

## President's Annual Report

Newport Lakes Primary School Parents' Club

March 2026

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Newport Lakes Primary School Parents' Club Annual General Meeting.

It's been another fantastic and rewarding year for our Parents' Club, and I'm proud of what we've achieved together over the past 12 months. Serving as President from March 2025 to March 2026 has been both enjoyable and motivating, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue on in this role for another year.

Much like the year before, we've delivered a wide range of successful events—and the big difference this year is that we've learned a lot along the way. Many of our regular events now run smoothly, efficiently, and with confidence. It's great to feel that we've really got these “waxed,” which makes it easier to focus on improving the experience for families and creating lasting memories for our kids.

One of the standout highlights of the past year was **Fete 2025**, held in November. This was an enormous undertaking and required a significant amount of planning, coordination, and volunteer effort. I'm pleased to say it was a massive success, raising an incredible **profit of approximately \$24,000**, which will be put towards the new open classroom project. Plans for this project are currently displayed on the board in the office area for anyone who would like to view them. While the workload was considerable, seeing the children enjoying every moment of the fete made it all completely worthwhile. I also loved seeing that it wasn't just the kids who had an amazing day — the wide variety of stalls and rides kept them entertained throughout, while the adult garden proved to be a real hit with parents. It was wonderful to see families of all ages enjoying the event together, and knowing we were able to create a great day for everyone in the family.

We also had the return of the parents **Trivia Night**, which turned out to be another great success. The response from parents was fantastic, and due to popular demand, we'll be moving to a **larger venue in 2026** to accommodate more people.

If you missed it last time, I highly recommend coming along this year — it's a great night and a lot of fun.

Some of the events run by and supported by the parents club in 2025 were:

- Bake Sales and PreLoved Uniform Sales
- Bunnings BBQ
- Mothers Day and Fathers Day Breakfasts
- World Teacher Appreciation Day
- Prep Scavenger Hunt and Picnic
- Icy Pole Days
- Milo Fridays
- Fresh Fruit Mondays
- Lost property Sorting
- School Disco
- Fete 2025
- Parents Trivia Night

Throughout the past year, the Parents' Club was proud to reinvest the funds raised back into enhancing the school, including funding new chairs for the art room, emergency lunches for students in need, and classroom headsets for every student to support educational learning — all of which make a meaningful difference to our children's day-to-day school experience.

On a personal note, I would sincerely like to thank **Jackie, Caroline, and Evan** for all of your support and hard work throughout the year. I truly could not have done this without you. I'd also like to acknowledge the small handful of parents who volunteer time and time again — we see you, we appreciate you, and we thank you.

Looking ahead to 2026, one area we would really like to focus on is **enhancing the school grounds**. We've already started receiving some great ideas from the community, which is encouraging, and I'm looking forward to seeing those take shape. At the same time, it's important that we continue doing what we do best — putting on amazing events that bring the community together and create special memories for our kids.

In addition to our regular annual events, we'll also be introducing something new this year — a **Colour Run**, planned for November during the warmer months. This will be a first for our school, and I know it's something many of the kids will absolutely love.

Finally, I want to thank every parent, teacher, and member of school staff for the ongoing support throughout 2025. The Parents' Club only works because of the wider school community behind it. I'm really looking forward to another great year ahead and continuing the positive momentum we've built together.

Following the Annual General Meeting, the Office Bearer roles for the **2026–2027** year were confirmed. These positions are all volunteer roles and were voted in by the parents who attended and nominated. I would like to acknowledge and thank those who have put their hands up to support the club in the coming year. The Office Bearers for 2026–2027 are:

**President – Shaun Gomes**

**Vice President – Jackie Donnelly**

**Secretary – Evan Lloyd**

**Treasurer – Prue Otter.**

I look forward to working alongside this team as we continue to support and enhance our school community.

Thank you.

**Shaun Gomes**

President, Newport Lakes Primary School Parents' Club