

11 October 2022

Dear families,

It has been a busy start to Term 4 and Christmas in creeping up quickly!

It has been great to be able to be more social at school, getting to meet families and raise some funds to buy extra equipment for the students.

Through the support of our school community the P&F has been able to support the school to purchase extra home readers, books for the library, literacy teacher resources, portable soccer goals and blaze pods. We still have some funds raised which we are looking into items to purchase.

We are looking forward to finishing off the year with some great social events.

## We need your support!

The P&F Committee is made up of parents volunteering their time to the school to give great outcomes for our children. The P&F's overall aim is to engage with the school community to build a connected and supportive community.

During this year we have had low engagement from families which has made it hard to plan and run events and fundraisers. It has also meant that a few people are taking on a larger workload to enable the P&F to still operate.

We understand commitments have changed as we all get back into 'normal life' after a few unpredictable years due Covid lockdowns and restrictions.

We hope families can find time to participate in and support the school community in a way that suits them – this could be sending an email with feedback, attending a meeting, attending a morning tea, helping with a fundraiser, offering sponsorship support, attending a social event, among other things.

At our next meeting we would like to see representation from families who haven't been before and also from a spread of year levels.

We understand it isn't always possible for families to attend these meetings, if you can't attend we would still really like to hear from you about what you would like to see the P&F doing at St Brendan's.

The only participation required at a meeting is to attend and listen. You don't need to put your hand up for a job. Attending meetings is also a great way to meet other families.

We are starting to plan for 2023 and would love to have input from as many families as possible.

## **Next meeting**

Our next P&F Meeting on <u>Tuesday 18 October 2022</u>, from <u>6.30pm-7.30pm</u> at in the Staff Room at school (enter via Reception).

The evening meetings have been more suitable for most with work commitments during the day.

We will review event and fundraisers for this year and start planning for 2023.

Expressions of interest will be called for Committee Members. The role of President will also be vacant at the end of 2022 – please contact us to have a chat if you are interested in this role. Being a part of the Committee isn't a large time commitment and there are no set requirements of a member.

Please RSVP to <u>parentsandfriends@sbshepparton.catholic.edu.au</u> if you are able to attend the meeting or if you have any questions/ suggestions.

## Calendar of events – Term 4

Put these dates in your calendar!
See the School Newsletter for full details of events

Date		Event	Location
OCTOBER	Tues 11	P&F Morning Tea	School Hall
	Tues 18	P&F Meeting	School Staff Room
	Sun 23	Mini Golf Family Fun Day	See flyer for details
	Wed 26	P&F Walk around the lake	Meet at Western Park near All Abilities Playground
	Fri 28	World Teachers Day	
NOVEMBER	Fri 4	Parents Social Night	See flyer for details
	Thurs 10	P&F Morning Tea	School Hall
	Thurs 17	End of Year Celebration	School oval

	Mon 28	Christmas Colouring Competition – handed out	
DECEMBER	Tues 6	P&F Morning Tea	
	Wed 7	Christmas Colouring Competition – entries due	
	Fri 9	Christmas Colouring Competition – winners announced	
	Thurs 15	Last Day of Term 4	

Please contact us if you have any suggestions/questions – <a href="mailto:parentsandfriends@sbshepparton.catholic.edu.au">parentsandfriends@sbshepparton.catholic.edu.au</a>

Thanks,

Bianca & Jacklyn

President & Secretary