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SPS School Association 2024

A Community of Respectful, Resilient and Confident Learners

# School Association

The School Association is a positive and supportive team which meets once or twice each term. The Association, made up of Parents/Carers and Staff, considers school organisational matters and assists decision-making regarding budgets, school policy and priorities for improvement and most importantly acknowledges and celebrates school successes. There is also a Twilight Festival Sub-group of staff and parents/carers which meets to support and co-ordinate our Twilight Festival organisation.

1. **The PURPOSE** of the Association is to enable the local community and school staff to work in partnership to ensure that the school addresses the educational needs of children.
2. **The AIM** of the Association is to support the principal and school staff, to provide children with an education of the highest possible standard most suited to their needs.
3. **OBJECTIVES** of the Association are to:
	1. continue to reflect on and evolve the school mission and goals.
	2. continue to reflect on and ratify broad policies which pursue the aim above.
	3. continue to reflect on and ratify the effectiveness of these policies and participate in review of policies as identified by the principal.

# What Happens at Meetings

There are many valuable discussions at School Association Meetings during the School year, each Year Staff and Parents / Carers who are members share information and make recommendations about a variety of initiatives, projects at our school and Policies. The School Association members provide feedback to the school about school development and improvement plus broader local community developments and issues, which have the potential to affect our School. There are opportunities for all members to have input into discussions and decisions.

# Liaison With and Support of Council Members

All Meeting Agendas and Minutes/Notes are provided to members through email or on TEAMS platform by the School Association Secretary and/or the Principal. There is ongoing liaison with members outside of meetings in relation to a range of initiatives.

 As well as the more serious side of meetings, there is a few social occasions throughout each year, where School Association Staff, Parents and Community members can spend time together and enjoy one another’s company in a less formal context including our School Association celebration evening to celebrate School and School Association achievements at the end of each year.

# Parent/Carer Attendance

Parents/Carers do not need to be Council members to attend meetings. All Parents/Carers are welcome to attend. It is not necessary for Parents/Carers who are not members to attend every meeting if they wish to attend occasionally. Parents/carers who are not members are able and encouraged to contribute to discussions. However voting processes and policy decisions are reserved for members.

# Elections

Several School Association positions may become vacant each year and elections are held, as necessary, at the Annual General Meeting each year. Existing members can continue to attend meetings as voting members. If there are vacancies, new nominations for the Association are presented / accepted at the Annual General Meeting. A ballot may be necessary if there are more nominations than vacancies.

Current School Association Members

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| **PERSON** | **ROLE** |
| John Hudson | Principal |
| Kelly Grey | Chairperson |
| Tracy Cole | Treasurer |
| Jemima Hamer | Secretary |
| Kristie Wilson | Parent Member |
| Jessica Joyce | Parent Member |
| Ann Beswick | Parent Member |
| Campbell Barnett | Staff Member |
| Heidi Broun Donohue | Staff / Parent Member |
| Aleeca Stocks | Staff Member |

# Sub Committees of our School Association

Fundraising Sub-Committee– Chaired by Kelly Grey

# Special Events in Our School Community

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The Twilight Festival is co-ordinated by our very committed team of Parents / Carers and Staff. It is a community tradition which is always enormously successful. All funds raised directly benefit Spreyton Primary School students.

# Special Celebrations, Assemblies and End Of Year Assembly Involve Our School Association Members

Throughout the year on special afternoons and in the last week of school each year, Assemblies K-6, are held - opportunities for teachers and students to display a range of achievements to parents/carers. Our School Association members often make special presentations at these assemblies.

# Meeting Dates for This Important Group In Our Community

School Association meeting dates and times are advertised in the School Newsletter. This is a very valuable forum through which parents can make a positive contribution to the school and its role of educating children. **Please consider whether you would like to be involved.**

John Hudson

**PRINCIPAL**