



Presidents Report ACM 2025

Welcome to the 2025 P&F Annual Community Meeting.

We have had a very busy year, and I am incredibly proud of our achievements. To begin with, the major change for this year was our transition to becoming incorporated with the school and officially operating as a CEWA Catholic Schools P&F. As per the CEWA P&F Terms of Reference, the role of the P&F is to "...collaborate with the Principal to coordinate activities and create opportunities for community engagement between parent, school staff, parish and students while supporting the principal in the facilitation of fundraising events for the benefit of student that complement the school budget". I wanted to start by thanking Mrs Nicola Lee for navigating the shift with me and always being open to sharing resources and suggestions when I needed guidance.

This year has taught us all many lessons, and we have had many opportunities for reflection on how we would do things better or different in future. However, upon the completion of this report, it becomes very clear that our small but mighty P&F team has worked tireless hours (often during their actual paid employment) to make this year a remarkable one for the St Paul's P&F and Community and I am incredibly proud of us.

The 2025 P&F Committee consisted of:

- Jess Abbott (President)
- James Young (Vice-President)
- Michael Lenihan (Treasurer & Secretary).
- Will Miles (General Committee Member)

Mrs Nicola Lee, Ms Leanne Fanetti and Susan Moltoni – Finance Officer, we thank you for bearing with us and supporting us this year. We look forward to a more united and easier flowing year in 2026.

The 2025 Parent Representatives

The 2025 class representatives have provided a multitude of support, knowledge and organisation. This year's parent rep group has consisted of:

	Name	2025 Event
Pre-Kindy	Viviana Perera	
	Emily Domazetovski	
Kindy	Jess Green	
	Claire Tiverios	
Pre-Primary	Ana Radinovic	
	Jamie Lok	
Year 1	Felicity Castensen	Easter Raffle
	Kimberley Padmanabham	Easter Raffle
Year 2	Claire Lenyk	Sports Carnival Lunch Coordination
	Emma White	Sports Carnival Lunch Coordination

Year 3	Liana D'Ascanio (Ellery)	Ultimate P&F Supporter and Honorary Member
	Mel Whelan (Young)	Gin & Quiz Night
Year 4	Kaina Salivaji	Vinnie's Sleepout
	Domenica (Dom) Casci	Vinnie's Sleepout
Year 5	Sakshi	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
	Jill Chan	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Year 6	Mark Tindale	Disco
	Natasha Coelho	Disco

I thank you for working with the parents, students and teachers, attending meetings, promoting events, assisting other class reps as well as providing valuable input and feedback.

Carrying on from previous years, the P&F annual events were tied to a specific year group for a fairer approach, so students and parents know what to expect as they progress through the years at St Paul's. The P&F is mindful in balancing the events for students, school\staff, parish and parents.

Clarification of Parent Representative Role

Parent Representatives (Reps) play an important role in supporting the P&F by sharing the outcomes of P&F meetings and promoting upcoming events to parents. Their role is not to take sole responsibility for organising and running events allocated to their year group, as this would be unrealistic and unfair for large school events. Doing so can also impact overall planning and execution, and ultimately the experience for the children. Instead, Parent Reps are responsible for coordinating the parent group within their class for the allocated event.

From 2026, all school events will be organised by an **event committee** comprising of the relevant parent reps, other parents from that class, a P&F member, and school leadership. This ensures critical elements – such as health and safety, are managed in line with policy and to the highest standard.

The 2026 Parent Representatives

	Name
Pre-Kindy	Monika Rosiewicz & Iva Zacconi
Kindy	Julie Butters & Kiara Papa
Pre-Primary	Madeline Battella & Kimberley Padmanabham
Year 1	Tanya Smith & Erin Corrie
Year 2	Emma Braban & Kelly Osyka
Year 3	Lela Mrdak & Megan Cambourakis
Year 4	Junior Soliano & James Abbott
Year 5	
Year 6	Andrea Bernard

The Parent Rep coordinated events for 2026 will be allocated as follows:

Event	Key Organisers	Timing
Easter Raffle	Year 1	Term 1
Mother's Day Breakfast	Year 2	Term 2
Father's Day Breakfast	Year 3	Term 3
St Vinnie's Sleep Out	Year 4	Term 2
Year 6 Graduation Dinner	Year 5	Term 4
School Disco	Year 6	Term 2

Two parent representatives have come forward per class for Pre-K to Year 4, and one parent representative has nominated for Year 6. Thanks very much to these parents. Year 5 do not have any parent representatives at this stage. The P&F will be hosting a social event for the 2025 & 2026 parent reps on Sunday 7th December, and we look forward to celebrating the achievements of this year, and forward planning for an exciting 2026.

2025 Events Overview

Term 1:

- **Family Welcome Night** (P&F committee) - Our providers: Magic Dale, Mirror Mirror Facepainting, Old McDonald's Travelling Farm and musicians Jarryd and Saafi, as well as our trusted visiting ice-cream truck, were a huge success.
- **P&F Second Hand Uniform Facebook Page** set up. Thank you to all the families for their donations and to Jessica Green for coordinating a large number of items and placing them for sale online. The second-hand uniform shop has raised \$435 this year.
- **State Election Sausage Sizzle and Bake Sale** – Thank you to all the parent volunteers on the day and for the wonderful collection of donations for the bake sale. This event raised \$1929.
- **Easter Raffle** – Thank you to the Year 1 reps (Felicity and Kimberley) for coordinating the entire process including collecting donations, wrapping prizes, coordinating hot cross bun delivery and many other things. Thank you to Bakers Delight North Perth for collaborating with us again. This event raised \$3044.
- **Year 5 & 6 Parish Mass** – Big thank you to Father Mariusz and the Year 5 & 6 Parent reps for coordinating volunteers.
- **Shrove Tuesday Carnival** – Thank you to all the families who generously donated a plate of food and Father for his coordination. It was lovely to see so many families in attendance and teachers coordinating colourful craft activities – thank you Mrs Duffy and Mrs B.

Term 2:

- **Mother's Day Breakfast** – Involved decorations, set up, ordering and collecting of all food items (thank you Liana) and taking orders making coffees and teas on the day (Year 3 dads). Thank you also to all those that assisted with the prep and cleanup.
- **School Disco** – thank you to Year 6 reps for the hours spent making bookings, payments, meeting vendors, and prep and tidy of hall. We had suggestions from parents to increase the size of the dance floor after last year and the children thoroughly enjoyed jumping around on it to the infamous sounds of "Golden".

- **National Walk to School Day** – Coordinated by P&F Team with collaboration with Fr. Mariusz. The P&F provided baked goods for the children and coffees for the parents. A thank you to Frank Paolino for contributing an additional \$100 to the coffee van.
- **Federal Election** – Coordinated by the P&F, with 37 families donating baked goods, and 30 parents volunteering their time on the day. A big thank you also to Leanne Fanetti for her support with this event. This event raised \$2,977.
- **School Parish Mass** – Thank you to Father Mariusz and the Years 3&4 class reps for coordinating the morning.
- **Vinnie's Sleep Out** – The Year 5 Reps assisted the SAC with the coordination of the sleepout. A big thank you for all their efforts. The P&F donated \$800 towards costs, with any leftover funds being donated to St Vincent de Paul foundation.

Term 3:

- **School Parish Mass** – Thank you to Father Mariusz and the Years 1&2 class reps for coordinating the morning.
- **Athletics Carnival** – thank you to the Year 2 reps – Claire and Emma for working with the canteen staff on sorting a special menu and arranging delivery to Hamer Park.
- **Father's Day Breakfast** - Involved decorations, set up, ordering and collecting of all food items and supplying of coffees and teas on the day. Thank you to all the mums who assisted.
- **First Holy Communion** – this year the decision was made to have a morning tea after the mass. The P&F contributed by donating cupcakes to the children receiving Communion.

Term 4:

- **P&F Quiz Night** – this was the third time we have held this event, and I have to say it was our best one yet. A huge thank you Will and Liz Miles and to James & Melinda Young for coordinating this entire event. This is the first year I was involved in supporting the event and was blown away by the immense undertaking and the selflessness of these four people to volunteer an abundance of their time to our school. A big thank you also to Liana D'Asciano for providing ongoing support and selling raffle tickets on the evening. The families and businesses that donated to our prize pool were remarkable and we are incredibly grateful. We had 86 parents\teachers in attendance (a little lower than last year), however still managed to fundraise to a similar amount of over \$10,000 after costs.
- **School Parish Mass** – Thank you to Father Mariusz and the Kindy and Pre-Primary class reps for coordinating the morning.
- **World Teacher's Day** – P&F organised morning tea and coffees for our brilliant school staff. Thank you to all our teaching and support staff that make St Paul's exceptional.
- **Walk to School Day** – Coordinated by P&F Team with collaboration with Fr. Mariusz. The P&F provided baked goods for the children and coffees for the parents. A thank you to Frank Paolino for once again contributing an additional \$100 to the coffee van.
- **Dad's Day Out** – thank you to Junior Soliano and James Abbott for organising the event at the Belgian Beer Café. By all accounts, the dads had a fantastic evening with small numbers (16) but a lot of spirit.

- **Mums Afternoon Out** – thank you to Tori Godfrey for organising this event at The Stables in Northbridge. While we were not many in number (19 attending), we more than made up for it in spirit.
- **Year 6 Graduation Dinner** (to occur on Friday 28th November) – Thank you in advance to the Year 5 reps (Sakshi and Jill) for facilitating this extraordinary dinner/dance for the graduating class of 2025. I will be attending on behalf of the P&F and am so looking forward to celebrating the wonderful graduating class.
- **Colour Fun Run** – The Colour Fun Run took place on the school courts last Friday, 21 November, raising over \$10,000 for the school. Earlier this year, the P&F, school leadership, and the Colour Run Committee came to the agreement to engage with a third-party provider due to their provision of a prize system linked to fundraising amounts, motivational tools like stickers, a secure payment channel, and a liaison officer to guide the process. A huge thank you to the Colour Run Committee – Clare, Tanya, and Yolanda—for their outstanding coordination and communication. On behalf of the P&F, we sincerely appreciate their efforts.

P&F Donations for 2025

As well as funding the regular activities such as the Family Welcome Night, Mothers' and Fathers' Day Breakfasts, and part funding the Year 6 Graduation Dinner, this year the P&F has made some purchase for St Paul's Primary School:

- Our proudest contribution was the Year 6 Camp – the P&F Contributed \$8000 which allowed for an affordable but unique experience for the students. Watching the video of the camp highlights and receiving a letter from Lucy Ireland in Year 6 thanking us for this contribution, was one of my personal highlights.
- BBQ was purchased and gifted to the school, which was used on both election days this year and by canteen staff for days where hotdogs were on the menu.
- Several book sets for classes where requests had been received
- 2 x portable netball stands and 19 netballs

Items Currently Being Purchased

- Natural spaces classroom furniture for Pre K and Kindy.
- Mobile teacher whiteboard for Year 6
- Dr Paul Swan Maths Program Kits for all year groups
- Additional early childhood PLD resources to support school wide phonics program
- iPad Storage Safe for Year 2
- Optimum Percussion Alto Xylophones x 2

We are delighted to have had sufficient funds this year to fulfil the wishlist that was shared with us. The P&F would now like to invite teachers and school administrators to collaborate before the end of the year by submitting a wishlist of their top priorities for our children and school. This will help us set meaningful goals and create incentives for raising even more funds next year.

Other Business

I have been working together with Isabella Skuthorp (SAC) on the road safety issues surrounding our school. We, along with Mrs Fanetti met with a Road Safety Officer from City of Stirling and hope to have some steps forward soon.

St Paul's parents expressed a desire to run an after school activity and while I met with Brickz for Kids (Lego coding activity) and we explored options to have this part funded by P&F, it was decided that the impact on the after school program would be too great and we did not want to risk losing that service. We are now exploring before school and during school options.

The coffee machine has been out of service for most of the year, due to the power supply being insufficient. Susan Moltoni, school's Finance Officer, has been in contact with the preferred electrician and we are hoping to have this rectified for 2026. On that note, I would like to thank Susan for all her support this year.

A personal thank you also to our honorary member and friend always Liana – for her ongoing support all year and always. There were so many times this year where your energy and knowledge were priceless for me and I will miss your involvement and presence next year immensely.

I wanted to take a moment also to thank Father Mariusz Gretch, who has been a kind and genuine supporter of the work the P&F. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know him better and uniting with him in continuing to foster a strong relationship between the parents at school and the parish. Thank you to Father for working closely with our parent reps to coordinate the family masses and I have to say our walk to school mornings have been my favourite way to start the day.

The P&F would not be possible without our faithful committee members, class representatives, school staff and parish priest. A big thank you to all. On behalf of the P&F Team, I'd like to thank you for your attendance this evening and to wish you all a peaceful break with your families, and look forward to supporting our school and students next year.

Jess Abbott

St Paul's P&F President