2014 was a huge year for the school starting with the commencement of a new Principal, Mrs Carmel Schaumberg and our 150th Anniversary celebrations.

The 150th weekend was a truly remarkable weekend of celebrations that were enjoyed immensely by the many former students, teachers and parents who attended over the weekend. A great number of people were involved in making the whole weekend possible but in particular it was the work of a small number of interested people who turned up to the many meetings. Firstly, thank you to Lew Verney for his chairing of the 150th Celebrations Committee it was a very big job and one done well. In particular, the 150th Ceremony was superb and your effort to have the Queensland Governor, the Honourable Paul de Jersey in attendance was instrumental to the success and enormity of the occasion. Thank you also Barb Dawes, Mary Bell, Joan Baty, Debbie Peut, Cate O’Connor, Michelle Sheridan, Lois Phillips, and Mel Gilbert who I believe were the regular attendees of the 150th Celebrations Committee meetings throughout the two year planning period. Thank you also to the Executives of the P&C who were working hard on items for the 150th whilst also making preparations for the running of our Fete during the celebrations. Whilst it was the work of 2 committees who formed the foundations of such a wonderful weekend, there is no doubt in my mind that the success of the weekend was made possible due to the wonderful school community and the wider Goondiwindi Community who volunteered and provided us all with marvellous support and service which help create the high spirited atmosphere that was enjoyed by the many people who attended.

With much of the year devoted to the 150th, the Executives of the P&C continued to maintain the operations of the P&C from its regular fundraising ventures to providing the School with advices and so forth. In the background of our operations, much time was devoted to the operations of the Tuckshop in ensuring the obligations of the Association as an employer are being properly over seen and managed. A downturn in sales for the Tuckshop was felt throughout 2014, whilst most likely due to the economic state of our town during that year, it provided the Tuckshop with an insight to what it may be like for this year with the loss of the bigger spending Year 7’s. All in all the time devoted to the Tuckshop was overdue by the P&C but was most certainly time well spent.

Thank you to our wonderful Tuckshop Convenor Kerrie Storck and her Assistant Michele Gore for continuing to provide a well organised and maintained tuckshop that delivers excellent food variety to our students and the teaching staff as well as the many catering opportunities that arise from staff training seminars to P&C events.

I wish to thank all of my fellow Executives who have all worked extra hard and tirelessly throughout 2014: Lauren Harris, Mel Gilbert, Anita Smith, Mary Pringle, Janine Schultz and Jodie Birchyard for the generous donation of your time and energy toward making our school a better place for all children. It is only with committed volunteers like you, that the important role of the P&C continues with all of its activities.
It’s been an honour, a privilege and a pleasure to be the President of the P&C and I wish the 2015 P&C Executives all the very best for the year ahead of them and may a strong parent presence continue to help foster a further 150 years of great schooling at Gundy State Primary School.

Thank you and kindest regards

Lynda Stewart

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