laura Hart, Melanie Oxley and Max Pontin who planned and managed a very smooth transition. Thank you also to everyone who was able to help out at the Uniform Shop at the Year 7 Orientation Day in December 2009 and during the school holidays in January to ensure that Year 7 students were well outfitted to start the school year.

Our heartfelt appreciation to Laura Hart for her dedication in coordinating the P&C uniform shop activities over the past few years and to the volunteers who have assisted her each week.

Canteen
In 2010, the School Canteen lease came up for renewal. Thank you to Sue Russell for all her hard work as the parent representative on this committee.

Bike racks for students riding to school
The P&C investigated options for installing bike racks within the school grounds. To help us in our planning, we conducted an online survey to gain feedback from parents. Thank you to the many parents who participated. The submission to the Community Building Partnership grant program for $5,000 to cover the costs of materials (bike racks and fencing) was unsuccessful, so the P&C made a commitment to secure bike storage and has put funds aside for this purpose. Many thanks to Liam O’Sullivan who continues to passionately take the lead on this project.

Lostock
Lostock continued to be a fantastic asset for use by students and families across the College. We would like to thank Balmain and Blackwattle Bay P&Cs and schools for their financial contribution to this project and their interest and support for the future of Lostock. Special thanks to the Lostock subcommittee, led by Steve Cumming and Amanda Maddox for managing and maintaining the property during the year, as well as the many parents who assisted with the working bees. Without their efforts, many of our students and families would not have been able to enjoy a taste of country life.

Communication
The P&C regularly contributed to Highlights, the school’s fortnightly newsletter. The P&C also maintained pages on the school website and managed a parent email list in order to distribute the P&C minutes and inform parents of P&C events and other relevant information. Our appreciation to Peter Cox and Sue Russell for their unfailing efforts.

Advocacy
2010 was an important year in advocating for a number of improvements to the school and its surrounds.
There was strong representation from parents at the P&C meeting in May with Verity Firth, Member for Balmain and Minister for Education and Training. NAPLAN testing and the MySchool website were major items for discussion. We also had the opportunity to raise a number of local issues, including ongoing problems with the school’s air conditioning; community use of the basketball court/
cricket nets/ front lawn; funding for laptop repairs and maintenance and funding for bike racks within the school grounds. Many of these issues were taken up and some positive results were obtained.

On behalf of the P&C executive, I would again like to thank everyone for their many and varied contributions in 2010. We look forward to another positive and productive year in 2011.

Lisa Woodland
President P&C,
Sydney Secondary College, Leichhardt Campus

Mike Ticher expressed a very big thank you to Lisa who has been the P&C president for the last 2 years. Lisa has been the driving force behind many of the initiatives undertaken by the P&C.


Treasurer’s report is based on a calendar year. At present The P&C has $44,405.79 in various accounts.
Treasurer’s report accepted, Moved Ali Hill, seconded Sue Russell. Carried.

5. Secretary’s Report:
A letter was received from Verity Firth regarding funding towards the bike racks and fencing. Representations have been made to the Minister for Climate Change and the minister for Sport and Recreation.

6. Election of office bearers:
Judy Kelly declared all positions vacant. Positions were nominated, accepted and voted for unanimously as follows:

President: Vanessa Palfreyman, nominated Mike Ticher, seconded Steve Cumming.
Vice President-2: Lisa Woodland, nominated Steve Rokfalussy, seconded Ali Hill.
Treasurer: Tony Eames, nominated Max Pontin, seconded Mike Ticher.
Assistant Treasurer: Janet Pritchard-Jones, nominated Steve Rokfalussy, seconded Ali Hill.
Secretary: Suzana Sukovic, nominated Sue Russell, seconded Ali Hill.
Assistant Secretary: Ali Hill, nominated Sue Russell, seconded Steve Rokfalussy.
School Council Representatives: (2) Sonja Blayney, nominated Sue Russell, seconded Suzana Sukovic.
Jackie May, nominated Mike Ticher, seconded Steve Cumming.
College Council Advisory Council (2): Tony Eames, nominated Ali Hill, seconded Suzana Sukovic.
Heidi Seemann nominated Sue Russell, seconded Steve Rokfalussy.
Enrollment Panel: Cheryl Beatty, nominated Ali Hill, seconded Mike Ticher.

Meeting Closed: 8.40pm.

The next P&C meeting will be held Monday 4th April.