

## **GCC PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2021 YEAR**

Firstly, I'd like to welcome you all here tonight. It makes me happy and proud to see a group of dedicated parents showing their interest in our community and college. Our role as the P&F is to foster a strong sense of the school community. This can be done by being involved in school events, volunteering in the tuckshop and giving back to the students and school by ways of donations and purchasing resource items.

2021 was another year where again, we all were dealing with COVID 19 regulations and restrictions but some of the major ones involving education were eased and this was a breath of fresh air for the parents, as it meant we were able to attend assemblies, school events, award ceremonies and the Year 12 graduation.

The children again showed resilience during this time and I admit there were many times of frustration shown, but we all got through this even our year 12 students of whom I am proud of every single one of them.

We had the introduction of Covid vaccinations for school students over 12 years of age, and families making the choices to be fully vaccinated to keep employment. Everyone struggled at one point in time over Covid. Then we had students, teachers, family members all having to go into isolation if someone caught it.

2021 we saw the departure of Principal Cathy Barrett and the introduction of our new Principal Rosa Lanzo.

I, had an extra special year teaching our year 12 students their formal graduation dance. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> time the college has been able to showcase this at graduation night. Unfortunately, the students in 2020 were unable to do this due to the very strict Covid rules.

Our 2021 graduation students have left the college with fond memories and great friendships and the best part now, is I get to see some of them when I visit my daughter at JCU in Townsville.

It never ceases to amaze me what we can do when we all work together. A big thank you must go to the College leaders, teaching staff, assistants, tuckshop ladies, groundsmen, support aids and administration team for keeping GCC on track and running smoothly throughout the year.

The P&F made financial contributions towards the following events for 2021.

- Annual Sports Awards (Junior & Senior \$250 each) = \$500
- Annual Dux Awards (Junior & Senior \$250 each) = \$500
- Brett Lee Internet Safety Presentations (Travel & Book) = \$5253.00
- Rylee Jones Qld School Netball championships = \$100
- V5 Competition Super Kit = \$2536.20
- Grant writing service for Digital Noticeboard (unsuccessful) = \$500
- Gift for Cathy Barrett (departing principal) = \$300
- Sausage Sizzles (Cooking and supplies)

- 2021 Levy for students \$2115.45
- 3 x Simulation Dolls for Childcare students \$7399.00
- Volunteers Day Cake
- Grade 12 Graduation \$568.18
- Honour Board (half expenses)

A total of over \$19,788.83

The P&F Committee also met & made changes to our Constitution and reviewed and updated the budget for 2022. We are hoping the following events return in 2022.

- Anti-Ice Campaign
- RACQ Program
- Road Safety for senior student
- Family Meet & Greet
- IGNITE conference

I am proud to have been associated with the GCC P&F and have been on the committee for the past 8 years. Our wonderful group of mums who hold executive positions on the P&F, thank you. The P&F are a wonderful group of parents who are all busy, but we will always find the time to put our students and the school community first, by attending the monthly meetings and helping at our sausage sizzles.

Donella, you have been beside me all the way from the start. We have swapped positions over the years, but you have been an exceptional right-hand lady and the both of us have witnessed many changes, attended many extra meetings, and solved parents' concerns over the years, and working through all of these, I believe the outcomes have been rewarding for everyone at the College.

Lastly, I cannot finish without thanking Leigh. Not only are you a mother to students at GCC, but you are also our treasurer and staff member at the college. You are a woman who wears many different hats and whom has so many wonderful talents and I personally want to thank you for everything that you do for GCC.

I may be gone, but hopefully I am never forgotten and please contact me when you have school events and sausage sizzles, as I would still love to be involved and volunteer my services as a friend to the P&F association and college. (I am just a phone call away or email).

Kind regards

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 9/3/2022