



## **P&F Chairperson's Report**

Welcome Staff, Parents & Friends to the 2023 Santa Clara School AGM.

Our year commenced with our Welcome Picnic where we welcomed new and existing Families to our School. The children enjoyed the various activities on the oval including Laser Tag, Mini Golf and Face-Painting, and a free Ice-cream while the parents mingled, enjoying each other's company.

We then held our first fundraiser of the year, our annual Easter raffle, which was once again a great success. Thank you to our school community for the many donations of chocolates that were received, resulting in lots of prizes for each class. A total of \$1642.00 was raised for this event.

In Term 2 we hosted a morning tea to celebrate Mother's Day, inviting our mother's and mother figures to join us for coffee and cake. The children were also able to choose gifts from our Mother's Day Stall, which was well supported, raising \$1 783.00.

On the last day of Term 2, we held our School Disco, and what a great way to end Semester One. Miss Fitz and Miss Caboz hit the dance floor and wowed us with their signature move, the worm. It was wonderful to see all the children and staff enjoying themselves and burning up the dance floor with the tunes provided by the DJ. All the children were treated to a free hot dog and juice box and able to purchase various treats. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped set up, clean up and run the canteen. A total of \$1780.00 was raised for this event.

For the duration of Term 2, we ran our Glass Jars Competition where children donated their coins. There was a lot of competition amongst the students, and the Teachers, and low and behold, our resident fundraising Queen "Princess Partington" along with Mrs Wilson, Mrs Nunn and the Kindy's took out first place and the prize of a class party. Thank You to all the Teachers and the Santa Clara Community for your support helping us raise \$ 1347.65.

Term 3 was a busy one, commencing with our Open Night showcasing all the wonderful work that our children and teachers do. The classrooms looked amazing and a true testament of our teacher's hard work and dedication for our children. The P&F provided free hotdogs to all who attended. Thank You to Mai and Wing for cooking for us and to the staff for helping serve.

For our athletics carnival we provided lunch for the staff and students from Subway Bentley. All Staff, Father's and father figures were also treated to a free coffee. Thank You to our parent volunteers for helping to collect the 179 lunch orders and deliver them to Wyong Oval. Thank-you to Miss Fitz who organised such a great event, our best athletics carnival yet! I know I've said this every year, but they just do get better and better A total of \$775.00 was raised for this fundraiser.

Next, we held our Father's Day stall which, like our Mother's Day stall, was also well supported, raising a total of \$ 1 523.00 We also held a Father's Day breakfast for our father's and father figures providing bacon and egg rolls. Thank You to Clinton and Andrew for cooking and staff for helping serve once again.

Ending Term 3 we held our Bogan Bingo event where many many laughs were had. It was great to see the Staff and Community come together for a memorable evening. A total of \$ 2 493.00 was raised for this event.

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In Term 4, Santa Clara School were selected to host the Referendum. The P&F provided a sausage sizzle and baked good stall raising a total of \$1 028.50. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day, man the barbecue and stalls and for all the delicious baked goods that we received from our School Community.

We have donated to various projects throughout the year which have included reading books, contribution to the Year 6 camp, equipment for the Kindy & Pre-Primary playground, subscriptions for Maker's Empire, Reading Eggs and our Lexile Program, and most recently our Library Refurbishment. If you haven't had a chance to pop in to take a look, do so, it really is an amazing space.

As the year draws to a close, we will host a sausage sizzle at our Christmas concert, and provide a small gift to all the students on behalf of the P&F. A surprise guest will also be there.

We will also provide a farewell gift for our graduating Year 6 Class which will be presented to them at their graduation ceremony. We wish them all the very best for high school and their future years ahead.

Ending the year, we will hold our Colour Run on the last day of Term. The children are always excited that this is on the calendar each year. The children (and staff) will enjoy being sprayed with coloured powder as they enter the colour stations through an obstacle course. Students will receive an entry pack which consists of sunglasses, a headband and satchel of coloured powder to spray one another with colour. They will also be treated to an icy pole at the end of the day.

To our wonderful committee members and volunteers, thank you for all your help throughout the year. Without you, the Santa Clara School P&F would not be possible.

To all our amazing staff, thank you for your support. Our community is truly such a special place, and we are blessed to have such dedicated staff who go above and beyond in their efforts to teach and support our children.

In the new year the P&F will start the year off with our welcome picnic which we are looking forward to welcoming our existing and new families. Don't forget to keep your eye out on the 2024 school calendar, fortnightly newsletters, and our Facebook Page for further information of what is happening throughout the year.

I started my journey at Santa Clara in 2010 as a mother of 1 with my eldest child Breanna, starting Kindy. I became involved in the P&F straight away to meet new people and try to make friends. In 2014 I volunteered to be Secretary and in 2017 I stepped into the role of President making it my number one priority to witness the smiles, laughter, and enjoyment from all the children who walked through our front gates. With a heavy heart I now end my journey as a mother of 3 and Parent of Santa Clara School as my last born, Daniel graduates Year 6 this year.

I have loved working with and being part of the Santa Clara community. It is the reason I did what I did. I truly believe that we have achieved lots of great things over the years and provided the staff and students with some wonderful resources, equipment, experiences, and wonderful memories. Memories that I will cherish always.

Many of you here tonight have been a part of Breanna, Mitchell and Daniel's primary school journey and I am so proud to say that my kids attended little old Santa Clara School in St James.

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And on that note, I have great pleasure in introducing you to the new P&F President for 2024 Mai. Mai, can you please put your hand up! Mai has been actively involved in the P&F for a number of years now, and my main sidekick this year, not to mention an absolute guru on the barbecue alongside her Husband, Wing. I have no doubt that Mai will smash it in her role as President and I know that Santa Clara will be in great hands.

Thank You!

2024 President: Mai

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