



WPS P&C Chess Club Annual General Meeting 20 October 2015

Convenor's Report 2015

The Chess Club in 2015 consolidated its strong position from 2014. We have a new record of enrolments with

Advanced – 16
Intermediate – 27
Junior – 23
Novice - 30

Despite three quarters of the membership coming from Years K - 2 and no Year 6 students in 2015 we have ended with well over 90 members spread over 4 classes. Our club is truly representative of the Willoughby School Community. We had an aim to encourage girls into Chess and are pleased that we have one third of total membership.

Our school representatives did us proud, again. We hosted the Interschool Chess Challenge Semi-Finals at Willoughby Public. Many new players had their first taste of a real chess tournament – I am sure they will build on that experience over the years.

Volunteers continue to be the backbone of the Chess Club. In 2015 we have had fantastic engagement from the parent body and a new system for rolls and rosters including reminder emails and SMS. A special thanks for those who gave their time this year for car-pooling and supervision at tournaments. However there would have been no club without the tireless work of the executive who have performed 'over and above' for the entire year. They are Jane Parker, Janice Choy, Peter Newman, Nikki Templeton, Melonie Bayl-Smith and Helen Bromley-Fox. Many thanks.

We are grateful to the school for the use of the classrooms each Tuesday and for the use of the school hall on two occasions this year. The school P&C assists us greatly through the website and online store.

(This is copied from last year, but needs no modification and is just as relevant!)
And last, but not least, to the 'Chess parents'. Thank you for doing class supervisions so willingly and for paying for your children to come to Chess and getting them to school at 7:45am and allowing them to sometimes skip school and travel to represent WPS in Chess.

Emily McCutcheon, Convenor
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