
AGM 2024

President Report

Welcome to our 2024 AGM and first Café night for 2024, we really appreciate your ongoing support at these P&F events. I would like to extend a further welcome to our new families this year, we are so happy to have you in our community.

For anyone new to our community - We have at least 3 café nights a year plus our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Spring Fair later in the year and the combined Country Fair with the Maleny State School and Conondale Schools coming up in March. These events are crucial to the success of school projects that enhance our children's experience and thus your support and participation is greatly encouraged. 2023 was an incredibly successful year for the P&F in getting funds raised for projects on our list and then completed and I am excited to share all these with you shortly.

Before I share these though, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the extraordinary effort from all the members of our P&F Executive team last year. What a year! We created some new roles, those being the Events Co-ordinator filled by Sarah Cornfoot, and the Communications Officer filled by Alana Hall, and these new roles made a significant improvement to the events and our overall success. It has been so rewarding to be part of such a dedicated, organised and energetic team. We also highly value the participation of the Parent Reps who become the communication pathway between the school/ P&F and class communities and support us in our events throughout the year.

Onto all the exciting things that we accomplished in 2023! We held 3 successful café nights, trialling new food options that seemed to work very well and giving us more options for future events. Funds for these events were allocated to arts, music and library programs.

We also managed to increase our Spring Fair profits from the previous year which was incredible for our school as this is the biggest fundraiser of the year and therefore an important one to emphasise. Our contribution to the combined Country Fair was successful in raising funds whilst enhancing relationships with the broader community in Maleny and the surrounding areas.

Air conditioning was ear marked as a priority in classrooms for 2023 and funds raised were going to this project until news came late in the year that our school was successful in a grant that Bec Judah, our Business Manager, worked on for us all. So great to see the air-conditioners installed prior to the heat of Summer, much to the delight of students and teachers!

We have our sights set on some more great projects this year including a kiln for the art department, replacement of carpets in the Bliss Centre and a classroom, a gardening and sustainability project and the continuation of school improvements. Get ready for another big year!

As I did last year as a final thought, I would like to mention the importance of the role of the P&F. Our role is to promote the further improvement of the school and develop the collaboration between students, parents and the school community.

We use events throughout the year to raise funds to achieve the goal of improving the school and these events cannot exist without the combined effort of parents, students and our school community. As I mentioned previously, your participation in these events or even behind the scenes to ensure the success of these events is greatly encouraged and I would love to see more involvement from a wider group of parents this year to protect the future of these events that we all enjoy.