



"Good on 'ya Mum..."



May is for Mothers, and with the help of the Parents Association, our GIPS students and their mothers kicked off the celebrations in style. The traditional **Mother's Day Stalls** opened on Thursday 3 May with a great set of products lovingly sourced by our Stalls Coordinators **Lisa Kelly** and **Katrina Standen**. From early morning, a long line of yellow and purple snaked its way into the multipurpose hall, empty bags in tow, to sample the wares. From candles and tote bags, to necklaces and earrings, to chocolates and lip glosses - there was something of quality for everyone. Hundreds of dollars of hard earned tooth fairy money and non-refundable loans from the bank of mum-and-dad, found their way into our tills, raising some valuable funds for the school and helping kids source that something special(ish) for their mum.

Thank you all for the team of mums who helped run the sales, and for Lisa and Katrina for pulling the event together.



The next morning was the **Mother's Day Breakfast**. The breakfast format was chosen this year to support many of our working mums, allowing them a chance to enjoy a breaky with their kids prepared and served by someone else for a change. **Dani Schmidt**, our new MoDay Event Coordinator, who had put in months of preparation, was not going to let a rainy day get in the way of the fun. Lots of attendees ensured a packed hall, with mums and kids spilling out into the lobby and sitting on the floor. Thank you everyone for putting up with that inconvenience! It was a great buzz however, and everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion, especially **Kelly Hopkins**, holder of orange ticket No F45...



Breaky was catered for by Greg and Carol at FIG Catering. With the old Whirlpool oven cranking from 5.30am and aided by a dashing bunch of GIPSMEN in purple aprons, a beaut breaky offer made its way on to the floor - including frittatas, muffins, croissants, bircher muesli and coffee and tea.

Behind the stage in our newly minted GIPS photo studio, cameras shutters clicked away in front of smiles and giggles, as **Gray Tham, Craig Mills**, and yours truly, captured what we hope will be a nice memory for our GIPS mums of Mother's Day with their precious brood. Thanks Gray, our new resident GIPS photographer for all the gear and organising the shoot, and thankyou everyone who purchased a photo - we appreciate the contribution and your patience.

All in all, it was a fantastic event, and our thanks go to Dani and her army of volunteers who helped set up, serve, run raffles, take photos, and serve. Well done to all.

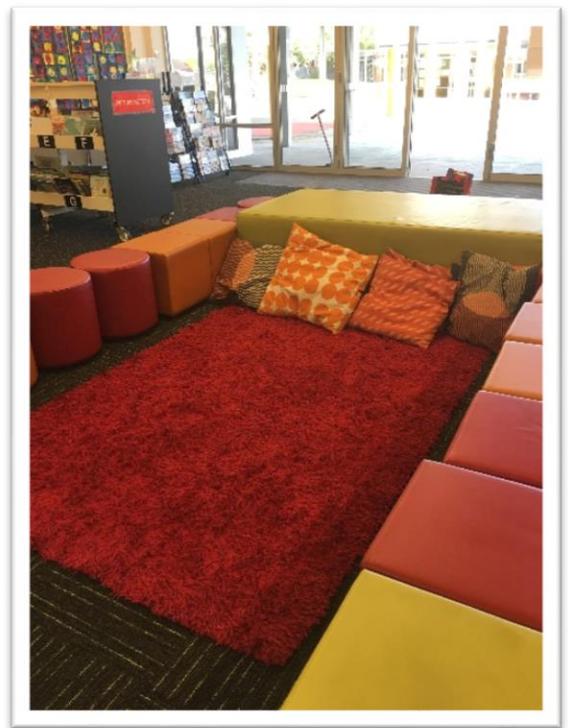


Friends of the Library (FOTL) get to work

This year, under the direction of Garry Collins, GIPS is placing renewed interest in Reading. Therefore, the Parents Association has undertaken to do its best to support the library activities and the work of the librarian Krista Morris.

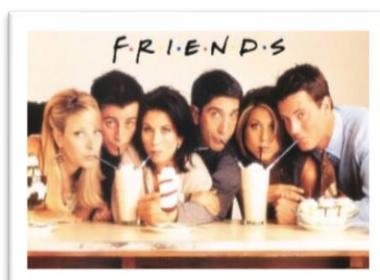
FOTL Coordinator Jacqui Brown, has grabbed this challenge with both reading hands and done a fantastic job reenergising the Parents Association's help with the library. Gathering together a group of willing and able volunteers, together they set about refreshing the library in their first working bee of the year, which took place on Saturday 5th May. Alongside the Grounds Working Bee, the Friends sorted books, dusted shelves, wiped down tables and furniture and tidied up the picture book area.

Thank you to the following parents and students who attended. They included **Julie Chen, Lil Cheong, Jessica Hill, Fiona Lavery, Caroline Merrett, Lisa Pearce, and Jacqui Brown**. Students **Jade Airs, and Kenrick Brown Yamada** kicked in as well. Thanks all, great job!



Thank you also to the parents who have assisted with a huge amount of book covering this past term, in particular to **Lil Cheong** and **Caroline Merrett**. It is wonderful to get the new books out in circulation as soon as possible. We also recognise other FOTL members who have been into the library to help with shelving or other jobs during the week.

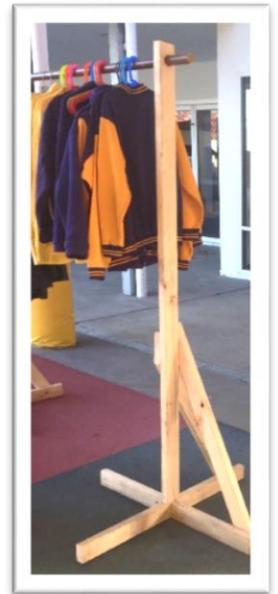
FOTL is just about doing whatever we can when we can - everything little thing is important. New ideas always welcome. Please let Jaqui Brown know if you have any friends who would like to be added to this list or feel free to forward on.



Winter IS coming... Uniform Shop Winter Clearance

The Parents Association **Second Hand Uniform Shop** held its first season clearance on second week back of term on **Friday 27th April**. With help from **Matt Bright**, one of clever GIPS builder dads who knocked up some fantastic clothes racks, Coordinators **Ann Mullins** and **Fiona Freemantle** put together a big sale with a collection of heaps of kids school clothes and winter gear. Thanks Ann and Fiona, (and husbands and kids) for your tireless work in running the store on Fridays – your efforts not only to raise valuable funds but also reduce waste and encourage responsible practices is much appreciated.

All parents, don't forget! – the shop is open **every Friday afternoon**, prices are cheap, clothes are great, and donations gratefully received!



What's next?

More goings on in the library...

The FOTL team is now looking forward to supporting the school with **lunchtime library sessions** which are to commence very soon. We will be advertising for parent helpers to assist Krista in the library during Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes to provide a quiet space for children to read. Please email Jacqui Brown (brown_yamada@hotmail.com) if you are interested in supporting FOTL in this way.

In other updates...

- you will be aware that the students are doing the Premier's Reading Challenge - there was a prompt via Compass to approve for your child/ren. Get involved!
- Book Week will go ahead and there will be a Dress Up Day with a twist, more info to come;
- Krista would like a few volunteers to help with moving some books around in the next few weeks, date (Tues/Thurs) TBA

Corporate sponsorship is coming

The PA, under the direction of **Alex Smith, Funding & Sponsorship Coordinator**, and now supported by Ben Tuddenham, has been doing lots of work preparing a corporate sponsorship package which we expect to be able to announce shortly.

Parents Association - Now hiring! Always hiring!

The Parents Association is always seeking your help – big, or small. For absolutely no pay, but our eternal thanks, you will contribute to the life of our school, and get that warm fuzzy feeling of doing something to help your kid/s and your community. Please check out our “Now Hiring” job board circulated in this and previous notifications and get in touch. We'd love your support.

Oh, and also, the **next Parents Association meeting** is this coming **Monday 14 May** at 7.30pm in the newly refreshed library. All welcome.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mal Osborne-Smith'.

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