

Parents' Association Annual General Meeting

President's Report – Nov 2024

I'm feeling nostalgic as I write my last report for the Syndal South Parents' Association. My family has been at this school for 9 years and we have loved it. Syndal has a wonderful community spirit, passionate staff and very high education standards. I am very honoured to have been President of the PA for some of my time here.

The 2024 committee has been one of the best committees I have ever been associated with (and there have been quite a few!) It has a fantastic group of committed people who want the best for Syndal students and teachers, and work hard to make events and fundraisers happen. Thank you to everyone on the committee for all you have achieved this year.

The Parents' Association is committed to supporting the school, and we have many yearly events that we work on together. The year starts with a Welcome Morning Tea for all new parents, then we have fun handing out fruit at the cross country and icy poles at the athletics. For Easter, we must run a raffle or there would be great disappointment amongst the students. There are so many hampers of donated chocolate eggs that everyone has a good chance of winning.

Our Mother's and Father's Day stalls are an important yearly event that are an excellent way for students to learn to buy a gift for someone special, to handle money and to ask for assistance. The Footy Day wouldn't be the same without our hotdog lunch, when our volunteers hand out hundreds of hotdogs to hungry students.

Our biggest event of the year is one where we show our teachers our appreciation for all their efforts. This year, we held the "Spoil the Staff Day" on the day following the excellent school concerts. It is our way of saying thank you to everyone who works at Syndal South and gives them a bit of a "pick-me-up" after a hectic concert schedule.

Throughout the year, the PA runs the second-hand uniform shop (a special thanks to Elaine for all her organisation). This is an important part of the Syndal Community and I would like to thank all those families who donate uniforms to the shop. All money raised from the uniform shop goes back into the supporting the school.

I am so pleased to still be at the school for the opening of the new buildings. They are such fantastic learning spaces. The PA was able to purchase a few items for the new building including the trophy cabinets, the wall decorations for the library, a milk frother for the staff room, a new urn for events, a new BBQ and we even organised a Christmas tree for the reception area. We also contributed to the purchase of the new Gaga Ball pit near the BER. It has been a huge hit with the older students.

The new library is a beautiful space and I know the students love it. The PA organised a book-buying registry through the PaperBird Bookstore and our generous families purchased 116 new books for our new library! It was an amazing effort and there are some truly beautiful new books to be added to the shelves early next year.

I would like to thank everyone who helps the PA throughout the year: Michelle and Julie from the office who do so much behind the scenes, Katie Forbes for her assistance with the accounts, and Helen Freeman for her leadership and input.

Thank you to everyone on the committee for all your hard work, great ideas, dedication and passion for the school. I will miss you all in 2025 but I know you will have a great year.

Julie Jago-Kerr

PA President 2024

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