

2022 OLA Parents and Friends Committee Annual Report

2022 has been a wonderful year for the OLA P&F Committee. Despite focus being predominantly on the fete, we've still found time to organise several other community events for our school families to enjoy.

We welcomed the new Prep families with a morning tea on their first day, organised by Rachel Jenson and Wendy Casbolt. The first week of Term One was rounded out with a very successful Welcome Picnic on the oval. After two long years of very few social events we had an amazing turn out, set the tone for future events we organised this year.

In 2022, the P&F Committee once again had 2 co-chairs leading the executive. Melanie Power focused on overall P&F events, whilst Claire Melican drove the organisation of our Parish Fete - more on that to come.

We had 2 parent representatives for each year level. One of the roles of the year level representatives was to hold a variety of inclusive social events throughout the year. Each year level organised a healthy mix of coffee mornings, Mums, Dads and parents nights out in local bars and restaurants, and even an evening picnic at our local reserve. We thank the year level reps for their dedication in organising these events, and also supporting the P&F Chairs with communication to their year levels regarding activities and events.

The Mother's Day Breakfast and Mother's Day Stall were a huge success, both had very high attendance, thank you Andy Wright, Kate McGuire and their team of volunteers.

For Father's Day, we made a change to the buffet style breakfast and treated the special men in our lives to a bacon and egg roll, cooked on the OLA BBQ. Despite the queues, feedback was great and we thank all the volunteers who helped that morning. Once again, we thank Kate McGuire and her team for the organisation of the Father's Day Gift Stall.

It's been wonderful to see the school community together once again, but we must not lose focus on the fundraising element of the P&F.

The Easter Raffle was very successful once again, raising \$1,495.77. We thank Kate Morina for her dedication in organising this for us.

We give a special thank you to Dian Kett, Elena Ricciuti and Rachel Martin for running the Second Hand Uniform Shop, as well as all those who have volunteered their time to help support the team. Our Uniform Shop is not only a fantastic service to our families, it is a great source of revenue for the P&F and couldn't run without your time and effort. These amazing helpers are developing a team to lighten the load and are looking forward to working together again next year. \$1760

Thank you too, to Katie Lang for running the Scholastic Book Club. This year we earned \$XXXX reward dollars which are redeemed by the school for new Library resources.

The absolute highlight of 2022 was without a doubt, our Parish Fete. On Saturday 26th November our OLA community came alive with the sound of fairground rides, happy children and the smell of Chad's "burgers with the lot" filled the air.

After two cancellations due to Covid, to finally achieve our goal and have such a successful day filled our hearts. We are incredibly proud to announce that we made over \$28,000 profit on this day, with the final number to be confirmed shortly.

We give thanks to all of the Fete Committee Members, including Vino from the OLA Parish, Steve Dougherty for his financial expertise, and Richard Jacques and Caitlan Taig for many late night meetings, phone calls and Operoo notices. Nick Hollier and Anthony Gilbee also deserve a special mention for their logistical support for this event.

The fete would not be able to go ahead without the Stall Holders who dedicated their time and expertise to making sure each stall ran smoothly, was well stocked and well staffed with volunteers. Thank you for your time, effort and dedication to achieving amazing results and a wonderful day. We need to recognise the leadership of the entire event, Claire Melican. She worked tirelessly for three years and should be very proud of the event she delivered.

We are happy to be able to announce that we have raised \$17,471 in 2022. This money has been put towards items such as the following:

Grade 5 & 6 Bike Ed	\$3817
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Library

Moon shaped lounge	\$6465
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4 Tall Stools	\$978
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2 Flower Ottoman Set	\$1790
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Hot Pink Double Lounge	\$1475
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3 Hexagon Ottomans	\$2,385
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Bean Bags	\$537
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Total	\$17,447
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We give a big thank you to the P&F Executive; Susan Wixted and Rosie An and to all the year level representatives for your event organising and support. Whilst the P&F facilitate the events and fundraising it would be unable to happen without the continued support and contribution from all the families in the OLA community. We encourage all families to get involved in 2023.

After several years of dedication to the OLA P&F, we say farewell to the following committee members:

- Melanie Power & Claire Melican step down as Co Chairs. Andy Wright will be Chair in 2023 supported by Stacey Straford

- Susan Wixted steps down as as P&F Secretary. Lauren Koukoumanos will be Secretary in 2023.

- Katie Lang steps down from running the Scholastic Book Club. Volunteers welcome.

- Kate McGuire is handing over the organisation of the Mothers and Fathers Day Gift Stalls.

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone who committed their time throughout the year to attend meetings and organise events in our community. We would like to wish the 2023 OLA P&F Committee the best of luck for a successful year.

Melanie Power and Claire Melican
OLA P&F Co-Chairs