



# **WPS P&C Chess Club**

## ***Annual General Meeting***

### **November 2017**

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## **Convenor's Report**

The Chess Club in 2017 consolidated its strong position from 2016. We have a new record of enrolments with 5 classes running.

### ***Weekly Chess Classes***

Advanced – 20 children

Intermediate – 22 children

Junior – 24 children

Novice – 32 children

Kindy – 24 children

In 2017 we have ended with 122 children enrolled, up from 112 on the previous year with an extra class for Kindy students. Our club is truly representative of the Willoughby School Community.

### ***Chess Tournaments***

In addition to our weekly chess classes there are opportunities for students to attend chess tournaments throughout the year.

On 5 May we sent 24 students to the Interschool Chess Challenge at Monte St Angelo in North Sydney. On 7 Sept, 5 students attended the Interschool Chess Challenge at Baulkham Hills Primary. We held our own WPS chess tournament on 20 October in which 76 students participated, including many of our new kindy students and on 7 November, 21 students from the Intermediate and Advanced classes will attend a tournament at Castle Cove Primary.

We also had students from the advanced class participate in the Junior Chess League earlier this year.

### ***Finances***

Chess Club made a loss for the year ended 30 September 2017 of \$2,728.

This was primarily due to the club subsidising the cost of buses and teachers attending chess tournaments, and stock write-offs.

The club has cash and receivables of \$34,311 and net assets of \$10,743 at 30 Sept which will enable it to source chess uniforms and continue to subsidise the cost of chess tournaments going forward.

The Chess Club have not changed fees for the past four years, however due to increased fees from the Sydney Academy of Chess for the weekly classes, we will increase fees for 2018. Follow up and collection of unpaid fees from families remains an unfortunate burden on the clubs executive.

A copy of the Profit and Loss and Balance sheet for the year ended 30 September 2017 is attached to this report.



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### ***Other Matters***

Volunteers continue to be the backbone of the Chess Club. In 2017 we have had fantastic engagement from the parent body and a new system for rolls and rosters including reminder emails. 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 Nathan Isterling, Catherine Lloyd, Sharon Blaney, Melonie Bayl-Smith, Naoko Motegi & Chris Benetts. Many thanks.

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

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 competitions.

Nathan Isterling  
Convenor