

## Record fund-raising effort by GIPS paves way for purchase of whiteboards, aircons, readers and more!

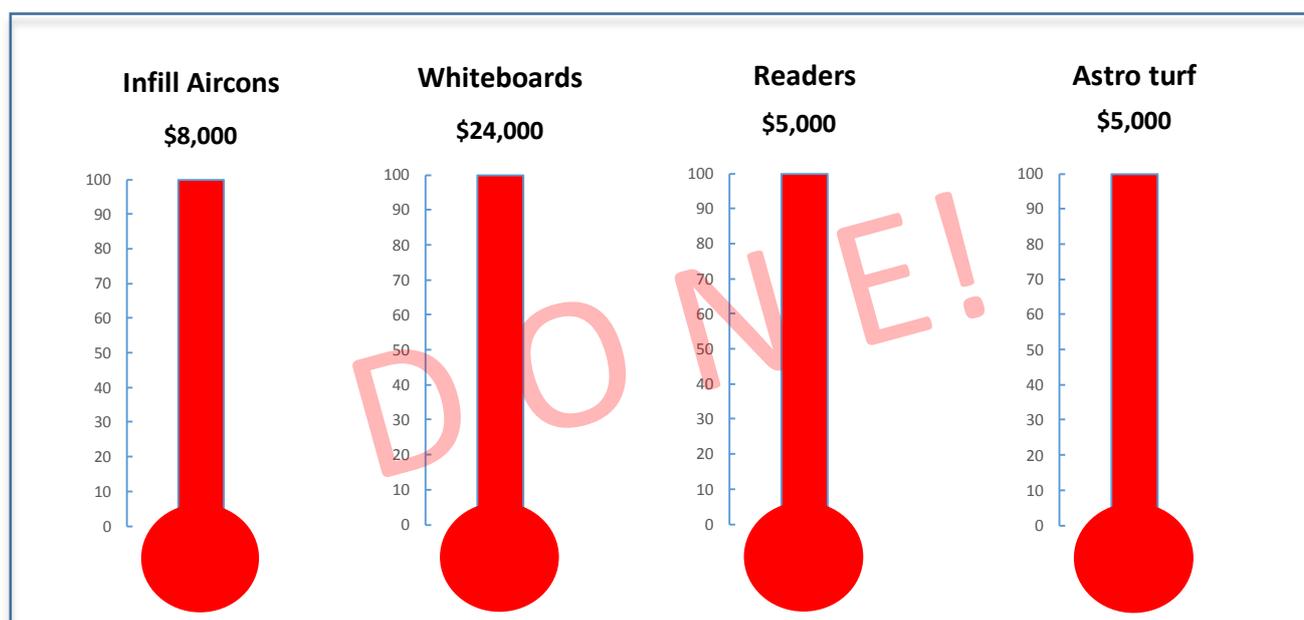
**\$44,000 raised this year** to date, and growing! What an absolutely fabulous effort by the GIPS community! Thanks to the generosity of our parents and sponsors, we have reached our annual target by September, and with a few events to go before the year is out, we are hoping to reach an inspiring figure of \$50,000!

A huge thanks to all the Parents Association members on the fund-raising side of things who have made this result possible. There have been literally thousands of hours of unpaid voluntary work undertaken by hundreds of parents this year. From those who worked to deliver the fantastically successful Spectacular which alone raised **over \$25,000 (net)**, to successful fund-raising events such as Make and Bake stall, Mothers and Father's Day stalls and breakfasts and Pie day, and the ongoing tireless work of the volunteers at the Second Hand Uniform Shop and Icy-Pole Friday, and to those on the Corporate Sponsorship team, you have all made an indelible contribution to the success of your child's school, and we thank you for it.

Thanks also to a generous anonymous family who funded the purchase of the entire set of new school readers, and to the three corporate sponsors who collectively will contribute just under **\$10,000** to our coffers this year alone. And thanks also to the School Council which has supported these initiatives.

**These funds will all go towards the purchase of valuable school assets, to help our kids get the very best facilities and education possible given our circumstances.**

### Checking our progress



**Fundraising goals achieved by September 2018. Well done GIPS!**

## Our fundraising goals for 2018

Guided by the School, the Parents' Association identified in May four items to support through its fund-raising efforts. Their status of each of these to date is below:

Item	Description	Cost	Status
1 <b>Infill air conditioners</b>	2 split systems to cool & heat the infill areas between the portable classrooms, substantially increasing their use for teaching.	\$ 8,000	<b>Ordered. To be installed over holiday break</b>
2 <b>Electronic white boards</b>	IWB (Interactive White Board), are promethean panels. New IWBs for Year 1, 2, 3 and 5&6 areas.	\$24,000	<b>1 has been pre-ordered and is in use, 3 others have been ordered and will be in classrooms in Term 4.</b>
3 <b>Take-home readers</b>	Replace much of the current stock with new and contemporary readers mainly for Prep to Grade 3	\$ 5,000	<b>Purchased. Begin circulation Term 4.</b>
4 <b>Astro turf</b>	Long term project to save funds each year for the replacement of the astro turf oval around 2025.	\$ 5,000	<b>Banked</b>
		<b>Total: \$42,000</b>	

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## Daddy Cool!

Spring time means lawn-mowing, footy finals and Father's Day, and with the help of the Parents Association and our students, our GIPS dads got the royal treatment at our annual father's day's events.



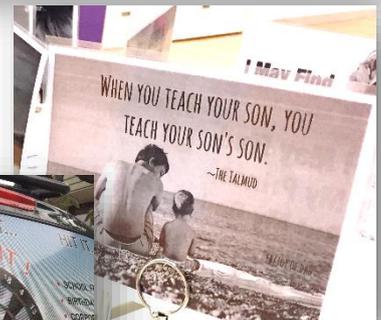
The traditional **Father's Day Stalls** opened on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August with a great set of products sourced by our Stalls Coordinators **Lisa Kelly** and **Katrina Standen**. From adventure mugs to drink bottles, to mints and liquorice all-sorts, to massage machines and photo frames, all beautifully wrapped and presented, great effort was made by the organisers to source quality goods rather than junk. The kids, who excitedly made their way into the MPR (Multi-Purpose Room) throughout the morning, enjoyed the secret shopping experience and pondering their choice for their dad.



Thank you all for the team of mums who helped run the sales. They included **Bec Steer, Olivera Pugsley, Claire Louie, Mel Wardrop, Lisa Pearce, Jane Lukins, Caroline Merrett, Susan Perry, Emma Vrieze, Andrea Itowski, Shane Millar, Jane O'Dwyer, Fiona Holbeach, Cindy Gong, and Verity Bright.**



The next morning, spring came a day early with a great day for the **Father's Day Breakfast**. Held in the hall this year, a stream of mostly suited Dads and their kids headed in from 7.15am, to be welcomed by some smiling mums and the smell of egg and bacon rolls and decent coffee from our Fletchers van. Outside, **Pete Dafinis'** awesome Dart Ball Wall was a hit with kids and dads (thanks Pete – available for hire!), and inside kids scrawled heart-felt messages to their Dads on the mega message wall. It was a great buzz, well attended, so thanks Dad's for coming along. Thank you **Ryan Hill** for coordinating the event, **Irina McCredie** for helping me set up, **Gray Tham** for those wonderful photos (still available free on Zen Portfolio website, [https://glenirisprimaryschool.zenfolio.com/fathers\\_day\\_breakfast](https://glenirisprimaryschool.zenfolio.com/fathers_day_breakfast) password gojis), and a host of helpers and servers, including **Katy DeValle, Kate Robinson, Emily Wilhelm, Julia Greene, Olivera Pugsley, Kim Gomez, Marlo Osborne-Smith, Angie Tassell, Virginia Hunt, Rose Thomas, Merryn Callaghan, Kim Coltman-Bavage, Julia Greene, Martine Burger, Bec Steer, and Jane Lukins.**



## GIPSMEN launch

GIPSMEN is off and running, with a launch at the Father's Day breaky by guest speaker **Ian Couttes** from Carlton Footy Club. Spearheaded by **Bryan McMeikan**, also supported by a teacher representative, **Nathan Gilliland**, the GIPSMEN aims to bring together dads or father figures of students at GIPS, to socialise and have fun on occasions, to build friendships, better understand what is going on at the school, and in their kid's school life, and in doing so become better dads. Contact Bryan or the school to get on the email list and watch out for the first GIPSMEN social function next term. For more information on the Fathering Project or to register for free email tips on how to be a better dad, check out: <http://thefatheringproject.org/>.

About The Fathering Project:

### Sign-up to receive our weekly tips!

Please click this link and follow the prompts in order to receive our weekly emails containing tips, advice, event details and other relevant information for those interested in The Fathering Project. The sign-up form has been designed to ask specific questions to assist us in being able to tailor and provide you with content relevant to your fathering situation.



## Footy Pie Day

Auskick is over (thank goodness), only to be replaced by footy finals! What better way to celebrate the upward march of the Dees, and all other things footy, than by a special footy lunch of piping hot pies, sausage rolls and a good ol Aussie lamington!



Thanks to the Parents Association and special lunchpreneur **Katrina Standen** and **Shane Millar** who bravely took on this event, and the Mums4Pies volunteers – **Suzie Hotchin, Katy DeValle, Serena Thompson, Verity Bright, Kelly Greaves, and Debbie Graham**. The kids loved it, and it helped raise over \$1000 for PA School funding projects.

## Friends Of The Arts Help deliver a Fantastic School Concert

The Principals report covers the school concert which was a great event and huge success. However, it can't go without mention the work of the Friends of the Arts in helping put the Concert together. From humble beginnings, having just begun this year, the FOTA (Friends of the Arts) has blossomed into a fantastic group of parents who have helped create and assist teachers with the evolving journey of props, costumes, sewing, ironing, and sourcing. It was so wonderful to the culmination of the creativity on the night as it all came together with dance, music, fabulous costumes and a show that was immensely enjoyed by parents.

Thank you particularly to **Kirsty White**, whose inspiration it was to form the group, and whose tireless work over months has helped bring together a team. Big thank you also to FOTA folk including **Sarina Brunott, Juan Juan Chen, Sarah Cormick, Shmana DeRun, Kelly Mrocki, Jenny Trytell, Ran Hao, Angela Nelson, Sarah Richardson**. Thanks also for props by **Jonathon Trytell**, and promotions by **Andy Jones**, and photography, again, by **Gray Tham and Craig Mills**.

FOTA also helps out in art classes, and will be now helping on art displays. FOTA welcomes any interest parent to get in touch (contact FOTA Coordinator Kirsty White)



The **next Parents Association meeting** is a wine and cheese thank you night, on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30pm at my place. Welcome to all those who have contributed to such a great year so far.

Kind regards

See you round the grounds



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