



Albert Park Primary School Fundraising Committee



NEWSLETTER

May 2015

On the eve of our second major fundraising event of the school year, the **Parent Disco Bingo Gala Night on Friday 22nd May**, we take this opportunity to thank parents for their ongoing support of our fundraising efforts and share our funding challenge for the next two years...

Thank you for a great Fete!

On behalf of the School Council of Albert Park Primary School, we want to say a very special thank to our school parents and friends who were so generous with their time, money, donations, skills and enthusiasm for our school fete this March. We raised over \$50,000: money that has been allocated to classroom technology for our students.

APPS turf replacement fundraising goal 2015-2016

Funds raised at our Parent Disco Bingo will provide the first step towards fundraising for a major upgrade to our playground – artificial turf replacement...

The artificial turf on our oval is 10 years old. The plastic mesh that holds it together is becoming very worn (you may have found black bits coming home on your children's clothes) and will very soon start to tear.



^ The playground our children enjoy today is the thanks to past parent fundraising.



A dusty APPS oval in this 2002 whole school photo. >

Artificial turf is very expensive but has proved to be the only lasting solution to proving an all year playing surface.

Replacement and extension of artificial turf

A \$115,000 - 2 year project consisting of:

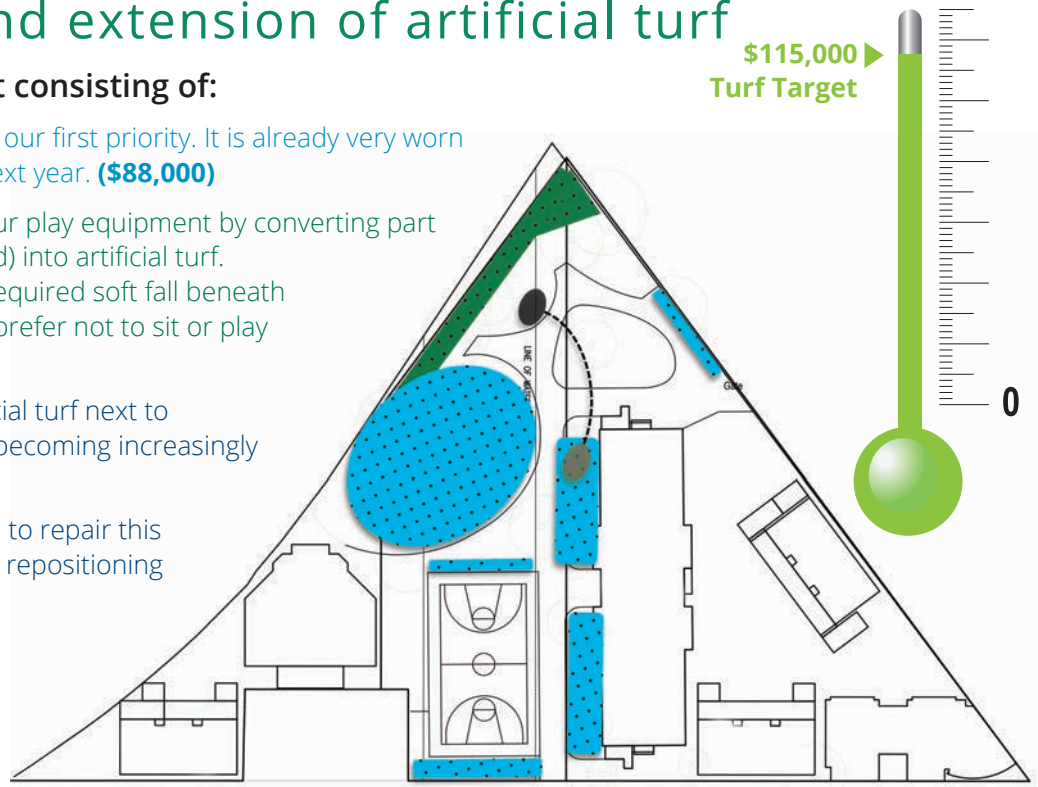
Replacing the grass on the oval is our first priority. It is already very worn and it is unlikely to last beyond next year. **(\$88,000)**

Maximise the play area around our play equipment by converting part of our tan bark areas (Marty's field) into artificial turf. While the tan bark provides the required soft fall beneath our play equipment the children prefer not to sit or play on it. **(\$18,000)**

Repairing and replacing the artificial turf next to the staffroom which is worn and becoming increasingly uneven. **(\$9,000)**

The boat will need to be removed to repair this area, as a result we are looking at repositioning the boat out of our ball zone.

- Replacement of artificial turf
- New area of artificial turf
- Repositioning of the boat



How are we going to pay for new turf....

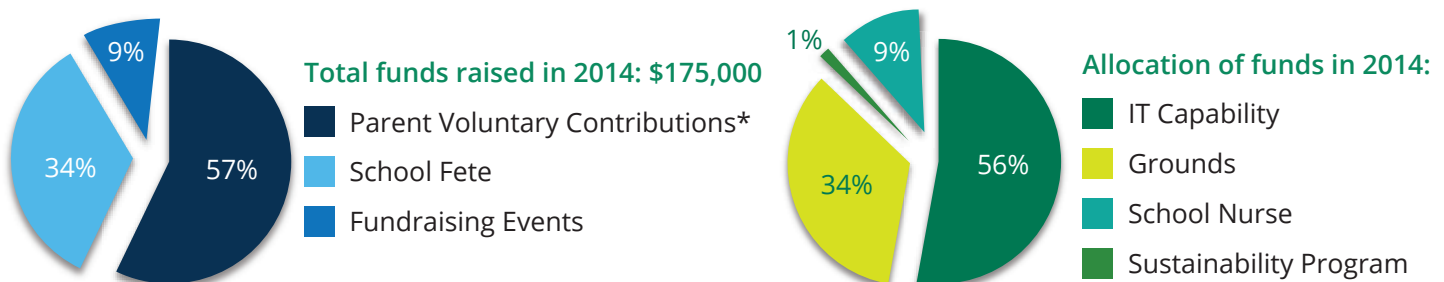
School Council sees replacing our worn artificial turf as a top priority. We believe that with careful budgeting, a higher level of Voluntary Contribution payments* and our normal program of fundraising events we will raise the necessary funds over the next two years without the need for additional fundraising.

We ask for your continued support of our School Fete, Parent Gala Night (this year Disco Bingo, previously our Trivia Night), our Mothers and Fathers Day Stalls, the Family Dance and Election Day BBQs.

What's this got to do with me...

Parent Voluntary Contributions and fundraising actually pay for items essential to the running of our school, such as ipads, sporting equipment and maintaining the school grounds.

Our school receives the lowest possible level of funding per student from the Education Department, so your support, (financial and volunteering), is critical to providing a dynamic learning environment where our children can thrive.



* In 2014 our Voluntary Contribution rate was ONLY 65% of all eligible families. In 2015 we are aiming for a 95% contribution rate to bring us in line with other local schools and to assist in raising much needed capital.

If you weren't able to pay your 2015 Voluntary Contribution in December last year but are in a position to do so now, **the office is still accepting payments.** (\$240.00: \$60 Nurse, \$120 IT and \$60 grounds.)

Thank you APPS parents for your Voluntary Contribution and fundraising efforts – your ongoing support means our school continues to thrive.

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