

Silver Tree Steiner School Parents and Friends Association

Annual Report 2023



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1. Purpose and Objectives of the Association

The purpose of the Parents and Friends Association is to promote and support the development and maintenance of the school and to provide Adult Community Education relating to Waldorf/Steiner Philosophies to the members of the Association and the wider community.

This is achieved by focusing on the following activities:

- Fundraising activities to provide for equipment, maintenance and services beyond the means otherwise available to the School
- Coordinating and initiating the volunteer efforts of members of the Association in the physical improvement and maintenance of the School's premises
- Coordinating social events to foster a spirit of community within the School
- Increase awareness and understanding of Rudolf Steiner's philosophies among members of the Association and the wider community
- Identifying and initiating any other activities which meet the objectives of the Association

2. Membership of the Association

The association is made up of all adults who are a co-signatory on the official paperwork of a child enrolled in the school from Kindergarten to Class 6. These members are ordinary members and have voting rights at all P&F meetings. You are automatically a member of the P&F when the child enrolls and automatically cease to be a member when the child leaves the school.

Anyone else wishing to become a member, that is not a co-signatory, may apply in writing to the association. If accepted as members they cannot, however, vote at meetings.



3. Message from the President

After taking up the baton of President 2 years ago, I had the wonderful and many times challenging experience of learning about the needs of our School Community in a very different way. Every person needs a different thing, every individual has their own bias, every family holds their own unique and valuable ethical and moral standpoint - it has been a fantastic experience to join you all in discovering a way we can unite all the individual needs into one single movement forward; truly the embodiment of a living “Kingdom of Childhood”, as Rudolf Steiner has spoken of. What a loving, social and peaceful LIVING BEING; our vibrant school community is today! A sacred place for our precious children to play & learn! A lighthouse of safety for our families in tumultuous times!

Together we have achieved so many of our goals. This exciting community has constant momentum; the hours of selfless contributions and willingness to make things happen has been very inspiring to witness.

I would like to thank Anna, Kristy and all the Admin Team for their ease and grace and support. I would like to give a huge thanks to the position holders; Ebony, Kasia, Karyn, Ivett, Jessica, Bronte & Andrea. Your hours of commitment have been deeply appreciated.

I must also extend a huge thanks to Bonnie, our wonderful Shop Manager. It is due to her bravery and skill in taking on her fledgling role in its early creation, in my opinion, our most precious achievement has come into focus - the Silver Blossoms School Shop & Café. The wholesome vibrant community hub it is today is exactly what we envisioned and imagined back in the days of the little train carriage! Amen!

And a huge warm welcome to the incoming team! I know you will be amazing and enjoy the P&F experience very much, as I have.

Thank you to the entire STSS Community for giving me the opportunity to hold this position for the duration, it has been my pleasure to serve you.

“Many hands make light work...”

Warmest Regards to you all, Erin Buckley.

4. Summary of Activities – 2023

- The P&F hosted another fun night of dancing and community at the Bush Dance in February.
- The P&F implemented an Anthroposophical Health & Wellness talk with guest speaker Jennifer James.
- The Easter Fundraiser was well supported with many orders of hot cross buns and chocolates.
- The Silver Blossoms shop was well supported with many volunteers taking on a mix of casual or more frequent roles.
- The shop started using the serving window to incorporate and streamline the Thursday after school Market.
- The shop collaborated with the Parkerville Steiner College to provide their high school stationery supplies.
- New plants were put into the shop's garden and purchase of an outdoor table umbrella.
- A craft group formed for doll making in the Playgroup room and ran during Term 3.
- A photo shoot Fundraiser was held in December at Lake Leschenaultia with Bonnie Evans Photography.
- The P&F donated towards the school's Library.



5. Treasurer's Report

For the calendar year 2023 there was a net profit of \$5,512. This is an increase of 211% from the previous year where there was a net loss of \$4,964 over all P&F activities.

Please see the Treasurer's report for further financial data.

THE SILVER TREE STEINER SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Profit and Loss January - December 2023

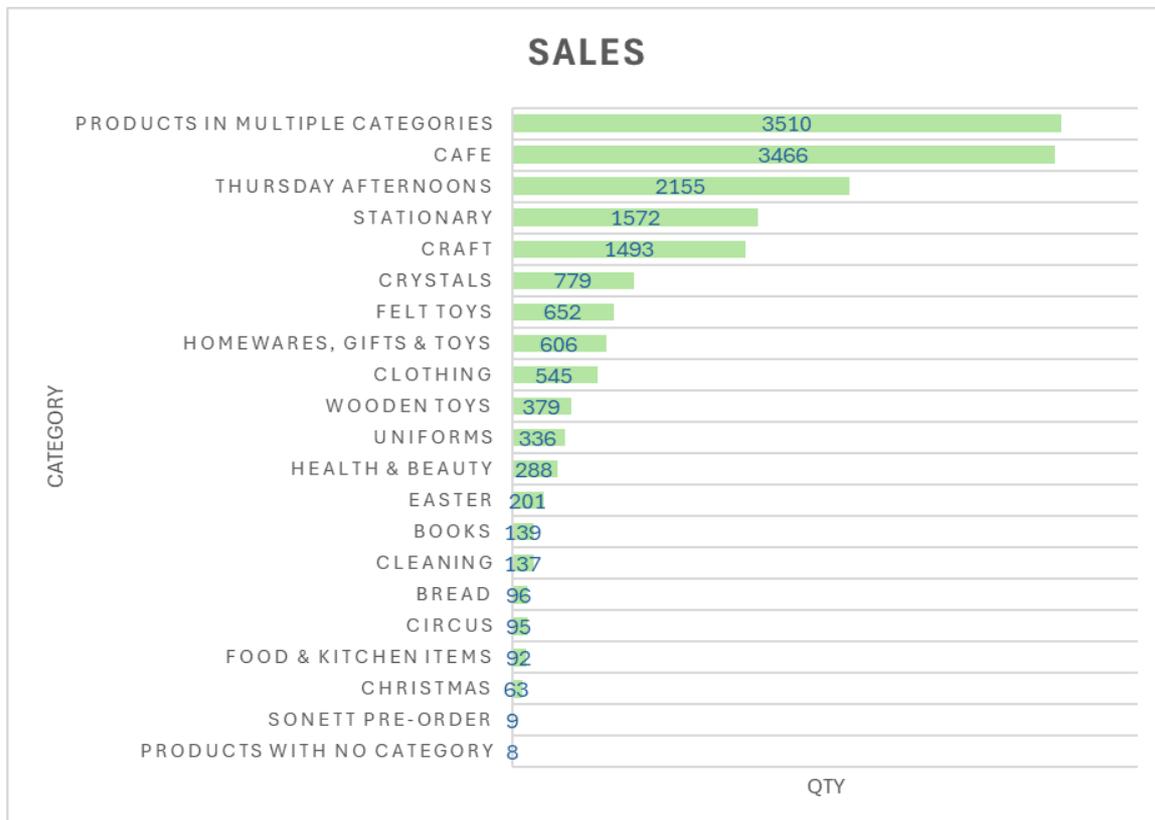
	TOTAL
Income	
Coffee/Bev sales- Silver Blossoms	12,744.05
F/Raise - Bush Dance	110.00
F/Raise - Gilbert's Fresh	189.00
Goods sales -Silver Blossoms	86,524.12
Total Income	A\$99,567.17
Cost of Sales	
Less Closing stock - COS	-24,602.74
Opening stock - COS	24,602.74
Shop Purchases - Coffee, others COS	6,750.30
Shop Purchases - Trading Stock COS	71,910.23
Total Cost of Sales	A\$78,660.53
GROSS PROFIT	A\$20,906.64
Other Income	
Interest income	26.47
Other Miscellaneous Income	19.00
Total Other Income	A\$45.47
Expenses	
Bank charges and EFTPOS merchant fees	1,810.34
Printing, postage, stationery & supplies	19.95
Shop sundry expenses	1,464.84
Software subscriptions	1,884.10
Total Expenses	A\$5,179.23
Other Expenses	
Donation- Books	400.00
Other Expense	9,861.19
Total Other Expenses	A\$10,261.19
NET EARNINGS	A\$5,511.69

6. Silver Blossoms P&F Shop

Silver Blossoms thrived in 2023, with the designation of a Shop Manager to oversee the inventory and control of products, rostering volunteers and all general duties to keep the shop open every school day. This Manager role became a paid position on a trial basis.

Total Sales	Sales Average	Total Sales
5336	\$18.59	\$99,189.69

The products in the Silver Blossoms shop are arranged into categories. The categories listed below are in order by the quantity that has been sold during the 2023 Calendar year:



Our cafe area continues to be our strongest, with at least 3466 items sold. This includes a range of hot beverages and baby chinos, chocolates, slices, fruit toast and cold drinks; with the most popular product being coffee.

The clothing category shows high profit vs cost due most sales being from the Recycled Clothing rack which we receive as donations at no cost to us.



7. The Committee

Our committee in 2023 was made up of 5 core positions held by the following individuals:

President	Erin Barnaby
Vice-President	Jessica Harvey
Treasurer	Karen Grosvenor
Secretary	Ebonee Lynch, Bronte Clark, Andrea Trout
Executive Members	Katie Turner, Mei Bing Toh

8. Goals for 2024

The P&F will continue to focus on building the community and the new committee will review our activities and set priorities for the rest of the year. We invite you all to contribute towards this.

We look forward to taking part in the schools Open Day in September 2024.