

KFF AGM 2015

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Introduction

Today, our youth live in a world marked by degrees of uncertainty.

They actively learn about the tipping point of the planet they inhabit and inherit. They have lived through their first global recession. They live within families whose older generations are living longer, with more co morbidities, more disability.

The fickleness of terrorism, even from this far afield, taints their view of their own sense of personal safety, and, if they wish to travel abroad, their futures.

The importance of a robust, caring community becomes crystal clear in these times of incertitude.

Our school community can claim excellent health. It envelops our young people. School wide, managers, teachers, support staff and families work cohesively to empower students to live their precious lives with a strong sense of self determination, free as possible from constraints that could cause a sense of disquiet, lack of confidence or trust for our youth.

KFF plays an integral part in melding the boundaries between school and home for our children to have a consistent footing to base their growth and development upon. The parent body continues to strive to strengthen the building blocks that connect our ability to add value and make a positive difference to support school by offering resources, patronage, loyal commitment, time, expertise and skill and finally, a willingness to help each other.

KFF's culture of service to the school adds meaningful value to the spirit of this robust community.

We actively connect with Kristin's 50 strong group of class coordinators, cultural groups, the Prayer Group and the KFF Working group, which now numbers 340 members. KFF strives to continue to develop a cohesive community which can actively foster a growing sense of togetherness, care for each other as individuals and care for future Kristin students.

The positivity of our community connections is worthy of acknowledgment today. The readiness of coordinators to freely give their time and energy to support new families and foster togetherness at year levels is so appreciated by KFF. Together, with the ongoing significant commitment of cultural groups, particularly the Chinese cultural group, has enabled KFF the flexibility to connect at any year level and become increasingly able to invest in all aspects of community life.

Kristin Family and Friends remains highly committed to continuing to consolidate our service so that we can ensure that we offer seamless, progressive support that builds year on year to solidify the community platform in order to give Kristin Students a unique, happy, well connected place to grow up within.

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KFF 2015 Executive

The executive increased from 3 office holders to 14 members in 2015.

We managed to have one father, Antony Thimbleby come on board.

KFF Executive has 3 cultural reps, including Jane Liu, the Chinese Chairperson, Ava He from Kindy and Julia Wei in the Middle School.

We endeavoured to ensure we had representation from all three schools in the executive. We were successful in this regard.

We have 5 Executive members leaving the committee this year.

I would like to sincerely thank Ava He, Paula Le Noel, Rebecca McCarthy, Vicki Clague and Janine Jurkovich for their wonderful work over the last year. We are indebted to them for their work particularly on the Midwinter Dinner, the Golf Fundraiser and the Healthy Lunchboxes. We hope that they will consider rejoining the team again at some point when time allows.

I wanted to take the opportunity to highlight some of the events that the KFF Executive support within School

In 2015 we helped at 11 school tours/open days. Spoke at Meet the teacher evenings and New Parent Dinners. I met with Tim Oughton on 4 occasions and with the Board representing KFF annually. We supported a number of families in the Senior School to orientate and families who needed support prior to arriving in New Zealand.

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Examples of the events KFF were part of.

Slide 4 highlight - KFF Termly meetings. Greater focus on Education.

Slide 5 highlight- KFF made the Anzac wreaths to present at the ceremony

Slide 6 highlight Oneonenui- special day on the Porters farm. We took two buses of parents out to their stunning West Coast farm.

Slide 8 highlight the caravan. This has been a very special project indeed. We have had the Le Noel, the Stable, the Thimbleby, the Tetro, the Buckle, the Hoseason, the Wallace families all working together to renovate this 1950's beauty within an inch of her life. Currently she is being refitted internally and will be ready to entertain us all in the near future.

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Fundraising

In 2015 the executive identified we needed to have a statement regarding the formulation of a KFF Fund to place proceeds from 4 different sources of funding.

We formulated this statement of intent.

“KFF plans to raise funds over the next few years with the aim of making a significant and lasting contribution to commemorate Kristin’s 45th Year. A KFF subcommittee will be formed to consult with the community and make a recommendation to the school of what this contribution could be”

4 Avenues of fundraising- the Entertainment Book sales, School events, the Giftstore sales and an annual KFF fundraiser

Nigel Wilkinson will present the financial report shortly.

We are committed to raising \$30 K over the KFF 2015 - 2018 term.

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Community Spirit

The Executive introduced some new initiatives to help to strengthen community connectivity.

We noticed that it was difficult for parents to attend coffee mornings in cafes. Especially for families with English as a second language. We decided to open our homes to celebrate being together and getting to know one another in a more welcoming environment. To date, 230 parents have attended KFF’s parents morning teas. We try to rotate where the morning teas are held so we can connect Kristin families within their local areas as well as new families with more experienced Kristin families.

The Creative Arts Workshops have been a highly successful way for KFF to connect parents from across all cultural groups and the school as a whole. The premise of this group is simply to be together. We produce amazing gifts for sale as a by product of drawing together, using our talents and expertise for a greater good.

175 parents have given their time, resources and knowledge freely over the course of the 2015 year. We look forward to this support continuing.

KFF also recognised that we could improve our accessibility by taking measures to ensure parents who work full time or those who cannot attend KFF meetings can keep up to date with what is on. We post photos of the events on Facebook and Kristin Live. We post the written presentations on line. We organise events outside school hours when possible. School has also supported KFF to video our presentations to share on line for interested parents.

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Summary

KFF prizes it's wonderful parent body. We recognise how valuable each parent is to enable us to offer a dynamic, innovative service to School that parallels the future direction of Kristin and together offers children a place of certainty, where they can take risks willingly, become resilient and be the best they can be to be Future Ready.

Election of Officers

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**Vice Chair - Christina Hoseason
Secretary - Pip Edgar
School representative - Mark Reynolds**

Confirmation of the Committee

This year the Executive committee number increases to 19.

We have three fathers coming on board, including Antony Thimbleby, who is now also an Alumni parent representative.

KFF have further strengthened the school wide connections with an aim of continuing to focus on building from the ground up. We have two new exec members coming in at Kindy level, one of whom is also represents other cultural groups.

Again in 2016 we have 3 Chinese representatives, including Jane Liu, Chairperson for the Chinese Group, Julia Wei (Middle School) and Elle Clarkson (Kindy).

I would very much like to introduce you to members of the 2016 Executive. They are Christina Hoseason - Vice Chair, Tours, New parents, JS, MS

Pip Edgar - Secretary, SS

Jane Liu - Chinese Chair, SS

Keren Wallace - Gift Store, Special events, MS, SS

Antony Thimbleby - Alumni, Dad, Caravan

Claire Abel - PA link, Kindy, MS and SS

Julia Wei - MS, Cultural, Tours

Lorraine McKinnis - MS, SS, New Parents, Tours

Sarah Amos - Kindy, JS, Special Events

Chiara Gauld - MS, Gift store

Morag Fryer - MS, Tours, new Parents, Special events, marketing

Joanna Bell - SS, Tours, New Parents

Rodd Eddy - MS, Dad, special project

Paul Stables - SS, caravan

Patricia Holden - MS

Elle Clarkson - Kindy, Cultural

Kay Drader - MS, Event

Jeneen Harris - MS, SS, Tours, Event

Motions of which Notice has been given - none

Meeting is closed.