The Lindisfarne Parents and Friends Association entered a transitional phase earlier this year. Retiring from about thirty years of collective volunteer service to the School were Tanya Boyle (outgoing President), Robyn Butel (outgoing Vice-President), Paul Stedman (outgoing Treasurer), and Maria Smart, Joanne Dick and Kim Shepherd (outgoing General Committee members).

In her speech at the Annual General Meeting at the end of Term 1, Tanya Boyle provided this quote: “Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in political elections every couple of years, but when you volunteer, you vote everyday about the kind of community you want to live in”. We thank these people very much for the effort and generosity of time they have provided.

We take the opportunity to welcome our five new committee members:

**Executive Committee:**
- President: Kate Rogers
- Vice President: Kylie Potter
- Treasurer: Madonna Kucharski
- Assistant Treasurer: Matt Kane
- Secretary: Kiri Henry

**General Committee:**
- Simone Gadd (returning Public Officer)
- Meredith Russell (returning)
- Virginia Freeman
- Peta Fahy

**P&F Funding**

Last term there were two significant funding approvals provided to the School - $48,720 towards the coffee machine/s and Lindisfarne Trades Skills Centre equipment fit out and $11,000 to the Creative and Performing Arts department for the recording studio fit out. During Term 4, the focus turns to discussing and agreeing on the Association’s funding priorities. If you have any ideas, please feel free to speak with any of the association members, who will bring those ideas to the next meeting.

**Mother’s Day Stall**

Thank you to the group of dedicated volunteers – Chrissy Arghyros, Lesley Greaves, Petria Gorrie, Nancy Wines, Kate Smith, Marikje Collins, Mel Harrison and Virginia Freeman for helping with the Mother’s Day Stall in May. A huge thanks to Allison Keim who generously donated the gift wrap and ribbon this year. Students in Preschool to Year 6 had the opportunity to select their own gift for their mum with just over $2,800 being raised.

**FunFest**

This year, the Lindisfarne FunFest was a massive success at the Sunshine Avenue campus - which luckily lived up to its name after early morning rain cleared to a beautiful day. Capably led by Tanya Boyle and Robyn Butel, the committee worked in consultation with staff and Heads of House to raise approximately $49,000.
This FunFest saw the introduction of a few new concepts, including external food vendors and a fully equipped main stage, showcasing the outstanding Performing Arts talent of the Lindisfarne students. The great sound flowing through the venue and the ease of access for all ages contributed to the unifying spirit of the day. Overwhelmingly positive feedback reinforced to the committee that the many hours of planning leading up to the event was well worth the effort. A huge thank you to all of the sponsors and the parent volunteers on the day.

**Big Boys’ Breakfast**

Light showers didn’t dampen the spirits of the large number of students and their dads, uncles, grandpas and male guardians who feasted on three hundred and sixty bacon and egg burgers, and one hundred and fifty sausages. There were many new helpers this year, with Rev Chad and Nick Westhoff as head BBQ cookers, joined by Michele Chandler and Jo Hetherington. Thankyou to the committee members who assisted with set-up, fruit cutting, raffle-ticket selling and serving tea and coffee.

The morning always runs smoothly with the “service with a smile” attitude of the Sunshine Avenue campus teaching staff. We couldn’t pull it off without your unwavering assistance. The leftover sausages were received with gratitude by the managers of three local community centres who deliver outreach meals over the weekends.
Grandparents’ Day

Friday 11 September saw us welcome approximately one hundred and sixty grandparents to the Sunshine Avenue campus for classroom activities. These were followed by a sit down morning tea whilst listening to performances by the Sunshine Avenue choir and orchestra. About eighty grandparents attended the Mahers Lane campus with the Stage 3 students, taking part in a game of “Now and Then” trivia prepared by Michele Chandler and Krissy Affleck. Thank you to Deb Sutton, Jane Daniel, Petria Gorrie, Mel Robins, Michelle Sheard and Virginia Freemann for assisting with preparing and serving refreshments and cleaning up afterwards. Thanks to all those who donated baking and sandwiches. It is a morning to be cherished and, judging by the numbers this year, continues to grow.

Good Coffee and Camraderie for a Good Cause

The middle of Term 2 saw the introduction of the Friday morning coffee van at the Sunshine Avenue campus. This initiative has grown in popularity and provides a chance for parents to have a chat in a welcoming setting. Kate Grinter, owner of Coffee Kate, has provided the P&F Association with $110 as a percentage of the business takings. We can now decide on which local charity will be the recipient of our donation/s. This will continue through Term 4, every Friday from 8:15am, so please feel free to drop in for some friendly banter!