

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



**ALBANY PRIMARY PARENTS & CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION**



EXEC SUMMARY

2025...

Was another big year full of fun, laughter and donations! Thanks to our amazing volunteers and community, last year we raised over **\$37,000** as well as securing approximately **\$58,000** in grants and election commitments.

Here's our top 25 for 2025:

1. The Colour Run was our major fundraiser this year, raising over \$12,000!
2. The annual Dad's Camp Out brought kids, dads and male role models together for a night of fun under the stars.
3. We were thrilled to have secured a \$50,000 election commitment towards resurfacing our sport courts - watch this space!
4. Our lower school is creating magical places thanks to the fairy gardens bits and pieces the P&C funded.
5. Our Sundowner (without sun) was a wonderful way to connect and celebrate - thank you to all who rugged up and came along!
6. Temporary tattoos were a hit once again at our sporting events.



7. New soccer nets are up and in action, and there's more on the way!
8. Our Dune meetings were a different way to seek ideas – thanks to everyone who made a meeting this year!
9. School discos lit up the night with music, dancing and stunts of the worm.
10. Ride to School Day was a huge success – the P&C promote healthy and active travel!
11. Digitech was buzzing with the new Dash Robots for students to code.
12. The climbing wall is a new favourite. Check it out in the under covered area.
13. Our ELC nature play area is now open and it's amazing! Thank you to all our donors and volunteers who helped make this big idea happen.
14. Election Day Bake Sale was a sweet success, thank you to our amazing bakers.
15. The Mother's and Father's Day Stall spread smiles and love.
16. We created a new role – a social media guru to help keep families informed on events. We now also have a new instagram account.
17. We proudly joined the Christmas pageant for the first time, showcasing our wonderful school spirit!
18. Nature play area for Years 1-3 is finished encouraging creativity and outdoor fun.
19. The fort has a fresh new look thanks to a repaint.
20. Funding the NAIDOC incursion was a meaningful celebration of culture and learning.
21. Sonja and Maria attended the P&C Conference, bringing back fresh ideas for our school!
22. Walk to School Day was a great way to get moving and keeping active!
23. Bike Ed for PP-Y6 built confidence and skills for safe cycling!
24. Uniform shop keeps our students looking smart, thank you to our dedicated volunteers!
25. We won a prize for a WACSSO newsletter entry that celebrates all the wonderful things we do in our school community.



GET INVOLVED IN 2026

If you had fun at our events or want to help shape an even better 2026, why not join the P&C? It's a great way to meet people, support the school, and make sure the kids have fun. We'd love to have you on board!

Who are we?

The Albany Primary School P&C is a volunteer-run organisation that is here to support the school and community. Mums, Dads, Grandparents and carers are all welcome!

How can I contribute and get involved?

- Pay the P&C Voluntary Contribution
- Attend & support fundraising and social events
- Volunteer for school & P&C events
- Come to a P&C meeting
- Provide feedback and ideas
- **Become a member!** New members are welcome at any time!

Sign up & find out more -

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Sign up using the QR code:



2025 COMMITTEE

OFFICE BEARERS

President & Vice President: They keep the ship afloat, make sure we have fun and try very hard to wrap up meetings on time!

Natasha Leggett, President & Jane Hare, Vice President

Secretary: The keeper of all agendas and minutes to make sure meetings actually make sense later.

Brodie Lewis

Treasurer:

The spreadsheet lover who turns "we need money" into "here's the budget".

Jenna van Nierop

COMMITTEES

Uniform Shop Sub Committee: Ensuring our kids look snazzy and lost souls (jackets) find their way back home.

Kelsie Lewis (Coordinator), Sophie Millar & Rebecca Wallace

Sustainability Sub Committee: Always plotting ways to make everyone walk or ride to school.

Anj Smithson (Coordinator) Ali Johnson, Ange Ritchie, Maria Blomberg, Lisa Draper and Kate Marwick

Fundraising Sub Committee: The team that has way too much fun whether its baking cupcakes, throwing coloured powder at children or decorating discos.

Linsey McFarlane (Coordinator), Sonja Carron, Louise Monéger and Jenna Costello.

Social Media: Making sure our activities and events reach as many school families and community as possible, with catchy phrases and lots of emojis.

Sonja Carron

Executive Committee: Attend "car park" meetings – get in touch to find out more!

Office Bearers + Kelsie Lewis, Linsey McFarlane, Bob Quinn, Sonja Carron

Budget Review Committee: Meet twice a year to sift through the "wish-list" to decide what we can support and what has to wait until the next sausage sizzle.

Office Bearers + Cathy Willis

PRINCIPAL - EX OFFICIO

She's on the P&C automatically as a non-voting member and is there to cheer us on, provide advice and gently reality check our big ideas.

Cathy Willis



PRESIDENTS REPORT

P&C membership in 2025 remained steady at 25 financial members as well as many volunteers who generously contributed their time across the year. Our casual after-school meetings at Dune, have been a success, allowing greater participation from members unable to make evening meetings. They are held once per term, in Week 7 – join us next time!

Flexibility and fresh ideas continue to strengthen our P&C, with new members well supported to get involved or lead an event. An example of this was APS P&C's first participation in the 2025 Albany Christmas Pageant. This event was lead by a new P&C member with P&C support in the way of funding, promoting and volunteer sign up.

We're getting better at finding and applying for grants. In 2025, we took advantage of the WA State elections by securing a \$50,000 election commitment for resurfacing the school sports courts. Advocating for safer access to the school remains a priority, with ongoing consultation with the City of Albany.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making 2025 another successful year for our school and community.

NATASHA LEGGETT
President



TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

To our:

- Members
- Volunteers (big and small!)
- Sponsors and Donors
- Principal & Staff
- School Families
- Students; and
- the amazing Albany Community

THANK YOU for supporting the P&C!



Your generosity and hard work directly benefit our children. They have better resources, more opportunities, and a stronger school experience.

It truly takes a village, and we are so grateful to have such a dedicated and caring school community. Thank you for making a difference in their lives.

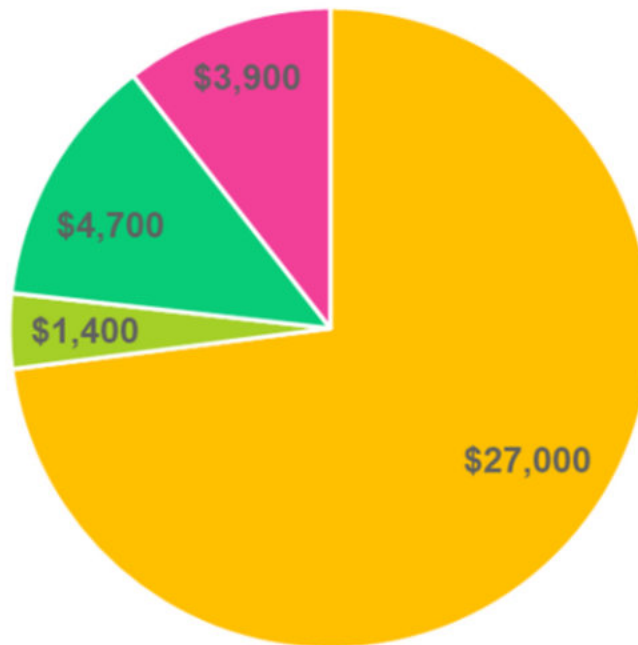


P&C FINANCES

The P&C is a nonprofit, and we work hard to raise money to be reinvested for our kids and school. The next few pages provides a summary of our fundraising efforts and expenditure for 2025. Detailed financials, including our independent audit, are available to all members. Please contact us for more information.

2025 INCOME

Approximately **\$37,000** of income was received from the following activities:



■ Fundraising ■ Grants ■ Voluntary Contributions ■ Uniform surplus

GRANTS & COMMITMENTS

In addition to income, the P&C secured approximately \$58,250 of grant and election commitment funding that will be paid directly to the school:

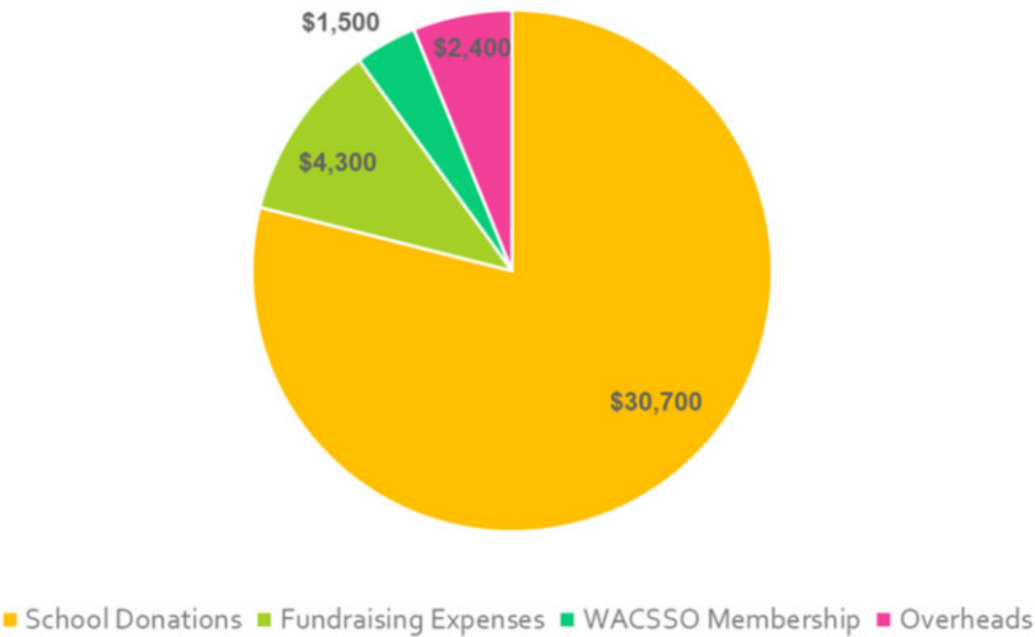
\$50,000 - Labor Election Commitment for court re-surfacing

\$7,500 - Connecting Schools Grant paid for bike ed to all PP - Y6 classes

\$750 - WA Bike Month Grant that went toward student prizes to promote cycling to school.



2025 EXPENDITURE



The P&C donated over **\$30,000** back to the school through the following projects:



2025 P&C SUPPORTED PROJECTS

Digitech Dash Robots \$2.4k



Bike Ed PP-Y6 \$7.5k



Sean Choolburra Incursion \$1.1k



Fairy Garden Bits & Pieces \$200



Soccer Nets \$600



Kindy Welcome Pack \$30



2025 P&C SUPPORTED PROJECTS

Lower school play grounds improvements - \$6k (2025) + \$24k (2024)

Before



After



Cubby refresh - \$1.1k

Before



After



Climbing Wall \$2.5k

Before

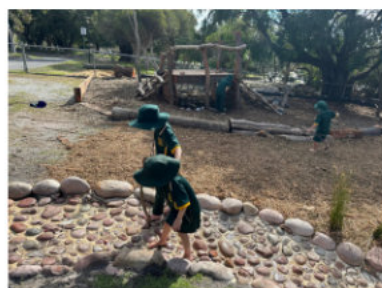


After



2025 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT - ELC NATURE PLAY

This project spanned across a multiple years to enable planning, fundraising, trials then construction but the patience and perseverance has paid off and ELC nature play area was completed in mid 2025. THANK YOU to everyone (builders, parents, staff and students) who were involved in the journey, especially construction. It's just what the kids ordered!

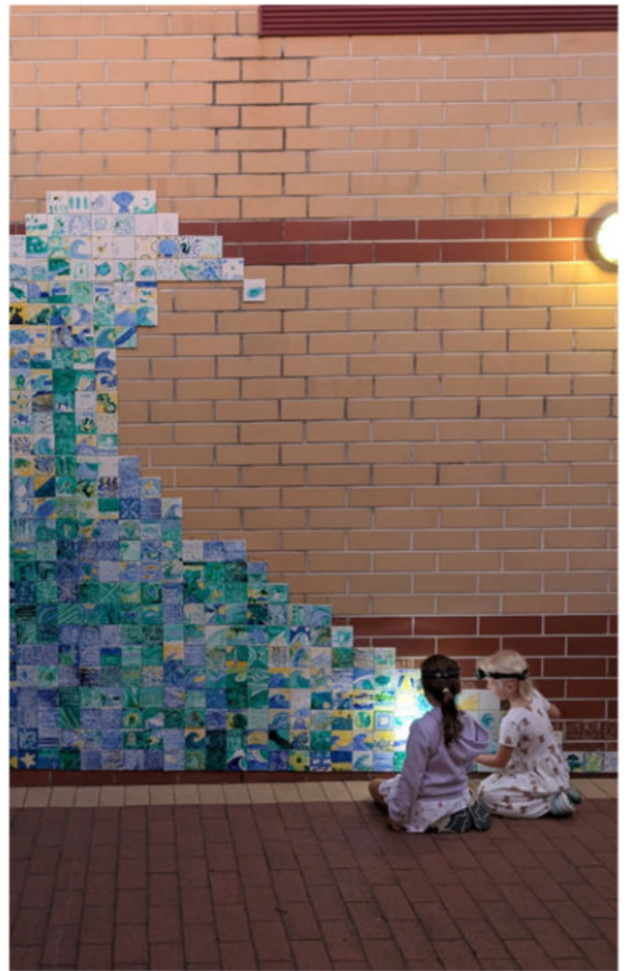


2025 EVENT HIGHLIGHT - DADS CAMPOUT

This year 110 dads, father figures and kids pitched tents on the school oval for the annual Dad's Campout. As well as the ultimate scavenger hunt (we'll never know how many tiles make up the wave mural...), there was chasey, soccer, sugar and laughs shared all day and night. Everyone's spirits were high... especially when the coffee man showed up in the morning.

A **HUGE** thank you to **Bob Quinn** for organising the event again this year and the guys that cooked brekky in the morning.

Want to see another event like this? 2026 needs an APS Dads Group—an unconventional committee that gets away with no reporting and meetings, but somehow makes it work.



2025 NEW EVENT - CHRISTMAS PARADE

A big thank you to **Bruce Rudeforth** who coordinated our first entry in the City of Albany Christmas Pageant. With bubbles, beats and plenty of wheels, the entry promoted active travel and was a huge hit with the kids!



FUNDRAISING ANNUAL REPORT

The Fundraising Committee coordinates a range of enjoyable events that not only raise funds but also create memorable experiences for our students and families.

In 2025, the committee was led by Linsey McFarlane, supported by Sonja Carron, Louise Mon  ger and Jenna Costello.

Our major fundraiser was the **COLOUR RUN** which kicked the year off with laughter, water, slime and lot and lots of colour! Thanks to the generosity of our community, we raised close to **\$12,000!!**



Other activities included:

- **Discos** – Heroes (term 2) and Halloween (term 4). These were incredibly popular, with the students already asking for more in 2026...
- **Mother's and Father's Day Stalls** – Once again gave children the chance to choose a small gift for the special people in their lives.
- **Special Morning Teas** – Hot cross buns (term 1) and cupcakes (term 3).

The sweet treats were a hit!

- Faction and school merchandise, a bake sale, fire wood raffle **and more!**

SPECIAL THANKS to staff members Paul Carron, Caleb Drage and Barry Evans for their significant contributions. Their support, along with that of our volunteers, business sponsors, and staff, made a meaningful difference to the success of our events in 2025. We look forward to what 2026 has in store...

LINSEY McFARLANE

Fundraising Sub-Committee Coordinator



2025 FUNDRAISING PROFITS



SUSTAINABILITY ANNUAL REPORT

Sub-committee members: Andrea Smithson, Ali Johnson – with the welcome addition of Ange Ritchie, Maria Blomberg, Lisa Draper and Kate Marwick during the year.

2025 Active Transport Achievements:

- Bike Ed for the whole school, delivered by Paul Carron. This is an amazing achievement and something our school community should be so proud of. The feedback from parents following the sessions was overwhelmingly positive, and it's clear this is something that is really valued. In 2025 the costs were covered by a Connecting Schools Grant. In 2026 we'll do it again, with a combination of a Connecting Schools Grant (which will also fund some new bike racks in the junior area) and a funding commitment from the P+C.
- Special event days for Ride 2 School Day, Walk Safely to School Day, Winter Walk to School Week, plus the end of year Bike Parade. These events are always so well supported by school families which is wonderful to see.
- Active Transport Championship each term, with free-wheeling time as the prize for the winning classes.
- A month of prizes and celebrating bike riding for WA Bike Month.
- Showcasing the APS active transport culture at the City of Albany Christmas Pageant, with more than 50 students and family members riding, scooting or walking the pageant route.



A massive thank you to the school staff team for working in partnership with us. We are so grateful for Paul Carron's passion for active transport, and to Sarah Eley, Sarah Fey and Cathy Willis for supporting our ideas.

It's been my absolute pleasure to be involved with active transport at APS for the last 9 years, and it has made me so very happy to see how the culture of walking and riding has grown over those years. I can't wait to see what the new team of parents will achieve, working with the wonderful staff team and student leaders. I will miss being involved so much, but will always be your biggest cheerleader!

ANJ SMITHSON

Sustainability Sub-Committee Coordinator



UNIFORM SHOP ANNUAL REPORT

The beginning of 2025 saw Rebecca Wallace hand over the coordinator reins. Bec was Coordinator of the uniform shop for 6 years and guided the shop through major changes including the implementation of the new school uniform in 2021, the introduction of the Square stock and POS system, and keeping the shelves stocked during COVID when stock shortages were wreaking havoc.

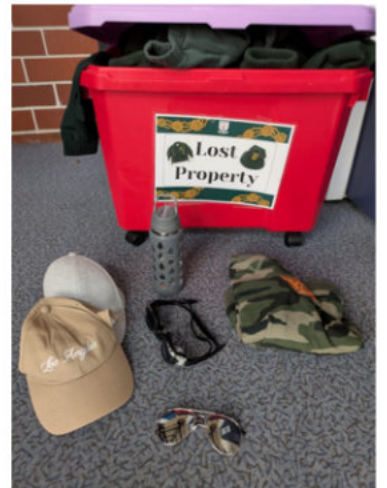
Bec, your significant contribution to Albany Primary School in ensuring the kids always look schmick is well and truly appreciated.

Most of the 2026 Back to School order arrived early, so with most of the order paid for (\$11025), the balance at 31 Dec 2025 was \$18,591.87. The Uniform Shop has reached very stable financial position with the ability to now place further orders and make a contribution towards the P&C general fund.

Volunteer numbers were dire at the beginning of 2025, however several fresh faces have since emerged and volunteer numbers are healthy. A big thank you to our new and existing volunteers for running the shop Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

KELSIE LEWIS

Uniform Sub-Committee Coordinator



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