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**Baby & Kids Market**

The Baby & Kids market raised $3820. The day ran smoothly and the post school survey indicates most people were happy with the event. There has been some great positive and constructive feedback which will be used to ensure the market continues to be a successful fundraiser for the school. Appreciation certificates have been produced and signed and are ready to be sent off.

**Fundraising**

The Estee Lauder Fundraiser has been relatively successful with over $700 raised. There is the opportunity to hold another one later in the year if agreed.

Chris Cox attended the assembly on the 21**\textsuperscript{st}** of June and a small news piece was published in the Satellite. There will be a number of bikes purchased with the remaining donation in due course.

**ECDP Cubby House**

Lisa Baillie (4074 Community & Beyond), Keith Reinke (Springfield Greater Rotary) and an ECDP parent will be invited to officially open the ECDP Cubby House at its completion. It is through their generous donations that this has been made possible.

**Avegates Funding**

The Avegates Funding is being used to have a night at SeaWorld Resort for the graduating students on Thursday 27**\textsuperscript{th}** of October. 5 students and 5 staff will be travelling to SeaWorld and partaking in various activities at the resort. Accommodation is at SeaWorld Resort and includes a meal package.

**Learning Partnerships:**

Horse Riding, Mac’s Stable and Splitz Gym have successfully begun for Term 3. There have been some changes to the Horse Riding program and we have been able to offer extra places to Mac’s Stable with 8 students now attending on a rotational basis.

**Community Collaboration:**

We formally thanked Kerry Squire of DanceAlong today at our assembly (26**\textsuperscript{th}** July) for her efforts in raising $477 on behalf of the school. She was also welcomed into the school as the first official ‘Friend of MOSS’.

The Adopt-a-Cops will once again be visiting the school. The date and time of this will be confirmed in due course.

**Grants:**

We were successful in obtaining the Gaming Grant worth $31,818. This was initially submitted to assist in paying for fencing but has been earmarked now for electronic gates with swipe access.

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in obtaining the Disability Community Events Grant.
We are still waiting to hear the outcome of the LendLease grant.

**Volunteer Program:**

The school often relies on our wonderful and generous volunteers to assist with programs such as horse riding, the Splitz gym program, the senior’s newspaper delivery program and in various class activities assisting our students with literacy, numeracy and helping at mealtimes. We also take on a number of students from local universities and Tafe colleges for course placement requirements in Semester 1 and 2. Often volunteers are also looking for paid work and already this term three volunteers have gained employment leaving our volunteer numbers low.

The noticeable trend is that volunteer inquiries peak towards the end of Term 1. To address this, a volunteer EOI form was taken to the Rocks Riverside Festival and two people signed up with one new volunteer (hopefully) starting next week. There are two new student placements also beginning this term that are able to assist with programs and upcoming excursions which without some of these could not take place. One option to boost volunteer numbers is through advertising in local school newsletters (Jindalee, Middle Park & Jamboree Heights) with an EOI for volunteers.

Thanks,

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