2026 St Jerome's P&F Annual Report

We have been working to make our P&F as efficient as possible, making the most of the volunteers who give up their time to support our school. Our year level events run by parent representatives continue to be successful, achieving the aim of spreading the workload and avoiding volunteer burnout. Smaller events are handled by the reps and a few extra helpers. Bigger events need more helpers, and parents in those year levels showed up to keep things running smoothly. We thank all the parent reps as well as everyone who helped throughout the year.

We took the lessons learned over the past few years with the dwindling numbers at the parents' event and are no longer holding this event, instead putting the efforts of volunteers into the more successful cheer stall. We encountered the situation of a year group without volunteers, and had to work around this while still holding the boundary that the core volunteers can not always pick up the slack and events will be scaled back or cancelled if necessary. We know parents are disappointed when events don't occur, especially as this year it was the Mother's Day celebrations. This may be a time to remind our school community that P&F associations rely solely on volunteers who have a limited capacity, so if you were sad to miss out, perhaps consider where you can help next year so all events can run as planned.

Thank you to our executive members who keep everything moving by attending meetings. We could have all the funding, helpers and good intentions in the world, but without members willing to turn up to plan, discuss and pass motions, our P&F would not operate.

Our goal as a P&F is to support our students and foster a community within our school. This goal is the reason for donation requests, for fundraising, for volunteer call-outs, and for promotion of our cause. It's as simple as: we do this for our kids. Our school staff do an amazing job teaching and guiding our students. How can we as a P&F enhance our children's (and their families') school experience? Here are a few ways we have added extra joy this year:

1. Children covered head to toe in foam at the Welcome Picnic.
2. Easter Raffle prizes to about 200 lucky winners.
3. Curated gifts for students to choose for their mums and dads at the stalls.
4. Happy winners of the Mother's Day and Father's Day raffles.
5. Coffee for mums for Mother's Day and a massive turnout to the Father's Day pizza afternoon tea.
6. Funded ice-poles on St Jerome's Day, with more icy-poles coming for end-of-year celebrations.
7. Spoilt the winners of the athletics carnival with a VIP experience.
8. Turned up the faction colour with a Cheer stall and free face painting at the athletics carnival.

9. Celebrated Grandparents Day with a fun raffle.
10. Showed love to our school staff by gifting them with morning tea on World Teachers' Day.

And soon we will feed the masses at the Christmas concert BBQ fundraiser.

Teachers and staff are encouraged to utilise the P&F to fund their wish lists. In 2026, we were able to grant wish lists and provide resources to Pre-Kindy and Kindy, Pre-Primary, Year 1, Year 2, Year 6 camp, Learning Diversity, Running Club, Chess Club, Literacy Support, Learning Hub, Sustainability and the Physical Education Dept. Some wish lists benefit individual year groups, support groups or interest groups. Many wish lists can be utilised by multiple year levels or the entire school. If a particular year group did not submit wish lists this year, we know the students from those years are still benefiting from our funding of wish lists such as the soccer goals and volleyball nets, breaktime sports balls and library books. Thank you to the teachers and leadership who share photos of the items funded by the P&F, which is an important part of sharing with our school community where their fundraising efforts and levies are utilised. The total spend on the wish list this year was over $25000. In addition to this, approximately $17000 has been approved to fund upcoming landscaping works.

The P&F thank our wonderful teaching staff for all they do for our students and school. Supporting you is our pleasure. A special mention to Franco, our new groundskeeper, who is so obliging with everything asked of him. Thank you to our Administration team for all they do, and our leadership team for continuing to guide our school to success.

2027 P&F Committee roles

- President: Steph McLernon uncontested, 1-year term, final year of board position.
- Vice President: Mark Janiszewski, uncontested, 1-year term.
- Secretary: Sharon Coles, uncontested, 2-year term.
- Treasurer: Beth Jinks, 2nd year of term.
- School Advisory Council representative: Beth Jinks, 2nd year of term.

We are looking forward to 2027 and all the resources, community and fun we can support.

Stephanie McLernon

P&F President 2026