

# PA Committee

## Term 2 Newsletter

**APRIL**

Happy Easter to the St. Martin's community, how can it already be April? An update on the goings-on regarding the Parents' Association Committee (PA) which has seen the following highlights since the 2024 school year began:

- The 2024 PA meeting saw the parent volunteers officially elected and various functions and responsibilities allocated accordingly. It was wonderful to see such a positive response from the parent body. A fully functioning PA make a massive difference to the successful functioning of the school. Thank you to those who have raised their hands.
- A successful Dads' and Kids' Evening was held on 29 February.
- The Easter raffle, as per usual, generated good interest with the hampers expertly wrapped by some of the mothers from the PA. Thank you!
- The PA plan to meet in the next few weeks to decide on the details of the activities and events for term 2. More info in due course.
- BUT the biggie this term is the Golf Day and we need all of our school family pushing behind what is our best fundraiser. Let's all do our part. There is information in the notebooks today.

To give the parent body an idea into what the fund-raising efforts will be focused on in 2024, a brief description follows that outline our goals.

- As load shedding increases our reliance on alternative sources of power expand this year and perhaps beyond 2024, we are going to be focus on the installation of an inverter setup to take the school off the grid. This will be a scaled project and initially an inverter with batteries will be the first requirement. As funds are raised, we will then focus efforts to add solar panels and potentially more batteries. If anyone has expertise in this space it would be greatly appreciated.
- Fund-raising efforts will also be focused on raising money for bamboo screening to cover the unsightly air conditioners on the outside of the office.
- In addition to this, we are also looking at installing a durable artificial grass for the bottom garden of the school.

This all requires money, yes, but the most important thing is summarized in the illustration that sees big panda and tiny dragon walking: "Which is the more important," asked big panda, "the journey or the destination?" "The company." Said tiny dragon.

The school is hugely grateful to active parents however if you're not a part of the PA but would still like to lend a hand with the Golf Day please contact the office. We REALLY need you!

Best regards

**Craig Stuart – PA Chairman**



**TOGETHER**  
we  
**CAN**  
make this the  
best fundraiser  
**EVER**