2014 may have been our most successful year to date for the MPS P&C and our MPS Community.

Our strongest asset this year was without a doubt our MPS Community. Our ability to work together to not only fundraise but develop and maintain relationships within our school and local community, I believe sets us apart.

Our year started with a much closer working relationship with our school in light of the retirement of Kate Cooper at the end of 2013. We gained a much better understanding of the difficulties and joys of running a government school of our size. We thank Colin Cobcroft, Fiona Davis and the School Executive for their smooth running and dedication for the first six months of the year.

A brand new Mini-Mos team was formed for 2014 and solid relationships were formed very quickly. The ease with which everyone came together with enthusiasm and respect for each other and the sharing of ideas gave us the best organised Mini-Mos ever and has without a doubt set us up for a fantastic event in 2015.

P&C Events in 2014 were a huge success, not only from a fundraising perspective, but from a community and FUN perspective. The Mosman Mixer was a great start to the year, followed by Mothers and Fathers Day Stalls and the hugely successful Mini-Mos (the rain held off until we had enjoyed the best of the day!). Then the outstanding evening that was MPS ArtFest, art lovingly created by our very own children and a wonderful night out for their parents…has the school ever looked so beautiful! We finished the year with a record Scholastic Book Fair which just goes to prove that despite all the technology available, our children still love a good book….or four.

Our teams in the Canteen, Uniform Shop, Hall Hire, Green Team and Performing Arts continue to bring their enthusiasm and desire to spread the joy of healthy eating and love of learning to our school. All of these services continue to be provided to a very high standard by an army of dedicated parents.

All of the wonderful people who volunteered, owned a project, came to an event, bid on some artwork, ran the 10km and then went back and ran the 2km with your child and generally pitched in, we thank you all.

We started the year with the Parent Information Evenings and talked about how the Years 4-6 were now reaping the benefits of the successful fundraising of the previous years and it is important to bear this in mind as our children move through the school. To that end the P&C undertook to review our spending of P&C funds to ensure we were spending appropriately in line with the changing size and needs of our school.

In 2014 the P&C handed over $138,000 in contributions to the school in support of an extra full time paid teacher, covering the cost of extending the Learning & Support Teacher and the Teachers Aide
from 2.5 to 5 days, support to resource a new Kindy class, various in class resources for Maths and English, supporting the shortfall from the Resource & Technology Fee to fulfill our commitment to the iPad & Technology Program.

On top of this, in a very generous year at MPS, we were able to purchase $23k worth of resources for our classrooms through the Wishlists Event. This was such a treat for our teachers and our children, who enjoyed choosing something educational for their class. We were also very pleased to purchase a much warranted defibrillator for our school.

I mentioned relationships earlier and it should be acknowledged that great effort that has gone into our relationships with our local businesses and service providers which allow us to host a number of events which would otherwise cost us much more and this allows us to reinvest the proceeds into our school. These relationships are also attracted to our continuing support of charities and the wonderful relationships we have with Autism Spectrum and the Unicorn Foundation. This year we managed to raise $30k for them, which is phenomenal.

As I step down from my role on the P&C after 3 fun filled years, I take with me the wonderful relationships and friendships I have made. I wish all the best to the new P&C team, our new Principal and the wonderful year ahead for Mosman Public School.

Tina Bradstreet, President 2014