Good Evening and Welcome the 2014 Annual General Meeting of the Whites Hill State College P&C Assoc. To Parents, Educators, Mums, Dads, Grandparent’s, Caregivers, Students, Children, Young People, Teachers, Administrators, Employer’s, Employee’s and Invited Guests, Citizens and Community Member’s. Please choose your comfy label. A very big welcome to you all.

We are here tonight to celebrate achievement and for some completion. What a roller coaster year, 2013 has been, I would love to share what The P&C and it’s many volunteer’s and contributors have achieved.

PROFESSOR IAN FRAZER, in his Australian of the Year 2006 acceptance speech

"I've always felt that what I do in life should be good for the community. I think that's the measure of being an Australian citizen. It's not so much where you're born, it's what you're actually doing beyond what people expect of you."

Or in the words of the Character Papa Smurf:

It doesn't matter where you came from. What matters is who you choose to be.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and effort put in by P&C Members, Volunteer’s and the P&C employee’s currently and of previous years, for without them and their time most generously given. Families would not enjoy the conveniences this college has to offer in the unique services as Community Connections OSHC the only local school based Prep to year 8 OSHC service, the awesome swimming club where ‘bettering your best’ is a daily swim or dog paddle and the convenience and great service of the uniform/ book shop. We have a very great bunch of “Count-on-able quiet achievers”

I would like to acknowledge two particular men and their families for their ongoing and count on able contribution to the College Community.

I acknowledge Mr Gary Bloxsom for his ongoing and long-time commitment to both the WHSC P&C Assoc and The Whites Hill Swimming Club, and his continued encouragement to do your best, never give up and go the extra mile. I also say ‘A very big Thanks’ to the Bloxsom family for their continued Support of his time at the Swimming club.

I acknowledge Mr Peter Lello for his commitment to coordinating and supporting other’s in another very successful college FETE, as well as commitment to both Educational & Environmental matters of the College and Community namely the Squirrel Glider corridor, kicking off the Tennis Groups. I would also thank the Lello Family for their support of his time with these matters and achievements.

I consider it to have been a great honour and privilege to have had these two gentlemen as Vice President’s this year.

I, acknowledge the significant people and families in our lives, who continue to support us all even if we have used all the ink in the printer, burnt the tea rushing out the door, or left soggy left overs or baskets of Laundry left in a pile. So the last request of the current 2013 President is First thing in the morning when we are getting up and seeing family off to work. Please take the time to give them all/each a big squeezy hug and say “Thanks for being you, I really appreciate your support of me!”

I would like to announce that the P&C Fundraising efforts for 2013 (outside of providing services) including the Fete the College community raised a little over $ 21,000. We also rec’d a great many donations and I would like to say Thanks to:

Parent Michael Jones for Creating MAX the Fete mascot, and Max McCallum for ‘being’ Max on Fete day he also did a fantastic job.
Super Big Thanks to

**MAXED and MAXING major sponsors:**

- Carina Leagues Club
- QantasLink
- O'Reilly’s Rainforest Resort
- Wild Cards and Gifts Carindale (with 3 years of generous donations)
- Officeworks Woolloongabba
- GO Health Clubs Carindale
- 4ZZZ

**HELPFUL MAX Minor sponsors**

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- Danzeit
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- Pauls Milk
- Grove Fruit Juice
- Hogs Breath Café – Carindale
- Incite Photographic’s (Lorinda for Wildlife Photography)
- Nova 106.9
- Rogers/cummings Family for many Free Plants
- NAB Auskick & National Australia Bank

Other Supporters of Whites Hill State College

- Deb & John Porter (Fantastic Coffee, big thanks)
- Brisbane Roar
- Commonwealth Bank of Aust.
- The Flour Monkey Bakery
- Salm’s Smallgoods Camp Hill
- Chevaliers Fencing Club
- Malpass Tennis

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With **SUPER SPECIAL** Acknowledgement OF **Swimart Camp Hill** - the Very Long Time Sponsor of the Whites Hill Swimming Club

To the Awesome Ground’s and Ancillary Staff who; I very much appreciate all the work in all the thankless jobs (that often even go unnoticed) you perform in cleaning, maintenance and grounds keeping. More Quiet Achievers getting on with the jobs at hand.

The P&C Assoc donated to number of Smaller projects this year including Upgrading facilities of OSHC, assisting in maintenance of the College pool and contributing to homework and student mentoring club. We still have the’ funnest job of all’, spending the Fete Profits and are working on the major projects over the next couple of years.

The P&C Assoc also this year has seen the introduction of two new parent support sub committee’s, we very proudly joined forces with the existing Music Parent Support Committee and with its great work, it set the model for the very new Science Parent Support Committee.

In 2013 the Voluntary Family Contribution Scheme initiative was formulated, developed & finalized and has been received by Families, approximately 8% of College (37) Families responded by the middle of Term 1 in the first year of implementation with $900 raised and a number of new volunteer connections made.
I must acknowledge ‘the Distraction’ we experienced this year, when it was announced that Education Queensland was considering selling Ovals 4 & 5 on the other side of Samuel Street. I acknowledge, both the College and the Greater Community in coming together to put forward a case for the lands return to the Brisbane City Council for Whites Hill/ Camp Hill Community Use, and I sincerely thank Mr Ian Kaye, Mr Steve Minnikin, Mr Adrian Schrinner and Mr Kevin Rudd for all the assorted support and advice we received on this matter. We all very much look forward to the return of this land to community use and what Multi-Purpose Greenspace will look like in the future. Thank You. Remember the Simply Fantastic Day we had when again the community came together for the “Saved the Oval” Cup, with the Holland Park Hawks Soccer Club, B4C and families flying Kites on a beautiful spring afternoon The weekend after the very Awesome FETE and just before the Federal Election, OUR volunteers sure got a the jobs done in July, August and September.

To Queensland Education Administrator’s, Teacher’s, Support staff and Administration Person’s and College Volunteers. I acknowledge your dedication to teaching and education. Carl Jung wrote:

One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child. Thank you for being instrumental in journeying with us from Prep to possibly year 12 and turning out such fine young people ready to contribute to their world however that will be for each young person. I thank you and my request is when you are feeling “burdened by data collection and Risk assessment” you continue to create ‘workable idealism’.

To the REALLY very ACE students of Whites Hill, I acknowledge you for being Achievers, Confident and Engaged in your College and Community, such great roles models you do yourselves proud.

Arthur Ashe (Conscious leader, Humanitarian, Educator & Athlete) advice was

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.

So when people ask me, ‘Why? Do you do, what you do and don’t do!” I say ‘I don’t really know, and I don’t have the answers, but as I get to experience life though the eyes of a very young child on a daily basis, what best describes ‘it’ is this line from the Movie Dr Seuss The Lorax.

“It’s not about what it is, it’s about what it can become.”

Whites Hill State College continues the Great Work of the Early Years Learning Framework (Australia 2012) where the vision is: ALL children experience “Being, Belonging & Becoming”, which can built upon from Cradle to Employment at Whites Hill State College.

HOWEVER This is no time to rest on our Loral’s or our past successes. As children and young people learn far more from our ACTION’s & their EXPERIENCE’s and very little from our Words, My personal question each Day “Did my actions betray my words today”, “What Action will I be intentional about tomorrow?”

What will yours be?

I look forward to creating Educational Partnerships & Journeying with you in 2014 (and beyond).

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President (as trustee)
WHSC P&C Assoc.