



Parents and Friends' Newsletter – April 2009

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provide recommendations to the School Council, school and the P&F. I have recommended that Ian Carlisle be our representative on that working group.

- Work more closely with the P&F Duncraig campus - we are one school after all. There will be opportunities throughout the year to help each other with ideas, activities, and resources.

How will our P&F operate this year?

Come along to Tuesday's meeting to find out!!

Cheers, Lee ☺

President's Report

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10/03/2009

2008 was a 'let's get back on track' year for the P&F, and 2009 will be our 'future direction' year – I hope. As a member of the P&F as well as President I have asked myself – "What is the P&F's main role? What are we here for? Why would people want to join our P&F?" Easy questions to ask, but not so easy questions to answer.

To help us clarify the purpose of our P&F we have started a number of activities:

- Conducted a strategic planning workshop November 2008. This looked specifically at who we are, what we do, and how this fits with the Constitution. The work on this has only just begun, and planning has started for the next step along this strategic journey.
- Regular meetings with St Stephens School, particularly with Mrs Donella Beare and Dr Phil Ridden. These informal meetings have helped to build the vital relationship between the P&F and the school, so both can work together to achieve mutual outcomes. These meetings will continue more regularly throughout 2009.
- Participated in school workshops to represent the views of the P&F. One outcome of this is for the school to establish a working group to look at the Family Commitment Scheme, compare ours to other schemes, determine what works and what doesn't work, and

March AGM Appointments

The following people have been appointed to the P&F Committee:

Executive Committee

- President – Lee Morton
- Vice President – Steve Chaplyn
- Secretary – Erica Thompson
- Treasurer – Pam Blackmore

General Committee Coordinators

- Healthy Schools – Danielle West
- Fundraising – Mally Pratt and Deb Molster
- Newsletter – Carla Hudson
- Grounds – Steve Chaplyn and Ian Carlisle
- Family Commitment – Ian Carlisle
- Road Safety – Ian Carlisle

General Committee Members

- David Thompson
- Margo Campbell
- Heather Dosek



March Special Guest Speaker

I'm sure most of us have at some stage read Dorothea Mackellar's timeless poem "My Country", with its poignant and oft quoted line "I love a sun burnt country..." In Australia we are truly blessed to live in a land of stunning beauty. However, recent events in Victoria have once again shown that our country is as dangerous as it is beautiful. Thus, the P&F were honoured to have as our March guest speaker Mr John Henderson, FESA District Manager to provide us with some timely reminders about the importance of being prepared during the bush fire season.

Although Carramar is no longer quite the sentinel at the end of Wanneroo Road it once was, some of our families do live on properties surrounded by bush land. Mr Henderson showed attendees a DVD which provided practical advice regarding preparation during the bushfire season. It covered issues such as what to expect during a fire, ways to prepare your home, equipment that is needed should you decide to "stay and defend" and essential items that should be set up in kits whether you choose to "leave early" or "stay and defend" your property. Mr Henderson was kind enough to leave copies of this DVD as well as numerous leaflet and handouts for families that wanted more information

If you are interested in further information regarding bushfire preparation or fire safety around the home the FESA website provides brochure downloads at www.fesa.wa.gov.au or contact FESA on 9323 9300 for the information you are interested in.

The P&F would like to thank Mr Henderson for his time and valuable advice.

Is there a topic you would like to see discussed at a P&F meeting? Perhaps you belong to a group who can provide parents and friends with some valuable information? The P&F aims to have a special guest speaker from our community at each meeting to cover topics and issues of interest. Please contact Lee Morton for further details.

Devotion and Poem

Isabelle Pilote, Head of Languages and Acting Dean of Makaria shared with us a very touching poem

In God's Eyes (Jean Stone Hodges 20/4/2006)

In God's eyes I am beautiful,
I am special and unique.
I thank Him for my blessings,
throughout each day to Him I speak.

I thank Him for the laughter,
For the sunshine and each flower.
I thank Him for the time He gives,
every minute and every hour.

When I feel the world betrays me,
I can always count on God.
His love is everlasting,
like a reassuring nod.

If I feel I have betrayed Him,
He forgives me even still
He knows of my true goodness,
and He counts on my good will.

God helps me to be humble,
in this life He has given me.
In God's eyes I am beautiful,
He has set my spirit free.



Upcoming Events

Donations are required for the coming Mother's Day Stall to be held on 4 & 5 May 2009.

Items such as chocolates, toiletries and candles would be greatly appreciated, but feel free to use your imagination to make it a special day for our hard working mums.

If you have any queries or wish to volunteer your time while the stall is being held, please contact Kath on 0409 477 815 and donations can be left in the Primary forum.

Donations toward such events contribute to Family Commitment Scheme hours with each \$20 donation being equivalent to 1 hour.

Upcoming P&F Meetings	7 April, 12 May
End of Term 1	9 April
Mother's Day Stall	4 & 5 May
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