

## **Engagement and Communications Sub-Committee AGM Report for 2022**

### **Scope**

The Engagement and Communications Sub-Committee (ECSC) exists to improve communication and connection across our school and into the wider community. As well as this, the ECSC is responsible for planning and organising events that bring our school community together and to raise funds for various student-centred projects.

### **Membership**

The ECSC includes a member of the School Board and membership is open to all members of the School community. In 2022 the ECSC was: Alex Zavros (Convenor), Melinda Shreeve (Secretary), Julie Gravel (Marketing), Chloe Bond and Kate Tait (Community Events and Class Representatives Coordinator, 2022).

### **Marketing**

In 2022, Julie Gravel has continued in her role as the School's marketing administrator and continues to bring a significant level of expertise and momentum to this aspect of the group's activities. This year, the ECSC aimed to take a different approach with weekly Facebook posts – hoping to share meaningful content while including valuable Montessori information. The goal of this activity has been to further educate the school community about what it means to be a Montessori parent. The Facebook page has continued to experience ongoing growth and membership.

### **Community Events**

The organisation of, and participation in, community events was heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. A number of exciting and creative events had to be postponed or cancelled in 2022 including an Alumni Sundowner, the African drumming night and a school AQWA night.

Despite the challenges, the ECSC were able to coordinate two well received events in 2022:

- August – Scitech Night: as always, this much-loved event by TMSK community was well attended and provided a wonderful opportunity for families and staff to reconnect and spend some sorely needed time together.
- November – Lucy Peach: an internationally published author and TEDx speaker, the ECSC were able to secure Lucy Peach to provide her much anticipated show with singing, education and performance.

The ECSC also played a large role in the organisation and planning of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala that was held on the 30/07/2022. The Gala was described as a memorable, sentimental and well-run event that many members of the school community enjoyed.

### **Class Representatives**

Despite ongoing restrictions and numbers of cases fluctuating, in 2022 class representatives continued to contribute to the school and its community including:

- Sourcing a new sewing machine, tabletop oven and fridge for Upper Primary
- Sewing polishing cloths for Lower Primary
- Collecting items for 'junk play' with great success
- Continued maintenance of the voluntary class contact lists
- Continued organisation of class level playdates

**Playground Upgrade**

During the 2022 April school holidays (and for many months leading up to this), the ECSC were instrumental in coordinating significant works carried out by parent volunteers to complete the water pump project, the dry creek bed and other upgrades to the PP/LP play spaces. Parent volunteers received cards of appreciation from teachers and students for their immense effort in completing this project. The number of children finishing the school day in spare clothes due to water pump enjoyment is a testament to how successful this project has been!

**Volunteers – Note of Appreciation**

The work of the ECSC would not be possible without the generous support of parent and family volunteers. The ECSC frequently call on the school community for support in terms of parents and families volunteering their time, services and resources in order to achieve certain goals and to ensure the events offered to the school community are enjoyable, well catered for and, above all, special opportunities to connect and relax. We acknowledge all volunteers who have offered their time and support in 2022 – you have been essential to so many projects and events in 2022 and your contributions are appreciated immensely.