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What a year 2016 was.

There were lessons to be learnt along the way in terms of balancing correct practice according to P&C regulations within our community along with effective timing of events and fundraisers to not overwhelm families or staff with expectation of time or financial commitment.

We Re committed to the CSPS P&C primarily focusing on positive community building and raising funds to support our children and their school.

Completion of works of Mana Ngurang and its opening Smoking Ceremony- what an honour and an achievement. This amazing outdoor learning space is now a place the students and their families can enjoy our amazing Fig Trees and oxygenate their bodies.

Success of 2016 culminated with Community Building Partnership grant for $43,000 to give our outdated toilet facilities some much needed attention

We are incredibly proud of the allocation of funds this year, and our contribution towards the 21st Century Learners we are sure our children are well supported to become.

Executive team utilised various forms of communication, this will continue to be a focus in 2017 with advice Wiggio will cease operations. We have begun exploring options and have consulted P&C social media policy.

Relationships established with businesses and community members, this are at the core of the financial success to our events, as they have allowed us to offer prizes of amazing magnitude to our community we look to extend upon those relationships this year.

As president I have had the amazing opportunity to get to know so many of our families and for that I am truly grateful. We continued to focus on setting our fundraising practices apart from others with focusing on culturally diverse that families want to eat- Pork Belly and Asian Slaw, Butter Chicken, Slow cooked Lamb, Vegetarian Arancinis, Wonton soup and our amazing quality sausages sourced from Local business Jack’s Meats at our discos, Election events and Afternoon Tea stalls.

My major passion-changing the way we look at our events and creating a café environment in which our parents/carers enjoy events along with their children.

Cooking with classes across 2016 involved the children in that first hand and I look forward to seeing their continued engagement with sustainability and considered nutrition with the introduction of the Seed Harvest Spoon program in 2017.

Feedback good and bad has been taken on board at each stage but as a community we have also learnt more about the appropriate forums for that feedback and will continue to adapt accordingly.

In saying that our events were a blast, this past year, we had fun along with the kids and are truly proud to have contributed to making improvements to our school along the way.
I thank every person that contributed to our amazing culture and community throughout 2016, every part of that is the reason Canterbury South Public School and its community a privilege to be part of, one I hold very dear as do my children.

In supporting CSPS through the P&C I have been honoured to build my relationships with the staff throughout our school also. What a wonderful group of people this tirelessly dedicated teachers and their support staff are. There were too many heights reached thanks to you all to mention even half, but Canterbury Tales and the major commitment that involved so much of you all! Thank you for giving us parents an opportunity to see our children’s education taking so many forms, you help us raise the well rounded learners that are required of the modern world!

So thank you for an amazing 2016 and I can’t wait to see what 2017 brings for us all!

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