

# St Columba's School Bayswater

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## P&F Meeting Summary – March 2026

Thank you to everyone who attended the first P&F meeting for 2026. It was wonderful to see a strong turnout and great enthusiasm for supporting our school community.

## Key Updates

### P&F Priorities for 2026

The P&F will focus on building a strong and inclusive school community, supporting the leadership team and encouraging parents to get involved in small ways throughout the year.

### 2026 P&F Contributions Confirmed

The P&F confirmed funding for several annual commitments including:

- Classroom levies for teachers
- Y6 Leavers Shirt Contribution instead of Graduation Support
- Teacher appreciation morning tea
- Sound and lighting for the End-of-Year Concert

### Successful Welcome Sundowner

The Welcome Back Sundowner was a great success and will likely become an annual event. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to connect at the start of the school year.

### Upcoming Fundraising Events

- Wine Drive Fundraiser – now open
- Cookie Dough Fundraiser – planned for Term 2
- Mother's Day 'Muffin with Mum' event – planning underway for early Term 2

### School Updates from the Principal

- St Columba's will celebrate its 90th anniversary this year.
- Harmony Day will be celebrated on 19 March.
- NAPLAN begins Monday 23 March.
- Parent information sessions were well attended.
- The school library is temporarily closed while remediation planning takes place.

### Parent Involvement – 'Just One Thing'

The P&F will soon share a short survey inviting parents to nominate 'just one thing' they may be able to help with during the year. Even small contributions help make a big difference to our school community.

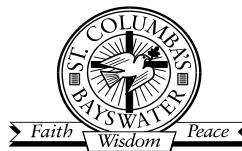
Next P&F Meeting

Tuesday 28 April 2026

6:30pm – School Library

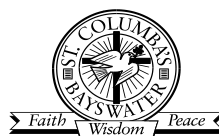
All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

**St Columba's Primary School Bayswater P&F Association**  
**2026 Financial Statement at 26.02.2026**



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| <b>Opening Balance 1 January 2025</b>                              | 47,492.61        |
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| <b><u>Income</u></b>   |                  |
| P&F Levies   | 38,400.00        |
| WA Student Assistance - Unclaimed funds distributed to schools     | 980.00           |
| Fundraising - Containers for Change                                | 4.73             |
| Swim Carnival Lunches *note to be refunded                         | 807.01           |
| <b>Total Income</b>  | <u>40,191.74</u> |
| <br>   |                  |
| <b><u>Expenses</u></b>   |                  |
| Cognito Forms Pro Plan   | 159.74           |
| Gigi's Kids Party Entertainment - face painters for sundowner      | 465.00           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>  | <u>624.74</u>    |
| <br>   |                  |
| <b>Movement</b>  | <u>39,567.00</u> |
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| <b>Closing Balance 26 February 2026</b>                            | <u>87,059.61</u> |
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| Notes relating to closing balance:                                 |                  |
| <u>2024</u> Commitment to Capital Works ECE project                | 20,000.00        |
| 2025 Commitment to Capital Works ECE project                       | 10,000.00        |
| 2025 Commitment to Capital Works - balance                         | 6,686.36         |
| 2025 Commitment to "90 Years of St Cols" celebrations              | 2,535.00         |
| Pending P&F Donation: Operating - 2026 Leaver shirts contributions | 1,000.00         |
|  | 40,221.36        |
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| <b>Actual closing balance at 26 February 2026</b>                  | <u>46,838.25</u> |

St Columba's Primary School Bayswater P&F Association  
2026 Projection at 26.02.2026



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| <b>Opening Balance 1 January 2025</b>                                 | 47,492.61        |
| <b><u>Income</u></b>  |                  |
| P&F Levies  | 38,400.00        |
| WA Student Assistance - Unclaimed funds distributed to schools        | 980.00           |
| Swim Carnival Lunches *note to be refunded                            | 807.01           |
| <i>Containers for Change</i>  | 130.00           |
| <i>Entertainment Book Fundraiser</i>                                  | 150.00           |
| <i>Hayshed Hill Wine Fundraiser</i>                                   | 1,200.00         |
| <i>Mothers Day Breakfast</i>  | 400.00           |
| <i>Mid Year Raffle Fundraiser</i>                                     | 1,000.00         |
| <i>Cookie Dough Fundraiser</i>  | 2,000.00         |
| <i>Fathers Day Breakfast</i>  | 400.00           |
| <i>Athletics Carnival - Sausage Sizzle</i>                            | 1,500.00         |
| <i>Athletics Carnival - Bake Sale</i>                                 | 800.00           |
| <i>Disco</i>  | 4,000.00         |
| <i>Athletes Foot Fundraiser</i>                                       | 200.00           |
| <b>Total Income</b>   | <b>51,967.01</b> |
| <b><u>Expenses</u></b>  |                  |
| Cognito Forms Pro Plan  | 159.74           |
| Gigi's Kids Party Entertainment - Face Painter Sundowner              | 465.00           |
| CSPWA - 2026 Affiliation Fee  | 2,200.00         |
| <i>Swimming Carnival - consumables</i>                                | 60.00            |
| <i>2026 Leavers Shirts Contribution</i>                               | 1,000.00         |
| <i>Mothers Day Breakfast Juice, Prizes, Materials</i>                 | 400.00           |
| <i>P&amp;F Donation - Operating - 2026 Class Budget Donation</i>      | 22,400.00        |
| <i>Mid Year Raffle Fundraiser - Voucher</i>                           | 50.00            |
| <i>Disco - DJ &amp; Food expenses (to be covered by ticket sales)</i> | 2,000.00         |
| <i>2026 Teacher Appreciation Morning Tea</i>                          | 500.00           |
| <i>Athletics Carnival - Bake Sale &amp; SS</i>                        | 600.00           |
| <i>2026 EOY Concert - Sound</i>                                       | 1,540.00         |
| <i>Interschool breakfasts (Swimming \$200, \$350 Athletics)</i>       | 550.00           |
| <i>Cognito forms annual cost (\$228 annually) for online orders</i>   | 150.00           |
| <i>Fathers Day - Juice, Prizes, Materials</i>                         | 400.00           |
| <i>Telstra prepaid credit for sim</i>                                 | 60.00            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>   | <b>32,534.74</b> |
| <b>Movement</b>   | <b>19,432.27</b> |
| <b>Forecast Closing Balance 31 December 2026</b>                      | <b>66,924.88</b> |
| Notes relating to closing balance:                                    |                  |
| <u>2024</u> Commitment to Capital Works ECE project                   | 20,000.00        |
| 2025 Commitment to Capital Works ECE project                          | 10,000.00        |
| 2025 Commitment to Capital Works balance                              | 6,686.36         |
| 2025 Commitment to "90 Years of St Cols" celebrations                 | 2,535.00         |
|   | 39,221.36        |
| <b>Remaining forecast at 31 December 2026</b>                         | <b>27,703.52</b> |



# ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL

P&F Principal Report

3 March 2026

## Start of School Year & Community Welcome

The year began with a warm and enthusiastic welcome to all students, staff, and families as St Columba's entered both a new academic year and its significant 90th Anniversary.

## Staffing Updates

A number of staffing changes were announced, including:

- Welcoming new staff: Siobhan Budrovich, Danielle Roberts, Mikayla Giglia, and Kayleigh Owens.
- Jacob O'Reilly returning to Year 6, and Kayleigh Owens with Casey Loong taking on Technologies Specialist roles.
- Karen Gonsalves covering Music PP-Year 2 during Karen Holden's leave. An updated staff list has been provided to the community.

## 90th Anniversary & School Vision

Marking 90 years since its founding by Sister Mary Paschal O'Connor, the school is honouring its heritage while shaping a strong future. Staff have begun developing a new **Vision for Learning**, aligned with the four domains of Quality Catholic Education:

- **Catholic Identity:** Deepening Mercy values and sustainability practices.
- **Education:** Strengthening consistent, inclusive teaching practices and developing a school-wide Vision for Learning.
- **Community:** Fostering peace, respect, compassion, and embedding URSTRONG practices.
- **Stewardship:** Building a culture of improvement, accountability, and leadership.

## Parent Information Evening & Communication

The Parent Information Evening was well attended, offering families clarity around classroom expectations, learning programs, and assessment processes. This year introduces Interim Meeting Day in March, ensuring parents receive timely assessment information.

An updated 2026 Parent Handbook and CEWA/school policies are available on the website, covering attendance, behaviour, uniform, and procedures.

An online URSTRONG Parent–Child Workshop was held on 25 February, with six Catholic school communities participating. The recorded session is available on SEESAW for the next two weeks for any families who would like to learn more about how we support students in using child-friendly language to resolve conflicts, as well as our processes for reporting and tracking *mean-on-purpose* behaviour.

### **P&F and CSAC Updates**

- We extend our heartfelt thanks to the P&F volunteers who have generously stepped into the previously vacant Executive roles of Chairperson and Secretary. We are delighted to confirm that these positions are now filled until the next ACM.
- **Chairperson:** Annie Johnson
- **Co-Secretaries:** Kally Rintoul and Stephanie Smith

They join our continuing Executive Members Bridie Stazonelli, Justine Raynor, and Bea Humphreys. We are deeply grateful for their commitment and ongoing support of our school community.

The CSAC vacancy has now been filled, with an announcement coming soon.

Recent Annual Meeting Reports (CSAC, P&F, School) and the School Performance Report are available online.

### **Community Events & Engagement**

The Welcome Back to School Picnic was a success, supported by the 2025 P&F and coordinating subcommittees. This event provided a joyful opportunity for families to reconnect and welcome new community members.

### **Lent, Pastoral Support & Condolences**

As Lent begins, students are encouraged to deepen their faith through prayer, small sacrifices, and acts of kindness.

### **Fees, Administrative Updates & Library Relocation**

Fee invoices have been emailed, with payment options provided. Those experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to contact the Principal.

The school Library will be temporarily closed and repurposed as a learning space for the Year 4G class while remediation plans for the original classroom are finalised.

This year, the school has returned to consistent start and finish times across all year levels. While the changes have not affected morning traffic flow, there is significant gridlock around 3.00 pm for after school pick up at the Kiss and Drive. Traffic eases noticeably by 3.05 pm, and we strongly encourage families to consider arriving later where possible.

Students are fully supervised until 3.20 pm, and only a small number remain at this time. Milne Street is also supervised and is very quiet after 3.05 pm. You may wish to ask your child to wait with the duty teacher there to help reduce congestion and improve safety for everyone.

### **Event Updates & Changes**

- Swimming Carnival has been rescheduled to 18 March at Beatty Park.
- Harmony Day moved to 19 March, and NAPLAN Catch-Up extended to 23 March.
- Regular updates continue via SEESAW, the Donegal, and the Parent Calendar.

In gratitude,

Gina Burns.

*Principal*