

## Willoughby P & C Meeting - Wednesday 11 November 2015

### Grounds Committee Report

#### Grounds Working Bee

The working bee was held on Sunday 18 October.

We had the smallest turnout in four years – approximately 25 adults turned up.

Despite the small turnout we managed to achieve a great deal:

- mulch was spread throughout the Kindy-Year 1 playground and through other tree beds throughout the school
- the rose garden was weeded, new flowering plants were put in and then mulched with sugar cane mulch
- weeding was done in the Kindy-Year 1 area and under hedges in the rose garden area.

Thanks to Willoughby Council for providing the mulch and weed bags. Thanks to Anthony Clarke from Grow Landscape & Design for helping with the ordering of the plants. Thanks to Harry Wilson for helping us get organised. Thank you to Janice Choy and Susan Bowen for managing the kitchen. Thanks also to all the kids for "hiding" the lollies.

#### Future plans

With the increasingly small numbers of people turning out to working bees the grounds team believes the P&C should consider its options with assisting the school to manage the grounds.

Possible options are:

- (1) continue with working bees knowing that limited work can be achieved with low parent turnouts
- (2) discuss with the school what it can achieve with the assistance and budget it receives to ensure the grounds are maintained and improved
- (3) investigate outsourcing grounds maintenance (this could be limited to the rose garden).

#### School holidays

We will organise a roster of people to water the rose garden and other areas in particularly hot weather.

We will also organise a gardener to come in during the holidays to trim the lavender and care for the roses in the rose garden.

#### Financials

Handyman	\$160.00 (January)
Handyman	\$225.00 (May)
Working Bee	
cakes - Sweet Delight Bakery	\$120
lollies, milk, tea bags, sunscreen	\$49.75
sugar cane mulch - Bunnings	\$95.88
plants	(invoice yet to be received)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$650.63</b>