

DPC Annual Report

North Shore Cluster



The North Shore Cluster has continued the good work of parent engagement by continually investigating and challenging our P&Fs to think more broadly. Some great initiatives were instigated in our schools as a result of sharing. The most vibrant part of each meeting is the question "*what does your school do well to engage parents in their child's learning?*"

Some of the successes this year include:-

1. the focus on community building and parent engagement and away from purely fundraising.
2. increased number of parent sessions at schools on numeracy and literacy
3. parent surveys from P&Fs to seek feedback and affirm they are representing their communities view.
4. Pymble Parish Council working with P&Fs at Sacred Heart Pymble and OLPS West Pymble to host a mission "Week of Joy" on 22-29 August 2015.
5. increase in parent libraries and buying books from DPC seminars.
6. discussing structures to improve meeting attendance to move away from presenting traditional reports, rather have speakers on SIP goals or other issues.

The parent seminars were varied and interesting. Anxiety and resilience in children and how to help your child is still the most requested seminar topic. Thank you to the Principals for your hospitality towards the DPC.

A very big thank you to our DPC Representatives who give so much of their time and energy to attend meetings. We farewell and thank our members who leave us at the end of the year. I have so enjoyed meeting and working with you the past two and three years and will miss your valuable contribution.

I look forward to working with new members as well as our remaining members in 2016. Much can be achieved working together.

Lastly, I would like to thank Carmel Hewitt, Cathie Renfrew and the CSO staff for their great support and commitment to the parents in the North Shore Cluster

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