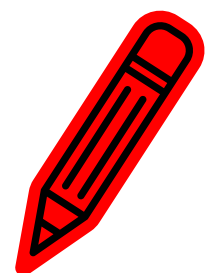




2024 Annual Report

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2024 Secretary





SECRETARY'S NOTE

What a privilege to contribute to another stellar year on the Sandy Bay Infant School Association. There was a lot to be proud of in 2024, in particular the Committee pulled off yet another amazing Quiz Night and raised around \$5,000 for the school from that event alone.

2024 saw some school staffing changes, including the temporary loss of our Principal (twice!). The Association warmly welcomed Acting Principal, Leanne Hebden, and dedicated their efforts to ensure continuity of community spirit and connectivity amongst staff, parents and students.

Despite some of the changes and challenges of 2024, the Committee made some amazing contributions to the school community and to our students.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

A huge thank you goes to all Committee members for their dedication showing up to each meeting and contributing their time to every event.

Special thank you to our outgoing members - Jane Omant, Jane Reid, Eaganie Yuh, Leanne Warner, Shaun Warner and Michael Kasteel.

Our hard-working Soccer Co-ordinators pulled off an incredible 2024 soccer season with the help of our parent volunteers.

Without your dedication to our small school by the sea, many of our initiatives and successes would not be possible.



A Year's Overview

WHO ARE WE?

Membership 2024

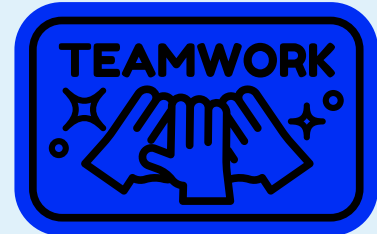
Chair: Jane Omant
Secretary: Alice Thorp
Treasurer: Stuart Thickett

Soccer Co-ordinator: Sylvia Paton
Scholastic Co-ordinator: Tink Hudson

Committee members: Melissa Britton, Kate Foster, Esta Hages, Michael Kasteel, Neil Luddington, Jane Reid, Leanne Warner, Shaun Warner, Fiona Webb, Eaganie Yuh.

School Representatives

Principal: Michelle De Paoli (Terms 1, 3 and 4), Leanne Hebden (Terms 2 and 3)
Staff Representative: Rachel Kirby





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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Sandy Bay Infant School Association is never known to do things in halves and 2024 was no exception.

Kicking off the year with an election day Cake Stall, the Committee ran a very successful trade selling delicious culinary goodies to the local community. All treats sold on the day were lovingly donated by our school community.

With the commencement of our Acting Principal, Leanne Hebden, the Committee ran a Bonding by the Bay welcome event, complete with a coffee van. It was a relaxed morning and perfect way to start the school day.

In the middle of Tasmania's winter, the Committee were keeping warm by planning the annual Association Quiz Night. The Quiz Night is always a fun opportunity for the Committee to meet in a much less formal capacity (no Minutes are taken!) and share an evening dedicated to the parents of our wonderful school.

The Quiz Night was also paired with the drawing of the Sandy Bay Infant School Association Raffle Fundraiser.

The Raffle Fundraiser would not be possible without the incredibly generous donations from many lovers of our school including parents, local businesses, and Tasmanian public figures.

While an expression of thanks to each and every donor wouldn't come close to describe the appreciation felt by our Committee, we are always blown away by your generosity. Thank you from us all.

The amazing fundraising efforts of the Committee meant we were able to donate funds to the school to contribute to the playground upgrade and purchase a new Buddy Bench.

The busyness of year was felt by everyone and so we had a slow descent into the second half of the year, focusing on organising filming of our school musical, running our annual end of soccer season BBQ and medal presentation, and our end of year family picnic.

Finally, a huge thank you to the teachers and staff at Sandy Bay Infant School who constantly dedicate their additional time to supporting the School Association events. We couldn't do this without you.

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WHERE WE ARE NOW



Wow what a year. If we thought 2023 had some major fundraising goals, we set to keep the pace in 2024.

With a dedicated team on the Committee, the Association hosted many successful fundraising and school connection events.

A huge thank you went to our amazing school community for contributing to our events.

The soccer program was once again a major hit with our students and a great way to foster connection and an active lifestyle.

After about 5 years of stable membership, the Association said goodbye to many long-standing and dedicated Committee members at the end of 2024.

Sadly we also farewelled Michelle De Paoli for 12 months but we are excited to see what 2025 brings with our Acting Principal, Emily Roberts.

While the loss is great, change brings the opportunity for new faces and fresh ideas! We look forward to kicking goals in 2025.

