



St Matthew's School
Parents and Friend's Association

NEWS UPDATE

Semester 1. June 2023

What a semester it has been! This semester has certainly whizzed by for students, parents/carers, and school staff. The P&F have enjoyed an active semester supporting events such as the weekend Soccer Carnival, School and inter-school sporting events (swimming, cross-country), assisting Mrs Ong with the Book Fair and commencing the preliminary preparations for the P&F's major bi-annual fundraising event and other activities for next semester.

The P&F Committee along with the School Executive Team also implemented a new P&F Committee model of operation, a requirement across all Catholic Education WA Schools. This has largely impacted upon the financial operations of Catholic School P&F Groups and would like to acknowledge and thank Jen Darcy for the additional demands it places onto the role of School Finance Officer. The Committee has also made efforts to actively seek additional funding opportunities via submitting a funding application and pursuing other fundraising opportunities.

Do you know your P&F Committee Members?

Don't hesitate to approach us.

Chair:	Zeta O'Rourke
Deputy Chair:	Kylie Turton
Treasurer:	Alex Wray
Secretary:	Gayelle Quartermaine

**Note the Chair also sits on the School Advisory Council which provides opportunities for P&F representation, engagement & advocacy regarding School Strategic Planning.*

Meeting Invite:

ALL Parents/Carers/School community members are warmly welcome to attend P&F Committee Meetings or work with us to provide positive outcomes for our school.

The Committee along with the Class Representatives of each year group, aim to meet *twice per term*; alternating the time meetings are scheduled (day and evening) to promote flexibility for our families to attend *in person*, or *online*. (Note: We have a few parents who attend P&F meetings from the comfort of home and multi-task conquering their laundry folding piles throughout the meeting. This is perfectly acceptable 😊). We aim to be very casual, friendly, and supportive.

Everyone is Welcome! With new faces come new ideas!

Friend-Raising & Fundraising

The P&F Committee is committed to encouraging a '*friend-raising and fundraising*' parent and friends, school culture; built on connection, support, collaboration, and inclusion. We understand that many parents have heavy work and family commitments; differing abilities, time flexibility and confidence; and that it can be a little anxiety provoking volunteering and risking additional demands, to already busy schedules. Ideally, we want to encourage more connection and engagement within our school community, where peoples' strengths, skills and knowledge are valued; time, efforts, contribution, and capacities are respected, while building our capacity.

Developing our network of parents and friends, to support identified fundraising initiatives, and building stronger partnerships between parents, families, and school, is a priority which can only benefit the whole school community – especially our students. Any contributions individuals and families can offer our school community (big or small) are welcomed. Please do not hesitate to approach your Class Representative or one of the P&F Committee Members with any questions, suggestions, or feedback.

We have identified some strategies, which we will aim to implement in between our focused fundraising duties, to support communication and access to, P&F minutes and agendas, timely information regarding scheduled events; developing a volunteer register and other initiatives.

Term 3 Major Fundraising Event

Through the Decades Trivia Night

Date: Friday 4th August @ 630pm Prizes for best dressed/Raffles/Auction
Venue: John Higgins Community Centre BYO Nibbles/Bar. EFTPOS available.
Tables: \$150/table (10/table) Tickets: School Office 98539500

We look forward to seeing you there!

Your lovely Class Reps may request some P&F assistance closer to the event via SMIG. Please help if you can. Feel free to approach your Class Representative to help:

Year	Duty/action
PP	Set up tables
1	Table decorations (& Advertising)
4 & 6	Pack away at the end of the night
2 & 5	(Auction items & Prizes. Year 5 students).
K & 3	(Question rounds & Games; Bar license; Drinks).

Request for Donations:

Each family is kindly invited to contribute an item in the form of a prize, voucher, bottle of wine or chocolates, which will be utilized to raise funds/gifted as prizes, throughout the evening.

All donations can be dropped off at the school office labelled to the P&F Committee early next term. Thank you in advance for any contributions your family makes towards this fun event.

The benefits of Fundraising

All monies raised are invested directly back into the school community for the benefit of student learning and development. The P&F work closely with school staff to prioritize where the money

should be invested but we encourage all members of the school community (parents and students) to approach us with any suggestions.

For example: this semester P&F fundraised dollars have assisted the school to purchase a new PA system, several mobile display screens for community and school events; monies are also allocated to; develop the Kindy/Pre-Primary outdoor area, purchase two TV screens for the hall and student readers (book sets).

Monies fundraised from the Quiz Night in August, will assist the school in updating furnishings around the school and in the library.

Your Contributions

To all the parents who invest their precious time and effort contributing to our school environment, whether it is volunteering at sports events, attending class reading/excursions, providing baked goods, coordinating fundraising events – **Thank you!** Your support is very much valued.

Thank you to our wonderful St Matthews School Staff. It has been a very busy Semester for staff with the school being painted, training commitments, and delivering additional opportunities for our students and families (Neurodiversity Parent Information Session; Play Café; the various music/education shows/workshops and the usual Sporting events) and the added challenges of winter bugs.

Special acknowledgement to our hardworking P&F Committee members and Class representatives for your contribution, commitment, and care for our school community.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Winter break! 😊

Through the Decades TRIVIA NIGHT

CALL FOR DONATIONS

The **St Matthews School P&F** are kindly seeking donations for our upcoming trivia night fundraiser. The Trivia Night is **our key fundraising event**, held every 2 years and funds support the purchase of school infrastructure and supplies.

If you or your business has any items or services that you would like to donate for our auction, please **contact Caryn Tenney** on **Caryn.Tenney@cewa.edu.au**. Alternatively, a bottle of wine, voucher or chocolates can be dropped off at the school office.

TICKETS + INFO AVAILABLE VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE 9853 9500