

## Parents & Friends Team AGM Report

Year: 2023

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### Report

What a year we have had. The P&F this year has managed a huge program of events, community engagements and fundraisers, including:

- Prep Welcome Morning Tea
- Whole School Welcome Picnic
- Pancake Breakfast
- Easter Raffle
- Mothers Day Breakfast & Stall
- New Building Opening Celebration
- School Disco
- Fathers Day Breakfast & Stall
- Art Show Opening Night
- World Teachers Day Morning Tea
- Trivia Night
- Colour Run
- Grade 6 Graduation
- Uniform Shop
- Book Club

The dedication and professionalism of the team in order to make all of that happen is very inspiring for me to see. It's not always easy, but to see teams of people get together to get things done, overcome hurdles and achieve success with their events warms this project manager's heart.

We've made improvements this year to standardise the way meetings, documents and events are managed. This can be passed through to future years to assist the team to run smoothly. We are updating the financial process for the P&F Team and I hope to implement this as the end of the year rolls over to set the team up for success next year.

My primary focus this year has been to provide transparency and to thank every single contributor; making sure that everyone feels valued and appreciated. This includes thanking the parents at the school every day if we can, to acknowledge the contribution of their time, expertise and funds to make everything happen.

### Fundraising Outcomes for 2023

- Wishlist 1: Football nets to return our active kids' footballs and prevent them going into the gardens of our neighbours at lunchtime. (\$14,000) **Achieved!**
- Wishlist 2 - A 65 inch SMART board to support learning in our new library. (\$3,800) **Achieved!**
- Wishlist 3 - A set of Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags for our hall to recognise and honour our indigenous history. (\$580) **Achieved!**
- Wishlist 4 - New drink taps in two locations - to replace the existing bubblers and a new location beside the outdoor stage. (Est. \$11,000) **Achieved!**
- Stretch Wishlist 5 - Upgrade to the school entrance landscape to include shaded seating under the trees. (Est. \$12,000-\$14,000) **Quotes currently being sourced. Achieved!**

We estimate for the 2023 period that we will have contributed approximately \$41,000 - \$43,000 to items and improvements for the school. A positive impact to the school lives for each of our children and every child to follow at OLA in the future.

Everyone in the P&F deserves a huge pat on the back for their fundraising efforts this year.

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### Thank You's

Thank you to Rachael for running a great year of the book club and for the school disco. It was so great to see the kids let their hair down for some fun.

Thank you to Rachael, Dian and Elena for running the Uniform shop all year. This is such a fantastic resource to assist all the families at the school.

Thank you to Claudelle, Claire and Melanie for your help on the Trivia organising committee. These big events really do take a village.

Thank you to the Prep Reps, Paulette, Anthea, Laura and Sally for running a really enjoyable evening at the art show opening night.

Thank you to the Grade 1 Reps, Eli, Marie and Ben for hosting our prep morning tea and making our new families so welcome here. Eli and Maire for all your hard work on the Mothers and Fathers Day stalls. Ben for delivering tasty bacon (and eggs) for 200 Mums.

Thank you to the Grade 2 Rep, Dominique for hitting the ground running quicker than anyone and delivering 250 kids some delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, yum.

Thank you to the Grade 3 Reps, Olivia and Alysha for the Fathers Day Breakfast, I certainly enjoyed a bacon and egg roll and I know all the other Dads did too.

Thank you to the Grade 4 Reps, Elizabeth, Melissa and Cliff. Elizabeth for the fabulous disco. Mel and Cliff for making the Colour Run such a memorable day for the children.

Thank you to the Grade 5 Reps, Kara and Lauren. Lauren for running what I think was one of the best nights of the year. The Trivia Night theme, the messaging, the organisation, the auctions, everything, it was all just spot on. Kara for the soon to arrive Grade 6 Graduation which I'm sure the grade 6 families are looking forward to.

Thank you to the Grade 6 Reps, Libby and Kyahn for the super successful Easter raffle that really set the platform for our fundraising success this year.

Thank you to our Treasurer, Rosie for managing our finances, for answering all my questions and helping me keep a track of where we stood in relation to our goals throughout the year. Also, for your help with the Building Opening celebration.

Thank you to our Secretary, Lauren for deciphering my Monday night ramblings into clearly defined minutes and actions. It is an absolute dream to run meetings when you know they will be minuted in such a professional and timely manner.

Thank you to our Deputy Chair, Stacey for being the yin to my yang and making sure the fun always stayed in. Also, for organising the whole school Welcome Picnic, the Teachers morning tea, the Building Opening celebration and the Christmas gathering for the P&F team.

Thank you to the OSAC committee, particularly the Chair Linda Rumsey for providing oversight and guidance throughout the year.

Thank you to the staff and teachers at OLA, particularly Caitlan Taig and Richard Jacques for their unwavering support throughout the year as they have assisted, guided and helped implement all of the P&F initiatives. It could not be done without your support and that of the school staff. It's been lovely to see teachers and staff attending this year's events.

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### Close

I am truly proud that during 2023 we have been able to continue the tradition of implementing a program of events that engages and builds the OLA networks and community and provides essential funds for items and improvements to the school. We have also managed to have some fun along the way!

We have met all of our fundraising goals and I can't wait to see the improvement projects take shape at the school. I have very much enjoyed my involvement with the P&F Team and this year especially as the Chair has been very rewarding.

I am very pleased to be handing over the role of Chair next year to be shared by Claudelle Salter and Lauren Koukoumanos. I know that they will do an excellent job in 2024. I look forward to participating in their plans for next year as a parent helper and I wish them and the team every success.

Andy Wright (P&F Chair 2023)