

St. John's Parents and Friends

Harold Street, Silkwood QLD



10th March 2015,

Dear Parents & Friends,

As you read in last fortnight's newsletter a special meeting was held to elect the 2015 executive. This was mostly successful and we now have a working P & F.

I would like to introduce myself as the 2015 president. My name is Angelique Scarpignato. My association with St John's started in 2003 and will continue for a number of years yet. I've been involved and taken on different roles over the years but this is my first time in the president's chair. Many know me already but there are a lot of new faces around St John's and sometimes it's easier to associate parents with their children. I have Lyanna in Grade 5 and Kelsey in Grade 2.

I'm very lucky to have a great team surrounding me this year and we hope to serve our school and community well.

Our Vice President is Alex Glasson; she has Wavey in Grade 4.

Our Secretary is Kristy Anderson; she has Deja in Grade 3 and Lila in Prep.

Kristy is also our uniform coordinator.

Our Treasurer is Michelle Giaraffa; she has twins Jayden and Amelie in Grade 1.

Our Grant's Officer is Tracey Patterson; she has Hannah in Grade 2.

Our Tuckshop Convenor is again Peta Bromilow, she has Owen in Grade 6, Ryan in Grade 4 and Isaac in Prep.

It is our role as the P & F to represent the interests of the whole parent body, to help engage parents with the school and the education of their children and work to support the school where we can. We undertake these aims by working as a team with the principal, teachers, parish priest (when we have one) and parents.

I read recently that if we as a society are to maintain our standard of living we need our children to get the best education they can. In my opinion truer words have never been spoken. I like to think that our year as your P & F is one step in many that adds to our children's best education.

Along with our collaborative and communicative role, the P & F also take on fundraising. Our annual major fund raiser is the Three Saints Festival held on 3rd May. St John's run a BBQ and food stall which caters to the many hundreds of people attending this annual event. It is approaching fast. Organisation has begun, but as you can imagine it is a huge job and help will be required in the success of this event. Please mark this day in your calendar and think about offering some of your time to help add to the success of this event. I can understand that some may find it hard to be there on the day due to family or work commitments, however there are some jobs that are required to be undertaken behind the scenes and before the day that may suit you. We appreciate any help that is offered and value all contributions. More information about this will be coming out soon.

We aim to be an open and friendly face of the school which represents our parents and community in a positive and Christian way, fostering a feeling of inclusion for all. Feel free to come to meetings, have a chat with us when you can and offer your thoughts or concerns. Remember, we represent you and are here for the benefit of our children.

My numbers are: home 40685214 and mobile 0417707327.

Feel free to contact me any time. Thanking You Angelique Scarpignato.

P & F NEWS.....

Welcome to our first update for 2015. As you will read in my introduction letter accompanying this newsletter we now have a committee and we're ready to serve our school and community to the best of our ability.

Our next P & F meeting will be Wednesday 1st April (time TBA). I encourage anyone who is interested to attend. Hopefully this meeting will discuss and set our plan and direction for 2015. If you have ideas on the direction you would like us to take, please come and discuss it with us or Mr Whitters. We can only be guided by you the people we represent.

Agenda items for meetings are always welcome and we will endeavour to have this printed and available before meetings so you can be more informed and included in what we do. Minutes for meetings will also be available for all to read on our interactive school website. This is undergoing improvements at the moment, so until completed, the minutes will be available in hard copy in the front office.

The Three Saints Festival is fast approaching and organisation is under way. The festival is the 3rd May, please mark this date in your calendar and consider giving of your time for this annual fundraiser.

Remember we are here to be your voice, don't hesitate to have a chat, tell us your ideas or voice your concerns. Everyone is valued.

Have a great day,

Angelique

Angelique Scarpignato
P & F President.