Welcome to Term 1. It seems we are off to a great start with many enthusiastic families ready for a fabulous year ahead. As this year is our Fun Fest year, there has already been much activity connecting with committee members and parents wanting to help. A great sign of great things to come.

The first P&F meeting was held on 19 February at the Junior Campus and we were delighted to welcome some new faces to the meeting. Being the first meeting of the year, we had a lot of ground to cover and the discussion covered not only the Fun Fest but the year’s Calendar of Events for the P&F, funding requests and information on the Parent Representatives. The minutes are on the School website if you would like to read them.

**Max Walker Business Breakfast**

Recently the School won a special presentation by Max ‘Tangles’ Walker. It is a tremendous opportunity to have such a high calibre sports person visit the Tweed. For all those cricket fans or avid readers of Max’s repertoire, this is a “win win”. The School has kindly donated this prize to the P&F and we can now use it as a fundraiser and offer it to the wider community. It really is a great opportunity to see Max live and he is, by all accounts, an extremely humourous speaker.

So please keep the last day of Term 1, Friday 12 April free for this very special function. Flyers will be out shortly, online bookings will be available and ticket price is $35 person. You may want to book a table of 10. South Tweed Bowls Club is the venue with a 7:00am start time for a hot breakfast, danishes, fruit, juice, tea and coffee. Please support this inaugural breakfast for the P&F and your school.

**19 February P&F Meeting**

The committee approved over $15,000 of funding requests. We committed to purchase a piano for the Sunshine Avenue Campus, desks and air-conditioning for the Year 12 study room and furniture for the Agile Learning Space at the Mahers Lane Campus.

In the meeting, a question was asked regarding the process and criteria required for the approval of funding requests. It was a lengthy discussion which highlighted some areas for improvement. At present there are a number of ways a purchase request is submitted to the committee. Firstly, teachers raise the item(s) required for funding. Generally, desks, chairs, air conditioning and other major items are considered. The new shade structure that will replace the sails at the entrance of the Junior Campus, is the result of a funding request and you should see this structure in place very soon.

Secondly, the P&F also meet with school delegates generally around budget time to determine if there are major items to be earmarked for funding. The result from that discussion last year is the contribution of funds which are now reserved for fitting out in part elements of the Amphitheatre. The aim is to have this construction completed by the Fun Fest.

Finally, the criteria used for a funding request is that;
- items must be seen to be for the greater good of the school and
- to reach as many as students and teachers as possible

*Some information that may be of interest to you:*

In addition to these steps, the P&F is now seeking feedback from parents. The committee recognises
that there may be opportunities for parents to recommend items for purchase requests. If there are ‘things’ that you feel will be a positive resource for the school and match the criteria above, then please contact the committee to discuss this further.

Fun Fest

The Fun Fest plans and the coordination of the event are progressing smoothly. It’s very rewarding being part of the team that is making it all happen. The P&F are aiming for an impressive result and it all takes a network to make things happen.

Some information that may be of interest to you; the committee has organised mobile ATM’s on the day for everyone’s convenience. Insurances are almost complete and carnival rides chosen. We received your feedback on carnival rides from the previous Fun Fest and have now chosen more for the different age groups. There are still two vacancies for convenors: a Soup Kitchen Convenor and an Art Convenor. If you are interested please call either Robyn Goldstone 0410 427 919 or Simone Gadd 0409 554 647.

Sharon Styman, President

POSITIONS VACANT

Cake Stall Convenor
Soup Kitchen Convenor
Craft Stalls & Market Co-ordinator
Craft Stall & Market Stall Holder Interest

The Parents and Friends Association is interested in hearing from suitably qualified and experienced persons who would be interested in volunteering to coordinate the Craft Stalls and Market at this year’s event. Skills required:

• Got to love food and crafts
• Got to love people
• Got to be organised
• Got to love Lindisfarne Grammar
• Got to have a sense of humour
• Got to be passionate about making the FunFest THE place to be

Interested applicants can contact Mrs Simone Gadd on the following email: community@lindisfarne.nsw.edu to register their interest or complete the below form and drop it into the Reception at Sunshine Avenue Campus.

FunFest 2013 Position
Expression of Interest

Attention: Mrs Simone Gadd

Name ___________________________________
Contact Number _________________________
Email __________________________________
Position of Interest ______________________