President's Report to the
Annual General Meeting 2014

Welcome

Hi Everyone and welcome to the C&K Burleigh Heads Community Kindergarten AGM for 2014.

The committee of 2013 has achieved so much and I feel honoured to pass the baton on to a new committee, full of enthusiasm, new ideas and with the objective to do the best for our community kindergarten. I thank the outgoing committee for their hard work, commitment to attending meetings and their friendship. The one thing that brought us together is that we are all passionate about our kindergarten and keeping it part of the local community.

Achievements

Working together with staff and families 2013 was a productive year for us as we set goals and improved the quality of care we provide children at our kindergarten. At each meeting we would discuss our quality improvement plan for the kindergarten and set goals and note our successes.

Here are some of those successes:

A strategic plan is in place and has been updated. We produced a committee calendar highlighting important dates (when things need to be done) by a new committee. Improved the Handover folders for new committees and set a Handover Committee meeting to follow the AGM so new committee would have the information they needed at the commencement of the new year. Signed and accepted C&K’s Central Governing Body Member Affiliate Services agreement 2014. As our governing body C&K provides support to the kindergarten and distributed our funding. Presented a revised Burleigh Heads Kindergarten Enterprise agreement to staff who voted and accepted this. Purchased a laptop for Debby Limkin and a new tower for Louise in the office. Burleigh Heads kindergarten has an efficient IT system. Accepted a new cleaning contract. Held a parent information night – We sat and watched a DVD on “the big screen” Maggie Dent Real Kids in an Unreal World. I completed online training Child Protection using C&K online training portal. The Committee and Co-Directors conducted staff appraisals and we budgeted for Tracy Bass to provide 20 hours a fortnight of additional support to children in our community in 2014.
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Community Connection

We connected with the community being involved with:

Naomi Edwards Griffith University Coastcare Unit: Planting our dune plants at the end of the year on the dune at 27th Avenue Palm Beach. We thanked Neven from Broadbeach Meals on Wheels for bringing his sustainable practices to kindergarten by recycling cardboard from Meals on Wheels boxes and bring the cardboard to kindy for children’s collage activities. We welcomed Aunty Joyce to the kindergarten sharing aboriginal culture with the children. Gayle the Gold Coast City Council Librarian shared library resources with the children and Ray Cavill worked collaboratively with children using clay.

C&K

Mary and I met the new CEO of C&K, Michael Tizard at a roadshow in September. We continue to have a good relationship with C&K as an affiliate kindergarten with autonomy and with our own constitution. C&K upgraded their website in September. Many families access our online waiting list form from our webpage within the website and phone the kindergarten with an enquiry as a result of visiting this webpage. It has been a great marketing tool this year.

Reno and Refurb Grant 2012

We spent the final instalment of our Renovation and refurbishment Grant $41000.00 on the following: Additional landscaping, installation of security system for sandpit and playground. Hammock and waterpump installed, two new doors bathroom and locker room, non slip entry, basketball hoop, roof repairs, murals and pottery sculptures, improvement to front gates, kindy canvas tent.

Official opening 23rd August 2013 Morning Tea

Kindergarten official opening - Renovation and Reburbishment of our kindergarten 2012-13. The Committee and staff met with John Paul Langbroek Queensland Minister for Education who unveiled the plaque and official opened our playspace.

Fundraising

The fundraising team worked hard at organising events both social and fundraising. Some of the successful events last year were Mothers Day, Easter and Christmas raffles, Trivia Night and Book Swap Night. Fundraising is an important element of a non profit organisation like Burleigh Heads Kindergarten. I would like to thank the fundraising sub committee for all their efforts and funds raised and also to the parents and community members who supported these events and helped out with their time.

I would like to personally thank the efforts of the 2013 committee. We have made many decisions together and reflected much on our practice as a committee and organisation within the community. As we progress to the voting and electing of a new committee I would like to note that it is a rare opportunity to get involved in a committee such as this – for a not for profit organisation that is community owned and operated. With this in mind I encourage you to have a go and get involved. It is only one year and it will enrich your experience in the early learning years and forge some great friendships too. It a real team effort.