

Parents' Association Annual General Meeting President's Report – Nov 2025

2025 President's Report: A Year of Community, Cake, and Connection

What a year 2025 has been! When I look back at the calendar, it feels like we haven't stopped moving, but looking at what we've achieved together, every minute of effort was worth it.

What a fantastic committee we've had this year. We have all worked together and created such amazing events. The roles and leadership were spread across the team members for every event. This really shared the load and we had lots of fun across the year.

The Parents' Association isn't just about fundraising; it's the heartbeat of our school community. Our goal this year was simple: to build spirit, support our wonderful staff, and make school life that little bit more magical for our kids. And I think we can proudly say: mission accomplished.

Building Community & Breaking Records

Our fundraising highlight this year was the **Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall**. We didn't just run a stall; we ran the best event in the electorate! Thanks to your baking, wrapping, and sausage-sizzling skills, we raised over **\$4,000**. It was incredible to see people lining up for a "democracy sausage" and our famous cakes. The Musical Raffle was also another fantastic earner for the school with amazing prizes.

And the best part? Those funds are going directly back into the school with the aim to purchase a new Shade Sail for the Art Room outdoor area, ensuring our creative kids have a safe, covered space year-round. We are so happy with how the yarning circle is shaping up - the PA were proud to contribute \$10,000 towards it.

For the Kids

We loved putting smiles on faces this year. From the fun and laughs of the **Colour Explosion** (with that delicious Korean Kimbap, Fried Rice and Ice cream!) to handing out **icy poles at Athletics** and **fruit at Cross Country**, we were there to cheer the students on.

We also kept their bellies full with the **Footy Day Hot Dog Lunch**, the **Cheer Toastie Truck** visit in winter, and helped them find new adventures in reading by partnering with the Green Team for the **Book Sale**. Of course, not forgetting about the excitement of the **Mother's and Father's Day Stalls**—watching the kids carefully pick out gifts, manage their money and spoil their special people is always a highlight for us.

Supporting Our Staff

We know how hard our teachers work, and this year we wanted to make sure they felt the love. Our **Spoil the Staff Day** in November was a massive hit. It was well

deserved after all of the hard work they put into the musical. Thanks to our families, we put on a spread that rivalled a top restaurant—homemade curries, dumplings, spanakopita, and endless desserts. It was a small way to say a huge thank you.

The Volunteer Workforce

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 supporting the school. We also tried something new this year—combining our **Second-Hand Uniform Shop** with **Morning Teas**. It's been a great way to solve the "missing jumper" crisis while having a cuppa and a chat.

None of this happens by magic. To my fellow **committee members** and the incredible **Volunteer Workforce**—thank you. Whether you wrapped a raffle prize, turned a sausage, or labelled a lemon slice, **you** made this year a success.

Our committee has worked hard to secure more sponsorship this year. Narissa has led the way and thanks to her work and the community generosity we were able to offer fantastic prizes for raffles across the year, food contributions from our syndal family businesses. This has made a huge improvement to the quality of our prizes and thus the money we can raise. These include but are not limited to Ray White, Wheelers Hill Hotel, Charlie's Fine Foods, Inglewood Coffee, Krabby Crab Boil Knox, Urban Alley, Baked by Kay and Hainan Chicken

I also want to take a moment to acknowledge **Ms. Freeman**. Her support of the PA has been unwavering. She is one of a kind, and while we are sad to see her retire, Syndal South is so much better off for having had her leadership over the last 8 years.

Here's to a relaxing break and an even bigger 2026!

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