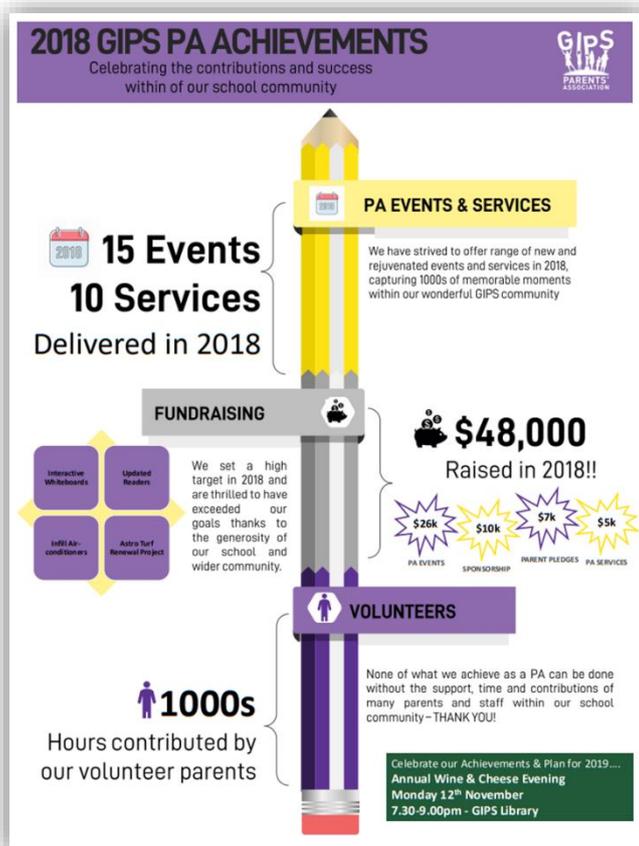


## Thank you, Parents, for a Great 2018!

As the year draws to a close, I'd like to say a big well done and thank you to GIPS parents.

It's been a great year for the school and the PA! As a parent body we have achieved a great deal and helped make a tangible difference to our kids' education as well as the life and community of the school.

- **15 Events**, approximately 3000 attendees including children, parents and teachers, including Evening on the Green, Fathers & Mother's Day events, and stalls, Pre-Loved Book Stall, Spectacular Main Event, French and Footy Pie Day Special Lunches, 2 Make n Bake Stalls, GIPSMEN launch, and Mango Drive.
- **10 Services** including Icy Pole Friday and Second-Hand Uniform Shop run throughout the year, Friends of the Library, a newly created Friends of the Arts, a beautifully maintained vegie garden, 4 working bees around the school to maintain and improve our school grounds and buildings, Class Room helpers, Swimming and Excursion helpers, representations to Council, and design and production of new House T-shirts.



### GIPS Parents' Association: Communications Achievements 2018



**SIGNUP APP LAUNCH**  
224 volunteers



**COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY**  
195 responses



**MAILCHIMP WEEKLY NEWS TRIAL (Prep/Yr 3 Only)**  
60-70% open rate



**FACEBOOK PAGE**  
281 followers (20% growth in 2018)  
Engagement up 500%



**REBRAND & LOGO LAUNCH**

- **\$49,000 raised** in funds, including \$27,000 from Spectacular, \$9,000 from our new Corporate Sponsors, for purchase of new promethean digital panels for classrooms, new set of school readers, new aircon units in the infill space in classrooms, and funds for our future astro-turf.
- **New PA rebrand and logo**, new sign up app launch with over 200 volunteers having used it, successful mailchimp weekly news trial, and a school wide communications survey which will lead to step change improvements in the way the school communicates in the digital age.

To our **volunteers**, too numerous to mention, thank you for everything you have done. You have given countless hours, expertise and energy to support the school. And for parents who helped in other ways by attending school functions, buying every ticket and thing on sale, buying auction items and words of encouragement, thank you also.

For those **parents who are “graduating” from** the school, we’d also like to acknowledge your contribution over often many years, and wish you and your children the very best in the formative high school years ahead!

And to **Garry and the GIPS Staff**, thank you on behalf of the parents of the School for your hard work, professionalism and energy, in delivering every day the very best education you can for our kids, both in and outside the classroom. Thank you especially to Sally, Cathy and Gina in the office admin for your efforts to support the PA efforts.

And finally, thank you to our sponsors, **Neumode Design and Construction, Smile Dental, and Fletchers Real Estate**, who have rallied to our call and put their hard cash into the school. Their signs look great!

## Mmmmm Mangos!

Thanks to Irina McCredie, and the parents of GIPS, the 2018 Mango Drive became a reality, with orders for dozens of trays of mangos motoring their way down the M1 from the sun-blessed farms of Queensland to our little school, for our eating pleasure. Over \$800 was raised for the school, and mangos have found their way into school lunches, freezers, desert bowls of GIPS families, not to mention Marlo’s Mango daiquiris....



## 2019 – Coming, ready or not!

The PA held its AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> November, and following that meeting a number of parent volunteers have put up their hand to support the school for 2019. Pleasingly, many positions have been filled, although there are vacancies, and we are always calling for all volunteers, and we are also always in need of parents to join. Please contact Emma Teoh, or myself, if you can help in 2019.

### 2019 Committee Roles – Business & Strategy

President	FILLED	Mal Osborne-Smith
Vice President	FILLED	Emma Teoh
Secretary	HELP NEEDED / VACANT	Sheryl Mills
Class Rep Coordinator	ROLE REMOVED	Nicola Thomas
GIPS Staff Rep	FILLED	Garry Collins
Treasurer	FILLED	Irina McCredie
Sponsorship & Fundraising	FILLED	Alex Smith
Resourcing	FILLED	Kim Coltman-Bavage
Sponsorship	FILLED	Alex Smith & Marlo Osborne-Smith

## 2019 Committee Roles – Events

<b>Ashburton Festival Coordinator</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	
<b>Evening on the Green Coordinator</b>	<b>FILLED</b>	<b>Kelly Greaves</b>
<b>GIPS Classic Colour Run team</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>	<b>Kerryn Aikman</b>
<b>Main Event Coordinator</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	
<b>Cake and Produce Stalls Coordinator</b>	<b>FILLED</b>	<b>Shane Millar &amp; Arlene Muys</b>
<b>Mothers' &amp; Fathers' Day Stalls</b>	<b>FILLED</b>	<b>Lisa Kelly</b>
<b>Mother's Day Event</b>	<b>FILLED</b>	<b>Dani Schmidt</b>
<b>Father's Day Event</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	
<b>Special Lunches Coordinators</b>	<b>FILLED</b>	<b>Shane Millar; Katrina Standen</b>
<b>Second Hand Book Fair</b>	<b>FILLED (TBC)</b>	<b>Lise Allen</b>
<b>Moonlight Cinema Coordinator</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	

## 2019 Committee Roles – Services

<b>Icy-pole Fridays" Coordinator</b>	<b>FILLED (TBC)</b>	<b>Olivera Pugsley</b>
<b>Friends of the Library Coordinator</b>	<b>FILLED</b>	<b>Caroline Merret</b>
<b>Friends of the Arts / Art Show Coordinator</b>	<b>FILLED</b>	<b>Kirsty White</b>
<b>Book Club Coordinator</b>	<b>VACANT / TBC</b>	
<b>Second Hand Uniforms Coordinator</b>	<b>FILLED</b>	<b>Deb Graham &amp; Jaqui Brown</b>

## Feedback? Ideas? We'd love them!

No idea is a bad idea. So it is said. Please give as any feedback on what we have done, or suggestions for the future, or it must be said, any concerns or complaints! We will do our best to ensure the decisions we make are not in isolation but on behalf of all Parents of GIPS.

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Don't forget your Class Reps, who will be appointed early in the new year, fill this important role of parent feedback, including on an informal basis. Please pass on any comments to them also such that they can let us know.

## Happy & safe holidays!

On behalf of the PA, best wishes to all for the festive season, and the holidays ahead. I look forward to seeing you fresh, relaxed and suntanned (but not too much) in 2019!

Kind regards

See you on the beach



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