



St Joseph's Parents & Friends (P&F)

Term 3 Update

The Term 3 P&F meeting was held recently. It was great to see so many people in attendance in addition to the regular roll-up of attendees. Thanks to all of those present for your input.

We welcomed Mr Aitken to his first P&F meeting as Acting Principal and look forward to working with him and the school's leadership team for the remainder of the year.

Upcoming Term 3 activities and events:

- **Maize Festival:** Mrs Lee, Mrs Saunders and Katherine Mackenzie are working together to organise a school float for the Tablelands Maize Festival Street Parade which is on **Saturday August 30**. The theme is Wild West. Aside from participating on the night, volunteers will be required for making props/decorations and decorating the float. Please keep an eye/ear out for updates. Contact: plee@cns.catholic.edu.au.
- **Father's Day Stall:** the Father's Day Stall will be held on **Tuesday Sept 2** and **Wednesday Sept 3**. We will be needing volunteers to help with setting up and manning the stall. A call-out will come closer to the day.
- **Monty the Monstar's Colour&Slime Splatacular:** the rescheduled date for the event is **Thursday September 4**. The fundraising portal remains open, so you can still get donations coming in!! Please look out for updates and a call-out for volunteers throughout Term 3



- **Father's Day Event:** Bangers and Hangars night. The date is set for **Wednesday September 10**.

Updates from Term 2:

- **Mother's Day stall:** thank you to all the children and families who supported the Mother's Day stall. An extra special thanks to Amanda and Jess who were able to assist with manning the stall, which raised just over \$1000.

- **Mother's event:** BINGO night: Huge thanks to Cross Custom Meats for their generous donation of sausages; to Mrs Saunders and Ms Jackson for running the evening; to the parent and student helpers who manned the barbeque, prepared and delivered the sausages/bread and sold the drinks. We hope you all had a great night.
- **Debutante Ball:** a huge vote of thanks to the Deb Ball committee and volunteers for the hours of planning and preparation that went into such a special evening. Merrilands Hall looked amazing!! We can announce that the Deb Ball raised over \$13400 for the school community – what a successful outcome. Thanks again.

2025 Projects and other updates:

- **AV/Sound System installation:** the installation was completed during the holidays and isn't it wonderful!! It has made such a difference to the whole school assembly, and we can't wait to see it in action for other events. We are looking to settle on a date for a school movie night – likely to be some time in Term 4.
- **Grants:** A grant application has been submitted for installation of **shade cloth** over the playground on the school side. We are waiting to hear back about the outcome of the grant. If the submission is not successful, the P&F have agreed to fully-fund the shade cloth installation.
- We have approved the purchase of an additional set of **school representative uniforms**.
- **Stop, Drop and Go Zone:** The P&F continues to work with school staff to maintain and improve the safety of our children and families, particularly during school- pick and drop-off times. You can assist us with the following:
 - Reviewing the School Drop-Off and Pick-up Parent information document (located on the parent portal and attached to this update)
 - Observing the Stop, Drop and Go zone on Jack St: there are 5 parks on Jack St that are our designated Stop, Drop and Go zones. During the hours of 8-9am and 2.30-3.30pm, these are no parking spaces.
 - We ask that you proceed to the furthest available parking spot (closest to the church) and do not leave your vehicle.
 - Use the school crossing: the designated school crossing is on Alice St. We ask that you model the expected behaviour and use this crossing and ensure your children do as well. Please use the crossing to move from the school side of Alice St to the oval side of Alice St – several near misses have been witnessed by children and families crossing in between buses and on the corner of Jack and Alice Streets.
- **School Sponsorship:** We have several students in the school community who are representing our school and the region in various events throughout Term 3. Congratulations to our Reader's Cup Team (Alex, Tess, Matilda and Ruby) who will be supported by Mrs TK to attend the State Finals in Brisbane. Several students have also been selected via the school sport pathway as Peninsula representatives in various sporting codes. Well done to Rocco, Ava and Natalie (Touch football); Max (Rugby Union) and David (Rugby League). The P&F provides a small financial contribution for students who are selected for representation through school-based activities. We require a written request for sponsorship from parents to approve this sponsorship amount. Well done to all our students

who were selected and have participated in a number of academic and sporting events throughout the year, both through the school pathway and at club level.

- **EOI for a school stall at the Tolga Scarecrow Festival:** We have had contact from the organising committee of the Tolga Scarecrow Festival asking for stallholders for their event on **Saturday November 1 from 4-8pm** at the Atherton Showgrounds. "We are looking for old fashioned community event fun (just like some of the stalls you might see at a fete - think lolly fishing, coin on the chocolate, balls in a bucket, knock over the jar to win its contents, lucky dip, guess the number, jelly fishing etc)". More information is available on the website: <https://www.tolgafestival.com.au>. If anyone is interested in organising a stall and activities on behalf of the P&F/School Community, please advise Tamara (P&F secretary), 0478 387 338; martybel@hotmail.com.

Next meeting:

The Term 4 meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 22 October at 5pm. We would love to have your input.

With regards,
The P&F Committee

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