

CUBS CLUB CHARTER CEREMONY

What a pleasure it was to witness the induction of twenty-five students into the **Pedare Pride Cubs Club** last Thursday! These amazingly talented and caring students from Years 2-6 have chosen to become junior Lions Club members (Cubs). This club is one of the school's extra-curricular activities on offer for the first time this year.

This special ceremony was held in the Wattle Centre, and was attended by school staff, Lions Club members and parents. The proceedings were led by emcee Lion Andrew Stacey, a member of The City of Adelaide Lions Club. Principal James Tamblyn spoke about the school's strategic directions, which include compassionate service to others. Head of Junior School Randall Pearce reminded the audience about the value of serving others, while Lions C1 District Governor Tony Pederick OAM mentioned some of the important projects led by Lions members across the world.



Year 6 student Indiana Stacey spoke about how she envisioned the concept of the cubs clubs with the support of her family members, who are all dedicated Lions. She also explained how they developed a successful program. The first cubs club was formed at her previous school, Annesley Junior School in 2019. Our new club is believed to be only the second cubs club to be established in the world! It is true to say that Indiana's concept has received national and international interest from Lions Clubs.

DG Tony then inducted the students into their new club as charter members. They swore an oath to work together in serving the community. Each student was awarded a certificate, two membership pins, a plush lion toy and a membership pack.

There was great excitement when it was time to reveal the names of the inaugural President and Vice President. Thirteen of the members had vied for these positions by delivering speeches at our last meeting. In a tight contest, Jayden (Year 5) won the role of President and Alice (Year 3) was elected as Vice-President. They were both clearly thrilled to win these roles. DG Tony presented them with their badges and the club charter certificate. This was followed by the reading of the club invocation by Jayden, in his first task as President.

The ceremony was the culmination of three weeks of preparation by the students, with school support from Randall Pearce. During this time, they had learnt about the history and purpose of Lions Clubs, as well as the projects Lions are involved with across the world. They also designed possible club logos and suggested club names, before voting to choose these in a democratic way.

Now the service begins! The students will work together to decide upon a project to undertake, and then implement their first actions to make a positive difference to the lives of others.

We would like to thank everyone who has worked hard to make this service club a reality, but especially Randall Pearce for his vision, energy and willingness to embark on this exciting new venture with the Lions Clubs of the City of Adelaide and Golden Grove.

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