“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart.”

 That quote from Elizabeth Andrew sums up the amazing volunteers who form the P&C here at Gresford Public School. They are all busy people who also have the heart to go that extra mile for the students and teachers of this school.

Behind these volunteers, however, are partners, friends, children, grandparents and community members who also recognise that the dollars the P&C raises go directly towards improving opportunities for our kids.

Major P&C fundraising for 2017 came through the school canteen which is co-ordinated by P&C members Sylvia Lawrence and Kristy Duncan and supported by the mums, dads and even grandparents who volunteer their time behind the counter. Other efforts that helped boost the P&C’s fundraising for 2017 were the Pony Pat Lotto, canteen duties at Gresford Rodeo and Gresford Show and the hugely successful Denim & Diamonds Ball. The P&C is extremely grateful to everyone who played a part in these fundraising activities.

These efforts have allowed the P&C to support a range of school events and projects, including:

* A school disco;
* The Year 6 farewell dinner;
* The online Matific maths program;
* Swim school;
* Hats for the representative cricket players and socks for the soccer players;
* The star-gazing night;
* School blazers for our leaders to wear at formal functions;
* The Year 5/6 excursion to Canberra;
* A P&C Facebook page to keep our school families up to date with P&C happenings;
* Harmony Day lunch;
* The Easter Hat parade;
* Top dressing of the top field;
* Keepsake gifts for the Year 6 students;
* Student injury insurance;
* The yearbook project; and
* Visits from Bell Shakespeare and Musica Viva.

The P&C has also agreed to fund a new electronic sign to replace the old magnetic board at the front of the school. This project will come to fruition next year.

In addition to these activities, the P&C runs the school uniform shop, co-ordinated by Lyndell Osmond. School banking, co-ordinated by Bec Spinks, has also continued to be a success. A big thank you goes to these ladies.

I’d like to take this opportunity to again thank Lyn Jupp for her endless dedication to helping our children with their literacy skills. The P&C is continuing its “sponsorship” of Mrs Jupp so she can provide all the stationery and “little extras” she needs for her students.

Finally, I’d like to thank the teachers and staff for supporting the P&C’s efforts but, more importantly, for your dedication to our children. You are truly amazing.

We look forward to another successful year with the P&C in 2018 and would love to see some new faces coming along to our monthly meetings. A number of executive positions need to be filled each year, including the important role of treasurer. Please consider joining us. It really is amazing what we can achieve by working together.