29 October 2014

PARENTS & FRIENDS

At St Joseph’s School, Clare, our Parents & Friends Committee has evolved over the years and now meets our needs in a unique way. It comprises several sub-committees which all sit under the stewardship of the Parents & Friends Committee.

Overleaf, I have illustrated how our P&F functions. I’m providing this information for the following reasons:
1) To promote the great work our P&F does
2) To explain the structure
3) To encourage your participation
4) To look for ways to improve
5) At the end of this year we will have several people leaving their P&F positions. We are fortunate that they have indicated their willingness to mentor/transition with any new person taking on their role.

As you can see, our P&F is extremely active and covers most aspects of schooling. You may want to chat with those currently in positions and seek further information, or you can catch up with me at any stage.

Our P&F is a vibrant, active community providing many exit and entry points depending on your confidence, time and/or interests. We would like everyone to feel welcomed and valued and would be grateful to have your input and ideas.

Kind regards

Peter Shearer
Principal
Our P&F acknowledges & promotes the various roles of parents & carers as integral members of our school community and partners in the education of their children.

**Chair** - Zoe Ragenovich (retiring Mch 2015, AGM)

**Secretary** – Kathleen Bourne (retiring Mch 2015, AGM)

**Treasurer** – Mel Treloar (retiring Mch 2015, AGM)

**Canteen**
- **Convenor:** Mel Pink (retiring end 2014)
- **Committee:** 5 people including Peter Shearer.
- **NOTE:** All positions are available in 2015.
  - Providing quality, fresh lunch orders
  - Newsletter information
  - Healthy Eating education program ~ “Cooking 4 Kids”
  - Bakery fundraisers

**Uniform**
- **Committee:** Kristy O’Dea & Jess Redden
  - Purchase & Supply
  - Research options
  - Provide quality, functional articles at a competitive price
  - Second-hand items

**Fete**
- **Convenors:** Sarah Lawson & Kathleen Bourne (2014)
  - Alli Mason & Bernie Masterman (2015)
- **Stall Convenors:** various parents convene stalls that inc: Craft, Produce, Baking, Books & Toys, Bric-a-Brac, Lollies, Art Competition, and more!
- **This is a major fundraiser for our school.**

**Fundraising**
- Various fundraising through the year determined by the Committee – may include:
  - Catering at functions (eg: Open Garden etc)
  - Tea Towels, Gift Cards using children’s artwork
  - Other opportunities as they arise.

**New Parents Dinner**
- **Convenor:** Eilis Mitchell
  - Host a welcome function for new parents to our school/parish at the beginning of each school year
  - Host a function at the end of the school year for parents leaving the school

**School Board**
- **Current Rep:** Jess Redden
  - Liaise with School Board and Decision Makers

**Respond to Parent Needs**
- **Provide parenting workshops**

**Community Dinner**
- **Assist the Yr 7 parents with hosting the School Community Dinner.**
  - This is a major fundraiser for our school.

**Assist with School Functions**
- **Assist on School Photo Days**
- **BBQ on Dad’s Day**
- **Coffee mornings for parents**
- **Healthy lunches at school events (swim carnival, walkathon, etc)**
- **Mother’s Day Morning Tea & Gift Stall**

**Pastoral Care**
- **Assist families in need**
- **Provide meals and support**