



ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL

St Columba's School, Bayswater - P&F Group Report Presented by Nikki Staveley and Davina Goh

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The 2025 school year has been vibrant, energetic, and wonderfully community-minded for the St Columba's P&F. With a fuller-than-usual calendar, enthusiastic family involvement, and outstanding volunteer support, the P&F continued to play an important role in strengthening connections between students, parents, and staff.

Our early P&F meetings set the tone for a well-organised year, supported by inclusive sub-committees that helped deliver smooth, successful events. We embraced both *friend-raising* and *fund-raising*, contributing to many areas of the school including literacy resources, conferences and programs, music equipment, new tricycles, interschool shirts, and annual classroom contributions.

2025 Highlights

Term 1

Swimming Carnival Sausage Sizzle

A warm and fun start to the year, filled with BBQ aromas drifting across the pool and enthusiastic families cheering from the sidelines. Thank you to IGA Local Grocer Bayswater for their continued generosity.

Wine Drive

A popular early-year initiative that allowed families to stock up while supporting P&F fundraising efforts.

Term 2

Election Day Fundraiser

One of our biggest wins of the year! With a buzzing BBQ and a table full of homemade baked goodies, the P&F raised over \$4,000. The teamwork was incredible, parents cooking, serving, chatting, and proudly representing the school. A true community showcase (and an exhausting one for the sub-committee!).

Mother's Day Breakfast

A much-loved tradition. Volunteers arrived before dawn to create a warm, inviting atmosphere for mums, grandmothers, and special mother figures. The morning was filled with smiles, gratitude, and meaningful moments.

Colour Run

Finally brought to life! The oval burst into colour as students raced, skipped, walked, laughed, and cheered their way through a fantastic afternoon. We were very lucky with the weather and very grateful to Bayswater Primary for allowing us to use their oval. Parents may have had *just* as much fun throwing water and colour as the kids did running! With online fundraising and class competitions, this event perfectly blended fun and fundraising.

Mid-Year Raffle

A great community moment supported by local businesses and families. Special thanks to Dan Bull, Member for Maylands, for donating first prize and attending the assembly to draw the winners.

Term 3

Parent Friend-Raiser Quiz Night

What. A. Night! New to the calendar and an absolute standout. Decked out in their best 80s and 90s

outfits, teams battled through music, trivia, and nostalgia. Thanks to slick organisation and enthusiastic volunteers, the evening ran seamlessly and raised over \$4,500 for the school. A brilliant win all around.

Father's Day Breakfast

A lovely morning featuring breakfast, paper-plane fun, and a beautiful performance from our talented Irish dancers.

Athletics Carnival – Sausage Sizzle & Bake Sale

A double success, thanks to dedicated sub-committees and our legendary “King of Sizzling,” Leston.

Car Park Nomination

Instead of a raffle, families nominated someone deserving of the Term 4 reserved parking bay, a simple but heartfelt way to give back.

Term 4

School Disco

A colourful, energetic celebration made even more special with an inclusive ticket price thanks to strong fundraising throughout the year. Huge thanks to IGA Local Grocer, The British Sausage, Ham & Bacon Co, all the parents who donated glow sticks and backdrop supplies, and of course to Leston who cooked over 400 sausages at his final school event. You will be greatly missed!

Teacher Appreciation Day

A school filled with flowers, everywhere! A beautiful celebration of gratitude for our incredible teachers.

Throughout the Year

Refining our meeting structure this year helped streamline operations and ensured P&F gatherings remained places of collaboration, creativity, and genuine community input.

Our volunteers, parents, guardians, grandparents, & friends showed up time and again to cook, bake, organise, apply for grants, collect containers, set up, clean up, and support every event. Your generosity shaped the spirit of 2025, and we cannot thank you enough (even if we occasionally needed to offer a gentle nudge!).

Outside of school levies, we raised almost \$55,000 an incredible increase from last year's \$20,000. More than \$35,000 has already been returned directly to the school through literacy resources, student programs, musical instruments, tricycles, a neurodivergent conference, interschool shirts, and interschool breakfast initiatives, with over \$20,000 committed to capital improvements. This is a tremendous achievement and one we should all be incredibly proud of.

Thank You

As always, we are deeply grateful to the school's leadership, staff, and students including Gina, Leesa, Niall, Lisa, Kylie, and Janine for their ongoing support and enthusiasm.

A huge thank you to every volunteer who gave their time to events throughout the year. From colour runs to bake sales, raffles to discos your commitment made these moments possible and meaningful.

A special thank you to our incredible Executive Team:

Sarah Sorgiovanni, Courtney Eden, Bridie Stazzonelli, and Justine Raynor, along with our amazing Class Reps and the St Columba's Leadership Team and Front Office. Your support and guidance have shaped a truly unforgettable year.

A Note from the Co-Chairs & Secretaries

With pride, gratitude, and a touch of sadness, we share that Davina Goh, Courtney Eden, Sarah Sorgiovanni and I will be stepping down from our P&F Executive roles at the end of this year.

Personal commitments and full-time work mean we can no longer give these roles the time they deserve.

Serving on the Executive has been a privilege. We are incredibly proud of the events, initiatives, and community connections we've helped build. We will support the incoming team with a thorough handover to ensure a smooth transition into 2026.

A special thank-you to Justine and Bridie, who will remain in their roles for the rest of the term, you are truly brilliant.

A huge thank you to Courtney for sharing her incredible skills and expertise as our Graphic Designer over so many years! Your creative touch has brought all our flyers and event tiles to life, and we're so grateful for everything you've contributed as part of the P&F. As you also step away from the P&F, your amazing designs will be missed as they've been such a special part of our events.

We've loved every moment: the planning, the problem-solving, the laughs, and the friendships formed along the way. We hope we've made you proud.

Thank you to all the P&F Reps, your dedication, enthusiasm, and willingness to jump into sub-committees and events made everything possible.

It has been a highlight and honour to work together for our children and our school.

On behalf of the St Columba's P&F, we wish everyone a safe & happy Christmas.

We look forward to the future of the P&F & the positive impact it will continue to make across our school.