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To: All P&C Delegates, P&C Presidents & Secretaries

Report on P&C Council General Meeting 24 Nov 20 (attended by 20)

This report is issued after Council meetings to assist delegates in reporting back to their P&C associations and to inform parents generally about the activities of P&C Council.

Notices: Next P&C Council General Meeting Tuesday 23 Feb 21

1. Update on Supporting Parent Engagement Grants

Council's grant application for providing up to 100 P&C parents with either face to face or online cultural awareness and competence training had not been successful. However, EDU had indicated that they would consider funding the project through a different arrangement with their EST section. It was noted that even though the Round 3 application deadline had passed, EDU would still consider late applications from P&Cs until the funding was exhausted. The Chair advised she had been in discussions with a legal officer who specialised in working with not for profit organisations on improving/supporting governance, management and risk/liability procedures. She was hopeful of this leading to a grant application which P&Cs could join in to receive a one on one review of their operations and management, with training as an option. P&Cs interested in this proposed project were invited to contact Terry at the Council office.

2. Continuing issues from the COVID restrictions on:

- a. About two thirds of P&Cs had paid their affiliation fee invoices and about 10 struggling P&Cs had requested additional time to pay or waiver of this year's fees. The Executive had approved the use of last year's surplus to support those P&Cs in financial difficulties.
- b. Up to 500 parents in addition to students and teachers were now able to attend school graduations when held on the school site. If off site, larger numbers according to the increased restrictions recently announced were possible. Council's lobbying had contributed to lifting these restrictions.
- c. Parents were now allowed to attend P&C meetings on the school premises but we doubt this would lead to a rush of parents back to face to face meetings, given the success with online meetings.

3. Discuss future videoing and conduct of Council meetings and workshops.

The office had investigated the use of online recording and videoing hardware and software for possible use next year in conducting face to face and online General Meetings and Workshops. There are good reasons for continuing face to face meetings but that are many delegates who found the online access to meetings more convenient. We will survey delegates early next year to determine preferences for participation in meetings.

4. RAP success of Council's NAIDOC week colouring competition.

We had received nearly 400 entries from all age levels in schools for our NAIDOC week colouring competition. Local sponsors had been keen to offer prizes for the winners. A panel of the staff and our RAP working group had selected the winners and highly commended entries, with each level receiving at least two (2) prizes. It was strongly recommended that we hold a similar event next year and interested members welcome to join our RAP working group. We are currently implementing our Reflect RAP which is the first stage in a four (4) stage process.

5. Any other Business

As this was Kirsty's last official act as President, she sincerely thanked everyone for their support over the last three years, which she had greatly enjoyed and valued the experience and knowledge she had gained. She noted that we were all involved in P&Cs and Council because of the importance we place in public education.

6. Next meeting –General Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 23 Feb 2021 via Zoom.