

JOHNSONVILLE HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

CHAIR REPORT – AGM 2021

I chaired the Johnsonville Home and School last year. Sarah Burnett was the Deputy Chair, Sacha Disher was Treasure and Erica Thomas was Secretary for 2020-21.

The year 2020 we did not do Raffle which is our major fundraiser every alternative year and was last held in 2019. We however had planned multiple events for kids and adults and also thought of add Multicultural food festival for better community involvement. But Covid-19 dented some of our plans, and cancel some events like cupcake day , second kids disco. But when we were able to , committee came together not only to organise rest of the events possible but also organised two new events Adults disco and Multicultural day.

All the funds from 2020 will go towards outdoor equipment. Committee also decided to set apart \$1000 as hardship fund and will be donated via school to support any hardship in our school community.

The fundraisers we were able to organise for 2020

- Discos – co-ordinated by Sarah Barnett and DJ Duncan
- Adult disco – Johnsonville Dad’s club
- Entertainment Books – co-ordinated by Pip Mcafree
- Tea Towels – co-ordinated by Yeshaswini Ramesh
- Multicultural festival – Multicultural sub-committee
- Olive Oil – Isabelle Jarvis
- Yummy Stickers – co-ordinated by Annouschka Martinsen
- Splash Day – co-ordinated by Mel Anderson
- Sustainable fundraiser – co-ordinated by Yeshaswini Ramesh

This committee can organise and run the events only because of parent volunteers. We thank all parent volunteers for all their help and look forward for their support this year. We are also looking for new families to school to join us.

The teachers and school staff are our greatest support. This year we put extra onus on them as Multicultural festival had kids performance which was entirely organised by the teachers. We are grateful for all the extra time and effort they put in to support the school community.

We are also thankful for all sponsors for various events last year.

I am very proud of what we have achieved in 2020. It has been difficult year as we all know, but the committee has come together and done well. We were able to raise \$9,789 in spite of the year it was. The entire committee put their weight behind the Multicultural festival which was being organised for first time and main goal was to bring much needed community involvement. It proved to be a great success both in terms of community involvement and funds raised.

With the ongoing pandemic , we know this is still going to be a hard and uncertain year, but home and school team will do all it can to support the school , kids and our parents.

Yeshaswini Ramesh

28 March 2021