



PARENT'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – NOV 2021-2022

After almost two years in and out of lockdown, 2022 is a new start for all of us. We understand that there is no "back to normal", instead we evolve to a new era where we do our very best to take every single opportunity. In Term 1, PA were still very cautious when arranging social gatherings and events. Yet we were able to keep the Second-hand Uniform Shop open on a regular basis. We started to arrange more events in Term 2, and ran all the meetings online in 2022. We continued the basic communication with parents via Rocket newsletter and Compass to keep us engaged with the school community.

Firstly, I would like to formally thank all parent volunteers and the school team who gave their time and resources to participate in our events and projects this year.

I would especially like to thank our leaving parents and wish them and their children happiness and success as they start their new journey through high school.

I would like to thank our Office Bearers for all their hard work and dedication to the PA over the past year. Thanks to Kate Edwards-Davis for her work and support in the position of Treasurer, to Hye Jung Lee for her role as Secretary and to Sajila Raghu as PA Vice President.

Special thanks to our committee members of 2022: Elaine Wong, Ruwani Kumarapperuma, Shashikala Kamath, Sayanti Sarkar, Sisi Liang and Wendy Au, for supporting our operations and events, offering their thoughts at meetings, and aiding the decision-making process.

We fully appreciate the fact that these positions are voluntary, and I believe that involvement in our children's learning journey is a priceless gift. Please know that our child/ren, all students, families, staff, and community benefit from your dedication. I have enjoyed working with you all and hope you have enjoyed the experience as well.

Our first event of the year was providing icy poles on the School Sports Day in March. A huge thankyou to the organisers who helped made this event happen. Thank you Kate for supplying the icy poles for this event for the past many, many years, and thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers Wendy, Sisi, Hong and Claire for joining us. All of the students and teachers really appreciated this icy pole tradition on the sports day.

We had a beautiful collection this year for Easter Raffle. A big thank you to all those volunteers who came together to pack 40 beautiful hampers for the Easter Raffle! Thanks everyone for your donation of Easter eggs, chocolates and giftware. We raised \$1,356.45 for school.

Footy Tipping competition raised \$140 for the PA fund this year. Thanks to Mr Kenez and Michelle Huppe for organizing this event. Congratulations to all the winners. PA parent volunteers also helped preparing and organizing students to get their favourite hotdogs on the footy day lunch, \$976.60 was raised.

We had an awesome team of parents who helped the school to pack and wrap beautiful gifts for both the Mother's Day and Father's Day Shopping Stalls, and helped to organize the kids to shop on the day. Together \$2162.15 was raised for school.

The Election Day Cake Stall was arranged in May. Thanks to all families who contributed such beautiful cakes and cookies, it is one of the most important fundraising events for our school. Behind the scenes, a group of PA volunteers came together to prepare for the day, to organise, pack and price all the cakes. \$1256 was raised for school. We are now organizing another Election Day cake stall in November.

Spoil the Staff Day is one of my favourite events. Thanks to Mon who organized this beautiful event for our school teachers and staff members, thanks to all the parents who contributed the food, and thanks to Julie, Elaine, Beautiful Cathy and Karthi who came over to support the event.

A huge and special thankyou to those Parents who worked diligently through the year at our ongoing programs. This includes:

- The **Helping Hands Team** assisting families in need, and thanks to Sayanti Sarkar as the coordinator and our Assistant Principal Rebecca Stonehouse-Melke who leads this program.
- Thank you to our **Second-hand Uniform Shop Team**, and Sajila as the coordinator. Thanks to the team who have diligently worked in the shop every first Thursday of the month. The COVID safe rules were applied and thus we only served one family per time. Thank you for the parents' patience and your uniform donations to the shop. \$1816.10 was raised for school.
- Thank you to Kate for managing the **Entertainment Books** and **Community Benefit Program** which are always an excellent fundraiser for the school. \$234.97 was raised for school.

PA is not a fundraising focused unit, it is formed to build a happy and strong school community, though we raised \$3,743 for the year - and we have now donated \$3,397 towards shelving for the new library.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge again the PA Committee 2022 and all the parent volunteers at Syndal - a small but strong group of dedicated and passionate parents, ready and willing to contribute their time for the betterment of our school. It is always a rewarding experience to serve on a committee with like-minded parents, all with a common goal.

The sense of community within Syndal South Primary School is wonderful and very unique. We have a very special school which we appreciate so much. Again, thank you for everyone who has worked so hard for our community and children.

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PA President 2022
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