The Cambewarra Public School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) endeavored throughout 2014 to continue to provide a high level of service and goods to the school community whilst also encouraging community participation and engagement in social and fundraising events.

The P&C has been increasing its membership numbers over the last three years (24 financial families or 11% of school families). There were many others who volunteered in the canteen, cooked on BBQs, baked cakes and goodies, donated raffle items and supported our fundraising activities.

**COOSH**

COOSH, our Out Of School Hours child care service, has continued to provide high quality, accredited child care before and after school and during school holidays to families attending Cambewarra School.

The work staff and the COOSH Subcommittee spent in 2013 on improving the service resulted in a sharp increase in student enrollments in 2014. 60 Cambewarra students used after school care which corresponds to 43 or 20% of school families. 43 Cambewarra students used before school care which corresponds to 30 or 14% of school families. 81 Cambewarra students and 20 non-Cambewarra students used vacation care which corresponds to 32 or 15% of school families – an increase of over a 100% on the 2013 figures.

An additional permanent part-time child care educator position was established to address staffing requirements for the increased number of enrollments. This brought total staff numbers to 1 permanent part-time coordinator, 3 permanent part-time child care educators, 5 casual child care educators and 1 part-time book keeper.

Staff and the COOSH Subcommittee continued to maintain and improve the COOSH building both inside and out with $10,000 being spent on resources for students and equipment upgrades. A great deal of time was also spent on the administration of the service. This involved implementing a new financial management system, staff training and updating policies and procedures.

Following the completion of long-standing maintenance works, COOSH’s positive financial status allowed the P&C to make two $10,000 donations to the school for information technology resources.

The Department of Education initiated discussions with the P&C to formalise a licence agreement for the COOSH building to be located on school grounds. The building is always available for school use and was used during the year for the Year 2 Lunch Box Project and the defence students’ activities.

**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop continued to provide high quality uniforms and accessories to the school community. A review of the school uniform was initiated and draft surveys were prepared for circulation in 2015.
Canteen

The P&C was fortunate to have a volunteer take on the role of Canteen Coordinator for 2014 and was able to open the canteen every Friday for lunch orders and snacks. 12 parents and grandparents volunteered their help in the canteen which was supplemented by ten year 6 canteen monitors.

Icy Tuesday continued throughout the year for first break drinks and ice blocks on a Tuesday.

The canteen was also used for special events such as the Easter Hat Parade, Music Trivia Night, kindy orientation day, grandparents’ day and Year 6 farewell. 2014 saw the Year 6 fundraising committee introduce Wacky Wednesday - a variety of special meal deals throughout the year.

The canteen again participated in the annual Fresh For Kids ‘Fruit and Veg Month’ in August/September. This complimented and built upon the increased level of student awareness of healthy eating created by the Year 2 Lunch Box Project.

New canteen initiatives were trialed during the year including a pie drive and Father’s Day breakfast. Overall the canteen proved to be a viable service raising over $6,000 whilst providing a lunch order service to students and teachers.

Fundraising and social activities

The fundraising calendar was full for the year including the P&C’s annual activities of Welcome Back BBQ, Easter and Christmas raffles, Election Day BBQ and cake stall, Fun Run and village fireworks. The Mother’s Day stall was held, however a lack of volunteers resulted in the Father’s Day stall being cancelled and a Father’s Day Breakfast being trialed instead.

The P&C was successful in receiving a $1,000 donation from the Veolia Mulwaree Trust for the Year 2 Lunch Box Project. This allowed the P&C to contribute $5,000 towards the Project’s costs.

Student banking continued to be administered by Mrs Nichole Batson on behalf of the P&C. The P&C receives a commission for every account and deposit which assists with our fundraising.