

P&C President's Address 2020

At the end of every year as the President of the P&C I am asked to make a speech. Just like I have been this year. Given the capacity issues and people missing the last assembly I thought I would post here instead.

How do you get up and make a speech about a year like this? 2020 started off with great optimism and then boom 🌪️ life as we know it changed and everything came to a grinding halt. Members of our amazing community were stood down from their jobs, uncertainty everywhere. We were glued to our TV's for updates from our Prime Minister & Premiers and Lisa's Daily blogs... things changed so quickly.

We have to say a extra special Thank you to the amazing staff of Richmond and the leadership of Lisa to guide us through this challenging time. I think quite a few of us really understand how important teachers are to our children. Home schooling was challenging and yes there was funny memes everywhere and I'm sure quite a bit of wine drunk too but we survived and were ever grateful for our little darlings returning to school 🍷👏

Our neighbourhoods came together like they have never before. Our community grew and being locked up at home wasn't that bad... we had great weather and plenty to be grateful for.

Although, the P&C's wings were well and truly clipped this year for fundraising and truly missed being able to create amazing community events - your P&C have been working tirelessly this year behind the scenes to plan for 2021 our amazing schools Centenary.

We are full steam ahead in planning our Centenary Fair on March 20, 2021. Special thank you to the dedicated team of volunteers putting in hours of planning, preparation and vision to create what we hope will be 'The Fair of the Century!' So please mark your calendars with this date and let's celebrate our awesome Richmond Primary.

Special thank you to our beautiful Canteen Manager Rosalind Owers. What a year we have had. Covid safe training, taking the canteen to 100% online and your amazing healthy food options and new menu. Special thank you to Amy during Term 2 you volunteered every week and you served up to 235 orders a Friday with Ros and Wednesday's. You went above and beyond so Thank you!

To our graduating Class of 2020. You have showed resilience, spirit and great leadership to the whole Richmond Community. We wish you every success at High School and we look forward to hearing about your outstanding achievements to come. Don't be strangers to Richmond come visit us again.

Lastly, the P&C is seeking new members for 2021. If you would like to join the P&C I am happy to chat with you and I encourage as many parents as possible to get involved. 2021 is gearing up to be a year of celebrations for Richmond Primary and it's a great time to be involved!

Wishing you all a Wonderful Christmas 🎄 and a very Happy New Year.

Stay Safe and see you in 2021.

Kind regards
Paula Sowden
P&C President