Report from 2012 P & C President

Hurlstone Agricultural High School has developed into a pre-eminent educational institution in New South Wales and continues its reputation of fostering the leaders of tomorrow. The academic performances, along with achievements in sporting, community service, cultural diversity and the arts by students at Hurlstone ensure the school is frequently and favourably noticed in the public forum.

Like all schools in the public system, Hurlstone relies absolutely on the contributions of volunteers in addition to the efforts of the teaching staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the energetic groups of parents and friends who helped the P & C Committee achieve its objectives during 2012. The ongoing involvement of dedicated parent volunteers will ensure the P & C continues to deliver worthwhile projects and services to the school, which otherwise would not have been possible.

During 2012 funds raised by the P & C, including fees and subscriptions have been used to purchase text books and teaching aides across all faculties, the beach volleyball court, interactive whiteboards, robotic kits and musical equipment. We have also provided financial assistance to students who competed at the highest levels in a number of pursuits.

I am grateful to the many parents who have taken on leadership roles, especially in the various sub-committees including Eve Webb-country fair, Renu Vishwain and Kulwinder Saini - international club, Steve Faulds – uniform shop, Jane Betteridge – music ensemble and Stacey Wall - canteen. I have been impressed by the willingness of many to take on roles they felt were perhaps initially beyond their comfort level, and into which they have grown in confidence during the year. I thank the 2012 Executive Committee – Danielle Krix, Rebecca La, Natalie Macky and Domenic Mosca for their tireless efforts and support.

The P & C will continue to play an important role in the implementation of the recommendations of the “2009 Peters Report” including assisting the Principal in communicating any progress with the wider school community. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting the introduction of compulsory study in the subject of Agriculture. This is at the very centre of Hurlstone’s ongoing obligation to encourage the pursuit of studies which will benefit the agricultural sector throughout Australia in the years ahead.

I wish the incoming 2013-14 P & C Executives all the best in their important roles and hope the successful candidates will find the challenges rewarding.

Regards,

Phillip Wall