



# MEETING Minutes

SFX Parents' Association

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - 7pm. On-site SFX School Office

Item	Owner	Action/Considerations
Attendance/ Apologies received	Jo, Mary, Deb, Gabby, Danielle, Brooke  Deanna, Liz, Patrizia, Danielle J, Emma, Jane, Mia, Carmen, Belinda	
Reflection	Jo/ Mary	Acknowledgment of Country and Prayer
Treasurer's Report	Deb	Waiting final Father's Day transactions to know full September earnings, but highlights from a profitable term included: Pierross Pizza - \$439 profit Father's Day Stall - \$4981.40 income, \$4,350.50 costs Dads Day Morning - \$3164.70, TBC costs Tony's Pie Drive - \$1648 income Second hand uniform sales - \$276.52
Child Safety	Jo	Reflecting on Father's Day Breakfast, coffees were taken to the oval, presented some issues with footballs flying around. Otherwise worked quite well, Jo happy with how it was managed but suggested in future, briefing Prep Dads especially about where to go and what to do would be good.  PA needs a volunteer to be Santa at the SFX Christmas Carols – needs to have done SFX Child Safety training.
Father's Day review	Brooke	Jo thrilled with enthusiasm, especially impressed that Dads so keen to be part of the footy colours parade – and kids obviously loved it.  Brooke reported very smooth from organising side, sponsors made it much easier to be confident with cash flow/ covering costs as it's a free event to participate.  Sara and her staff member from Caffe Grande did a great job keeping up supply, keen to continue with coffee format for future morning events. Bakers Delight pizza catering spot on.  Jo raised second-hand concern about family sponsorship – complaint (none raised directly with Jo or Exec) that family sponsors getting public credit (on poster) while volunteers who put in time aren't acknowledged. Discussed that this is a new format in 2025, but family sponsorship opportunity (\$100) gives families who don't have business/ can't volunteer a chance to contribute – and cash flow is needed. Mary highlighted 2025 approach is to thank every volunteer in newsletter post-event wrap-up, so hopefully volunteers are getting acknowledged – could be an old gripe? Gabby said volunteers not in it for acknowledgement, just want to help! Exec will ensure comms continues to highlight huge value of all contributions.
Bunnings Cake & BBQ Stall	Mary/Deb	Bunnings have offered Sunday 21 June 2026 to us. Group agreed that keen to accept, it's the last weekend before winter holidays start, will be the only fundraising BBQ for the year as not an election year, opportunity to mobilise SFX amazing bakers too.
2026 Event & Fundraising Planning	Deb/Mary	Discussion of what/ when for major fundraiser in 2026 – approach in recent years (outside pandemic) has been Comedy/ Trivia in alternate years. Suggestion of Bogan Bingo, same format as Trivia, bringing in a professional host group. Mary highlighted Trivia much less logistics than Comedy, because you just book one company for the night, rather than a whole lineup of comedians who can then pull out, need replacing, etc. Agreed to run poll in chats, to work out preferred format, best time of year, etc.  Locked in following dates/ activities:  Welcome Picnic 2026, Week 3 – Tuesday 10 February, 5pm – 7pm  Shrove Tuesday, Week 4 – Tuesday 17 February, during school hours  Easter Raffle, drawn Thurs 2 April (last day of term) at 12.30pm assembly Jo's mentioned at previous school, hampers too big – would prefer smaller bundles, agree continue to maximise numbers, at least two per class. Easter Raffle will again be the only raffle donations requested of SFX families, toys, books, activities, etc welcome as well as chocolate.  Exec to prepare an overview of regular/ recurring PA events for Jo's reference.

Term 4 Updates	Deb/Mary	<p>Group discussed lots of questions coming in chats about confirming dates for Term 4.</p> <p>Jo flagged would like to have a Google calendar that all school community can view, this worked well at her previous school and ensures single source of truth, helps families plan ahead. School to coordinate.</p> <p>Key PA dates (to be highlighted in Week 1 newsletter) are:</p> <p>Twilight Sports, Fri 24 October – PA asked Jo to include in updates, NO PA BBQ OR STALL, families asked to bring their own dinner/ provisions</p> <p>Professional Practice Days (curriculum days): Mon 3 Nov (Cup Eve) and Friday 5 December (day after SFX Carols)</p> <p>Fundraising Colour Run, Thursday 13 Nov during school day</p> <p>SFX Christmas Carols, Thursday 4 Dec</p>
Crazy Camel Kids art fundraiser	Deb	Students are designing their artworks in classrooms, thanks to teachers! Kate and Nakita coordinating the fundraiser with Crazy Camel.
Colour Run	Deb	Colour Run – Mr Anderson updated to advise would be hosted on school grounds on Thurs 13 Nov from 2pm. School usually organises sponsor sheets, online payment method, etc. Conversation highlighted need to include what fundraising is for on all promotion to extended families etc (this was an issue raised from last year) and need for a payment portal that captures which student is being sponsored, as well as generates tax receipt. Exec offered to support Jo and team with messaging if required.
Christmas Carols Thurs 4 Dec	Deb	<p>Carols Poster Competition design is underway, closes next Friday 17 Oct. Deb to seek volunteers on planning sub-committee to judge and select winners.</p> <p>Deb happy to lead overall organising, a few of last year's volunteers happy to help on the day, but need more organisers on committee, PA to do callout and promote new format etc.</p> <p>We need a Santa, start call-out in Dads chat.</p> <p>Ms Beaumont arranging class songs. School or PA to MC? Jo to introduce classes, then PA to join on stage for thank you.</p> <p>Contact Seesaw (school family arborists) re decorations in gum trees same as last year.</p> <p>From Jo's experience at previous school, holding outdoors was huge challenge for sound. SFX sound system will be up to it, if not too hot.</p> <p>Agreed to call it off if over 30 degrees... on the Monday.</p> <p>Jo suggested marquee over stage, so families can have shade of trees. Gabby has 6x9 gazebo to borrow. Ask Mr Anderson about sandbag weights.</p> <p>Carols committee to request large, wrapped boxes for giving tree donations. Vollies for set up crew and pack up (muscles please!) and few for selling Zooper Doopers from 6.15pm to 6.45pm.</p> <p>Teachers will be there, managing the first hour and student performances, then Trish and Jo there for the remaining time.</p>
Feedback on Peter Pan performances	Jo	<p>Jo seeking parent feedback on how the musical ran. She flagged hoping to improve collection processes at end.</p> <p>Mixed feelings about two nights vs three nights. Wouldn't need three nights if there was limited/ allocated tix per family (i.e, four tickets) and then opening up for more sales once all families had opportunity to buy their allocation. Consideration for 2027.</p> <p>The next day 10am start for school, mixed feelings. Jo said it worked, that only kids who weren't too tired were at school. Mary mentioned messaging that it late start was optional was sometimes not there, i.e, on Updat-Ed on the night, which puts extra pressure/ guilt on families who have to do normal start time.</p> <p>Loyola – venue parking process painful, also inability to run bar/ snack bar a missed opportunity for fundraising. Jo flagged bar unlikely at any venue under MACS requirements as children present.</p>

Could kids take their own food to eat backstage. Jo said SFX providing chips was more than most schools do, and chips made a big mess. Cleanup puts pressure on staff. Noting that there are health reasons that kids might need to eat, so exceptions can be made.

Reminder to families to download the link before it expires.

Meeting closed 8.41pm.

Next meeting – AGM Wednesday 29 October 2025  
(Due to Jo away during Cup Week)