

St Columba's School Bayswater

Grow in Faith Seek Wisdom Live in Peace

P&F Meeting Summary – April 2026

Thank you to everyone who attended the second P&F meeting for 2026. It was wonderful to see continued enthusiasm and support for our school community.

Key Updates

School & Community Wishlist's

The P&F reviewed feedback from both staff and the school community regarding future priorities. Key focus areas identified included IT improvements, bike shelter planning, support for the school's 90th celebrations and enhancements to the Early Childhood playground.

90th Anniversary Celebrations

Planning is underway for St Columba's 90th celebrations later this year. Activities/events confirmed included commemorative pins for students, a sausage sizzle, cupcakes, a 'Dress for a Decade' day and special fundraising items such as tea towels and handballs.

Upcoming Fundraising & Community Events

- Mother's Day 'Muffin with Mum' event – preparations well underway with strong registrations.
- Cookie Dough Fundraiser – moved to Term 3.
- Mid-Year Raffle – now planned for the beginning of Term 3.
- Wine Drive Fundraiser – successfully raised \$319.

Grant Applications

The P&F is currently applying for several community grants to support school projects including:

- Interactive whiteboard for Early Childhood Education
- Portable basketball hoops
- Bike shelter planning and construction

School Updates

The swimming carnival lunch orders were very successful and National Ride to School Day was also well supported by the community.

Communication Updates

Moving forward, the P&F will circulate a shorter parent summary rather than full meeting minutes. Class representatives will continue sharing updates with their year groups.

Next P&F Meeting

Tuesday 16 June 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 23.04.2026



Opening Balance 1 January 2026	47,492.61
<u>Income</u>	
P&F Levies	38,473.00
WA Student Assistance - Unclaimed funds distributed to schools	980.00
Containers for Change	27.28
Swim Carnival Lunches *note refunded	807.01
Entertainment Book Fundraiser	25.46
Hayshed Hill Wine Drive	390.91
Sundowner - Lady Bee Icecream Donation	100.00
Total Income	<u>40,803.66</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Cognito Forms Pro Plan	159.74
Swim Carnival Lunch Refunds (net loss of 44.58 in fees)	851.59
Sundowner - face painters, cake & decorations	562.99
CSPWA 2026 Affiliation Fee	1,990.80
Class Budget Donations	19,600.00
Class Budget Donations - RE, Digitech, Sacraments, Sports Equip	2,800.00
2026 Y6 Leavers Shirts	1,000.00
Total Expenses	<u>26,965.12</u>
Movement	<u>13,838.54</u>
Closing Balance 23 April 2026	<u><u>61,331.15</u></u>
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	2,437.01
	<u>39,123.37</u>
Actual closing balance at 23 April 2026 (after previous commitments)	<u><u>22,207.78</u></u>



ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL

Parents and Friends Meeting Principal Report 28 April 2026

Easter Message

As we journey through the Easter season, we are reminded of hope, renewal, and the promise of new life. May this time inspire kindness, gratitude, and compassion as we continue to care for one another within our school community.

Our Year 6 students are to be commended for leading the Stations of the Cross for the Parish with reverence, maturity, and dedication. Their preparation and retelling of Christ's journey created a deeply moving experience.

Sincere thanks to Leesa Vinciullo, Ali Martin, Karen Gonsalves, Adriana Xavier, and the Year 6 staff for their guidance and support.

Learning and Compassion in Action

We extend our thanks to the whole community for their ongoing support and encouragement of Project Compassion. In Year 2G, several students showed remarkable initiative, including donating pocket money, fundraising through collecting cans, and running home stalls. Collectively we raised \$2667.80.

Farewell and Staffing Updates

Last term we farewelled Kerry Brown, who concluded 13 years of dedicated service to St Columba's. Kerry's contribution as an Education Assistant and through the MULTILIT Reading Intervention Program has been significant, and we thank her for her commitment.

In Term 2, Karen Holden remains on leave, with Daniella Nardelli returning one day a week to support Year 1 Green. We also welcome Tiana Miranda as an Education Assistant supporting classes impacted by recent staffing changes.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Term One Parent-Teacher Interview Day provided an important opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school. These conversations allow families and teachers to connect meaningfully about each child's learning, wellbeing, strengths, and areas for growth.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 completed the 2026 NAPLAN assessments with confidence and focus. Thanks to thorough preparation and calm supervision by staff, the process ran

smoothly, with students demonstrating positive attitudes and strong engagement throughout.

Sporting Highlights

Congratulations to Team Pascal, winners of the 2026 Swimming Carnival, and to Columbanus, recipients of the Spirit Shield. Students across all teams displayed outstanding sportsmanship and encouragement, making this award especially difficult to judge. Sincere thanks to parents who assisted on the day and to all families for their flexibility following the date change.

We wish the best of luck to students selected for the Interschool Swimming Carnival this week.

Ride to School Day

Thank you to parents Brad and Kate for their leadership and tireless work in supporting the Annual Ride to School Day. Strong student participation was again evident. The day was further supported by activities at Bayswater Primary School.

Brad and Kate's efforts secured grants resulting in fantastic prizes and fresh fruit for students, reinforcing the importance of healthy, active lifestyles within our community.

Harmony Day and Neurodiversity Day

Students and staff proudly supported Harmony Day and Neurodiversity Day by wearing orange or yellow accessories and, in some cases, traditional dress. These special days promote empathy, understanding, and respect, reinforcing the caring and inclusive culture at St Columba's.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Ava S (Year 2), who was named the overall winner of the CEWA Easter Colouring Competition for Year 2 Students. Congratulations also to Emma N and Gianna K (Year 6) for receiving Highly Commended awards. We are proud of all students who shared their creativity.

Community

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Kate Minchin, a much loved member of our community. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Charlie and children Grace and Oliver. Thank you to our whole community for all the care, compassion and respect shown to the family and close friends.