

St Josephs Parents Association Newsletter

Hello everyone and welcome to the new newsletter for the Parents Association.

Keep up to date with what your Parents Association is doing for the school and your children!

Firstly a **BIG THANK YOU** to the previous Parents Association Committee and their helpers for their ongoing commitment and hard work in organising events and fundraising for St Josephs!

We know that some members of the Committee have worked very hard, over many years, to keep everything on track and to provide much needed funding for our school. We hope they will continue to assist wherever possible, or enjoy their "retirement" from the committee! The new committee will try to keep up to that standard!

Speaking of the new committee.....

Through nomination and voting at the last PA meeting the following people are the new St Josephs Parents Association Committee;

President:	Mel Campbell
Vice President:	Belinda Klassen
Secretary:	Jenny Wylie
Treasurer:	Sarah Page

Please feel free to speak to them and ask questions, etc.....They are here to help!

What does the PA Committee do?

The PA Constitution outlines the Aims of the PA, which is to;

- a. Actively promote the interest and public image of St Joseph's...
- b. Provide a forum for discussion on education and pastoral matters.
- c. Promote activities to raise funds which assist and support the school...
- d. Provide opportunities for the school, parents, staff and others parishioners to come together...
- e. Assist in maintenance and improvement of amenities, resources and facilities of the school.

To see the whole Parent's Association Constitution, see the skoolbag app or contact the school.

So, what's going on?!

For starters.....

We need your **support and feedback** on the issues you think are important to our school. So we have developed the following email address for you to send in your suggestions or ideas for fundraising, and where you think those funds are needed.

Email: pa4stjosephs@gmail.com

This email is for the Parents Association matters only. Any other school matters are to be directed to the school.

Please email us to;

- Suggest ideas for events throughout the year.
- Suggest what we should fundraise for (eg: ipads, furniture, books, etc)
- Give feedback on other issues involving the PA Committee.

VOLUNTEERS!

Four people can't do this alone! Please come and help us out!

Please advise if you can volunteer for helping out at events throughout the year. Please advise what days/times you may be available and provide a contact phone number or email address, so we can get in touch with you. (Contact details will only be shared within the committee....they will not be published to the general public).

The success of the events relies on our great volunteers! We have unfortunately lost a few of our "regulars" due to other commitments, or their child has left the school. You don't have to commit to a whole day, it could be just an hour or so.....every little bit helps!

So please, volunteer, even if it's just for a few hours.

Parents who wish to help out are required to undertake Child Protection Training.
<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training>

Term One Events!

Sunday 6th March 2016 – Catholic Schools Week

To celebrate Catholic Schools Week, we will be having a Mass, school tours, book fair and a free BBQ! More details to follow, directly from the school.

We require volunteers for the running of the BBQ. Please contact the PA Committee now if you can help out. BBQ preparation starts at approx 9:00am.

Thursday 24th March 2016. – Mega Easter Raffle!

More details on ticket sales and donations will be provided shortly. Keep an eye out for flyers and notices in the skoolbag app.

Volunteers are also required in the days prior to the raffle. Please contact the PA Committee now if you can help out.

Parents Association Meetings

Get amongst it, and join us for the Parents Association Meetings! Share ideas, meet new people and support your child's school. We encourage **all** parents and guardians to attend.

ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE WELCOME AT THE PA MEETINGS!

Upcoming Meeting Dates;

Term 2	Monday 23 rd May 2016 at 7:00pm
Term 3	Monday 15 th August 2016 at 7:00pm
Term 4	Monday 7 th November 2016 at 7:00pm

Please note that child minding facilities are not available at these meetings at this time. We do not recommend bringing your child to these meetings, so that we can concentrate on the business at hand.

That's all for now, but stay tuned for further updates from the PA Committee!