

Good Evening, I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land the Jagera and Turrbul on which we work and live, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. I pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

Welcome to the Principal, Elizabeth Foster, Committee Members, Operations Manager, members of the MSHS Community. This evening I would like to thank our MacGregor State High School Community for taking on the challenge of remote learning and supporting our school students for the most part of Term 2. This has been an unprecedented and challenging time for the Principal, Deputies, Heads of Department, Year Level co-ordinators, Teachers, non-teaching staff, students, parents, and carers. I thank Liz and the MSHS Leadership Team for guiding our community through the COVID-19 lockdown period and providing us all with timely updates and ongoing information.

The P&C Executive Committee for 2019/2020 have had challenges of their own and this evening I thank the Vice President Joseph Grice for his support in the finer details and guidance of protocol and procedures, thank you to Seija Gow, Secretary for concise and informative procurement of relevant procedures especially in the time of COVID-19 and JobKeeper practices. Thank you to Colin Jerram, Treasurer, for your tenacity to learn. Our Operations Manager Lydia, thank you, you stepped into a role that was no easy task and you have proven that your desire to support the P&C employees and help this community to grow towards a modern future has been welcomed and I thank you for your support.

As a Committee we have been able to take small steps towards improvements within the school Community. We have been able to:

- Implement changes to the canteen menu with the introduction of blackboard specials and gradual seasonal menu changes with a focus on Smart Choices, Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy for Queensland schools.
- First fund raising event for 2019 was a sausage sizzle for the May 2019 Federal elections
- Arts, Gala evening; a Barbeque under J Block followed by supper outside P Block
- December 2019, with a short turn around we were able to obtain our first grant through BCC to support our Community with the MSHS 50th Anniversary.
- Showcased highly adaptive organisational and management skills from the canteen staff and operations manager providing an amazing array of finger food on the evening. Not to mention the skilled committee members selling beverages and the school community selling raffle tickets from donated items by Graham Perrett ALP, Representative of Moreton, Peter Russo, MP Labour Party member for Toohey, Westfield Garden City retailers, and MSHS staff on the evening, thank you for your support.
- supported our Community with end of year prizes for MacFun Day
- Donation of \$4000 to the School Care Fund
- Uniform allowance of \$400 provided to the Year 7 full scholarship recipients in 2019
- 2019 School Dux prize of \$1000 was provided to school for presentation to the winner in 2020
- 2019 Year 9 High Achievement Bursary winners were provided with School Blazers
- employed a top-notch barista and succeeded in obtaining a grant through Smartygrants for a POS machine for the Cafe.

- Our Committee was also supportive in Keeping our staff employed and were able to successfully obtain JobKeeper. This was unknown territory for the whole country let alone our committee but this was done in total support for our staff, community and especially our students who were always going to need uniforms, food, and beverages on their return to campus.

I would like to say that in the role of the President, I have learnt what our community looks like from within and from the outside. I thank you all for the opportunity that I have received to garner new skills, make new friends and see what a difference a small network of people can do when faced with the unknown. I sincerely thank you all for your support and wish the future of MSHS P&C Committee all the best.

Warm Regards

Julie TamlinStockbridge

Outgoing MSHS P&C President 2019/2020