



Governing council report

The Hallett Cove East Governing Council met twice per term throughout 2024, providing a platform for discussing key aspects of the school's operation and coordinating community-driven sports and fundraising efforts. At each meeting, the Principal presented comprehensive updates on enrolment numbers, staffing, curriculum development, and school programming initiatives focused on enhancing children's learning. The Council reviewed financial reports, approved pupil-free days, and supported staff attendance at training days. The Governing Council continues to maintain a high level of governance, working collaboratively with the parent and caregiver community to ensure representation of the wider school community.

Sub-Committee Updates:

- **Assets and Grounds:** The school grounds were maintained with diligence by the grounds staff, with various maintenance activities throughout the year. A master plan is underway to enhance areas of the school grounds, focusing on the main entrance.
- **Canteen:** Despite challenges in finding volunteers, the Canteen had a successful year and remained profitable.
- **Education:** The school continued to enhance numeracy and literacy programs and introduced The Resilience Project, which was a significant positive initiative. This program focused on developing emotional resilience through Gratitude, Empathy, and Mindfulness (GEM).
- **Fundraising:** Fundraising efforts were highly successful, thanks to events like the Colour Run, Quiz Night, and Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls. Proceeds will be used to update sporting equipment in 2025.
- **OSHC:** A new OSHC Director was appointed in December 2024, ensuring the service remains sustainable and valuable.
- **Sport:** The sports program was a highlight, with a successful Cross-Country event, a well-participated soccer program, and an engaging Sports Day that introduced new Kaurna team names.
- **Uniform:** The Year 5 students designed commemorative tops for 2025, and uniform compliance remained high.
- **Finance:** The committee oversaw financials for the school, OSHC, and Canteen, approving the 2024 budget and setting Material and Service Fees for 2025 after community consultation.

Key Highlights of 2024:

- **The Resilience Project:** This whole-school wellbeing program was a huge success, teaching positive mental health practices through Gratitude, Empathy, and Mindfulness. It engaged both students and the broader community, with a well-attended Family Day.
- **Breakfast Club:** This initiative ran throughout the year and was well-received by students.

- **Book Week and Parade:** A successful event with strong family participation.
- **Sports Day:** A fantastic community event with the introduction of new Kurna team names: Tarnee (Blue), Milltea (Red), Tirntu (Yellow), and Wirra (Green).
- **Colour Run:** The largest fundraising event of the year, enjoyed by students and staff alike.
- **End of Year Concert:** All students participated, with the newly formed school choir performing.
- **School Camp:** Held at Mylor, with feedback highlighting new experiences, overcoming fears, teamwork, and confidence building.
- **Visit from the Minister for Education:** The Hon. Blair Boyer MP and Mr. Alex Dighton visited, engaging with students in Reception and House 9.
- **Premier's BeActive Challenge:** The school received an award for being among the top 50 schools in South Australia.

Conclusion:

The success of Hallett Cove East Primary School in 2024 is a testament to the dedication of our exceptional staff and the unwavering support of our parent and caregiver community. The Governing Council extends its sincere gratitude to all who contributed to our fundraising initiatives and supported the school throughout the year.

Thank you for making 2024 such a wonderful experience for all our children and families.

Amber Pellerin, Governing Council Chairperson