



## Clovelly Public School P&C

### **President's Annual Report 2023, AGM 12 March 2024.**

In 2023, Clovelly Public School celebrated the completion of the New School Hall and the enormous success of Clofest, its first major event in over a decade, marking a year of immense community involvement and progress. There are so many people that volunteer their time to make each of these initiatives and events a success. The progress we witness and the events we attend make the community what it is, and make Clovelly Public such a wonderful place to be, to learn, to teach and to enjoy.

### **P&C and Executive Team**

At the end of 2023, we had a number of positions to fill in all areas of the P&C. I'm pleased to report we've found nominees for each of these positions and have a strong team to take on the baton in 2024. I look forward to working with the new Executive team and the broader P&C committee.

As the custodians of the school P&C, our challenge is to continue to improve the school through our roles, increasing community engagement and continuing to support the school and students as best we can. We're looking forward to the exciting plans and projects in 2024, notably the initiative to create a new play area on the lower field.

### **What did we do in 2023?**

#### **Canteen**

In 2023, under the outstanding management of Kathryn Prassas and Amy Ryan, the canteen thrived, serving the Clovelly Community daily and at special events, and maintaining a positive relationship with the SoFun Committee, the school, and our families. Volunteers played a crucial role, and we extend a big thank you to all those who packed lunches, flipped sausages or helped throughout the year. The Canteen team's dedication to food safety and compliance was exceptional, and financially, ended the year with a substantial profit. I extend my deepest gratitude to Rebecca and the entire Canteen team for their hard work and commitment throughout the year.

#### **Friends of the Band**

The CPS Band Program had a fantastic 2023, starting off successfully with increased numbers into all bands. Highlights included winning medals at several competitions and making

significant contributions to community events such as Clofest. With changes to the committee, improved financial standing, and exciting plans for 2024, the program continues to thrive and enrich the Clovelly community.

## Social and Fundraising (SoFun)

SoFun successfully organised a number of impactful community and fundraising events in 2023, culminating in a total profit of over \$71,000. There is no doubt the highlight of the year was the grand success of Clofest 2023, which alone raised \$45,000 towards the new playground. A huge thank you to the outgoing chair Andrea Aschner and the current chair Kelly Ehrlich who, along with her committee, has achieved a great deal in a short period of time.

Looking ahead to 2024, SoFun has an exciting lineup of events, including a Moonlight Cinema and the introduction of a fundraising Wishing Tree at the Welcome Back Picnic, promising another year of community engagement and significant contributions to school resources.

## Netball

The 2023 CPS Netball Club has seen a fabulous year, fielding 9 teams with nearly 90 players engaging in a highly successful season, underscored by the fundraising efforts and the exceptional achievement of the year 6 team finishing 3rd in division 1. On behalf of the entire P&C and school community, I extend heartfelt thanks to Lisa Bristowe and her committee, Joh, Lydia, and Lieke, for their leadership throughout the year.

## Grounds

It's been wonderful to see improvement to the school's outdoor areas this year, including the successful Clovelly Farm project and our community's supportive efforts in preparing the Grounds for Clofest. I extend a special thanks to Matt Lewinsohn for his leadership as the Grounds and Environment Chair; his contributions have been invaluable, and we wish him all the best as he concludes his tenure in the role.

## What are our goals for 2024?

The P&C and Executive team have significant goals for 2024. Broadly, these are:

- To continue to improve all activities under the P&C banner.
- To hold community events throughout the year to maintain engagement within the school community and with the broader community after the success of Clofest in 2023.
- To raise funds to support the school & school initiatives and to provide resources that benefit the teachers and the students.
- To successfully raise funds for the major fundraising project - the new lower field playground area.

## Special Mentions

**Seta Vakaciwa** has been an integral part of the P&C over many years. In her role as Vice President, she's contributed significantly since commencing in 2019. Seta's been involved in over \$230,000 worth of successful grants, along with everything else that the VP role entails. Seta has also been instrumental in progressing the discussions around installation of air conditioning for the school, which is now ready-to-go once we are granted the required power upgrade. I would like to thank Seta on behalf of everyone at the P&C and broader community for all she has done - remarkable!

**Rebecca Beavis** has contributed significantly to the smooth running of the canteen over the last few years. She has guided the team through challenges and has continually sought improvements, always with the kids in mind. On top of this, Bec has managed equipment, staff and volunteers effectively and adhered to increased compliance requirements from NSW Food Safety and routine inspections. All of this is no easy feat and Bec leaves the Canteen in a great place. The P&C (and all the satisfied kids!) thank you for volunteering.

**John Richardson** stepped down from the President role in Term 4 of 2023. John was a wonderful ambassador for the school and the P&C in his role. Without his calm leadership, especially through COVID, the School community and P&C would not be in such a healthy state. John's work with the School Hall project, and all of the initiatives before, have left a legacy for the school and students to enjoy for many years to come. Thank you John!

## Thankyou

The success of a P&C is driven by its members, sub-committees, and volunteers - thank you for being involved. I also extend our appreciation to our dedicated teaching and administrative staff, who invest tremendous effort in fostering positive learning environments for students at all levels within the school.

We are lucky to be a part of the Clovelly Public School community, which is clearly thriving!

**Charlie Boyle**  
**P&C President**