A Huge Heartfelt Thank You from the P&C Association

School fetes aren’t just a fundraising activity, but a reflection of a ‘school community’. The way our school community rallied together for the Spring Fair is nothing short of inspirational. I would like to offer my deepest gratitude to everyone who helped create a fun-filled day and a massive $20,000+ profit! My thanks go to:

Parents - for:
- Volunteering over 300 hours on Saturday and Sunday alone.
- Your steadfast commitment for seven months leading up to the event. In particular, I would like to recognise the outstanding efforts of Amra M, Sharron A, Anna L and Carolyn J.
- The phenomenal support during the Bring Weeks and for showing up in droves on the day.

Teachers & Staff - for:
- Going above and beyond the ‘call of duty’ to coordinate and run stalls, thank you so much Mr Henderson and Mrs Summers.
- Attending the event in solidarity and for those who allowed themselves to be publically drenched in the Pitch Burst Game!
- I’d particularly like to thank Mr Fogarty (Principal) for his support and involvement on the day, Dr Cavanagh for promoting the event throughout the school and Ms Fleming (BSM) for helpful advice and guidance.

Local Businesses – for:
- Their invaluable support and contributions - without your involvement the Fair would not have happened.

Local Politicians - for:
- Supporting and attending our event, especially for being willing Pitch Burst ‘victims’!

Last - but by no means least - are our amazing students who performed and entertained the crowds on the Main and Tartan Café stages. You were wonderful!

Soraya Bews – P&C President

Congratulations to the P&C Association

It was the first School Fete in five years and it was a resounding success. The Fair offered fun for everyone and fundraising expectations were well and truly exceeded. There was an excellent turnout by families, staff and the local community. Hundreds of hours of preparation went into the planning and organisation of the Fair, which was clearly evident on the day. I’d like to take the opportunity to congratulate and sincerely thank the P&C Association for their commitment, enthusiasm and professionalism in delivering an outstanding event. I’d also like to thank all the parent volunteers and staff members who generously gave their time and energy to help bring the Fair to fruition. Thank you also to local organisations, business sponsors, Cr Norm Wyndam and the Hon. Tim Mander for their involvement and invaluable support.

B. T. Fogarty - Principal

STORES GALORE

Thanks to all our customers at the Gamer-tainment Stall.
We raised over $3,000!!
ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Our Major Sponsor

We couldn’t have done it without you!

Our Key Sponsors

Our Amazing Donors ...

More than 60 local businesses and organisations also made significant donations to the Spring Fair and we would like to sincerely thank them for their generous support and contributions.
**GBD – Good Behaviour Disco in Term 3**

On Monday 14th September, our students from the Preparatory Year attended the Good Behaviour Disco, something they’ve been looking forward to for several weeks. In order to attend, children had to consistently demonstrate ‘Good Behaviour’. To be picked, it was essential that the children “did as they were told, the first time”. So on Monday afternoon the attendees enjoyed lots of fun dancing to great music. Certificates were given to several children for their dancing prowess. Thank you to Dr Cavanagh for organising the event, Mrs Holland for providing the music and Mrs Russell and her class 5G3 for helping us on the day.

Mrs Sullivan – Preparatory Year Teacher

**School Administration**

**Spring School Vacation Period**

The McDowall State School will close for the Spring School Vacation from Saturday 19th September through to Monday 5th October, 2015 (Labour Day). P-6 students will return to school on Tuesday 6th October, 2015.

**School Watch  Tel: 13 1788**

We need your eyes and ears! Not everyone values nor appreciates our school.

It is not expected that anyone will be found loitering or wandering among our buildings during week-ends or out-of-school hours. Gates are locked. Police will challenge your presence. Contractors and OSH staff are instructed to take digital photographs and refer such people to the police. If you see or hear anything out of the expected at our school, please, phone 13 1788.

Unless you have written authorisation from the Principal, adults and children found within the school grounds are trespassing and can be charged by the police. Please keep clear of the Out-of-School Hours Care Programme, unless you are a parent dropping off or collecting your child. OSH access is only via Metro Street gate.

The Principal expects that when charges are made by police, that cost recovery be pursued through the courts for rectification costs associated with any found school damage and vandalism.

**Student Council - Casual Dress Day**

There will be a Casual Dress Day this Friday 18th September. The Student Council will be fundraising and ask children to bring along a gold coin.

As part of our community support initiative the Student Council will be donating funds raised from this Friday's Casual Dress Day to the Sanfilippo Children's Foundation and to Epilepsy Queensland. The Student Council seeks to support charities or foundations that support students and families of our school.

We asked class representatives to seek nominations of suitable charities or organisations from their classmates. Student Council then considered the nominations and voted on the organisations to support.

**Sanfilippo Children's Foundation**

Meet Alec. Alec is 8 years old and has Sanfilippo Syndrome. Sanfilippo is a rare genetic condition that causes brain damage. Alec is a past student of McDowall State School and his sister Sienna is in Year 5 at our school. His family received his crushing diagnosis in January this year and have joined the fight to raise funds to allow Australian children access to clinical trials for treatment of this condition. You may have seen the stall at the Spring Fair.


“*The Morrice Family and The Sanfilippo Children's Foundation would like to thank the McDowall State School Community for their generous support towards their ”Hope for Alec“ campaign at the recent McDowall State School Spring Fair.‘”

The prize winners for the raffles held were notified on the day. More information on this rare genetic disease can be found at www.sanfilippo.org.au or you can read about their story at www.sanfilippo.org.au/page/1057/family.

**Epilepsy Queensland**

September is Epilepsy Queensland’s Little Poss Appeal - Help Bring Epilepsy out of the Shadows.

A number of students at McDowall State School are affected by Epilepsy. Year 6 Student Council Representative Hannah nominated supporting Epilepsy Queensland as she has a direct experience with the condition through her fellow class members and her brother.


These two organisations have adopted purple as a colour to help raise awareness of the work they are doing. We encourage all students to wear some purple on Friday in support of these two charities.

Students are asked to bring a Gold Coin to donate for Casual Dress Day. Parents seeking more information or wishing to make additional donations may do so through the websites above.