



News for Parents and Friends

St Stephen's School, Carramar Campus

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Tuesday 7 April
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Welcome to the first newsletter for the Parents and Friends' Association, Carramar Campus.

This year the P&F will take on more of a communication and networking role with the

parents, and host one major fundraiser for the year – perhaps a Fair for 31 October.



Each Tuesday meeting – and there are only eight scheduled for the year – we will host a guest

speaker from the school, and a community guest speaker. The formal part of the meeting will be kept to the barest minimum – just an update on events. Of course, there will always be tea and coffee and perhaps a 'treat' to encourage the camaraderie.

On a more sombre note – please say a prayer for those in Victoria affected by the devastating fires. One can hardly imagine how they must feel – perhaps our united thoughts and prayers will bring them some solace.



"The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings." ~~Eric Hoffer -
Courtesy of ky woman.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting – old friends and new! Till then, take care, live life, and be good to your Mum! Lee ☺

Annual General Meeting and Guest Speaker



Our 2009 Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10 March at 7.30 pm, in the Technology Hub**. As usual, all positions will be declared vacant, and there will be a call for committee members. Anyone who has a child at the school can nominate, though we can only have one member per family on the committee. The commitment is to attend the monthly meetings, and any others that may be required – depending on the role of the specific position. You could be the Secretary – who takes minutes of meetings, sends out agendas, and manages the correspondence, or you can be the Grounds Coordinator and arrange

Busy Bees and other activities to support the ground staff of the school.

This is your chance to give back to the school which has supported your child with their education and life skills.

P&F Committee membership consists of:

Executive Committee – 5 members

- President
- Vice President One
- Vice President Two
- Secretary
- Treasurer

General Committee (in addition to the executive committee) – 10 to 16 members

- Coordinators – 3 to 7 members:
 - Road Safety
 - Grounds
 - Newsletter
 - Fundraising
 - Healthy Schools
 - Family Commitment
- Other members – 5 to 7 members
- School Council representative
- Member of school staff elected by the staff

The Principal is entitled to attend meetings ex-

officio. Wikipedia defines *ex-officio* as: “By virtue of office or position; 'by right of office'. Often used when someone holds one position by virtue of holding another. A common misconception is that *ex officio* members of a committee or congress may not vote, but this is not guaranteed by that title.”

Representative for School Council in 2009

We are calling for nominations to take on the role of the Carramar Parents and Friends' Association Representative on the St Stephen's School Council.

If you are interested, then please email Secretary Janine Moses (janinemoses@bigpond.com) your details and a short paragraph as to why you are interested in being the representative and what you will bring to the School Council.

The P&F will hold a vote to decide on who will be *recommended* to the Uniting Church Synod for appointment to the School Council.

The current incumbent Steve Graham has indicated that he is more than willing to continue to be the representative for School Council and will

be putting his name forward for nomination.

Nominations need to be with the Secretary 14 days prior to the March 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Association, that is by close of business on Tuesday 24 February, 2009.

Guest Speaker at AGM

Our community Guest Speaker at the AGM will be **Mr Brad Stringer from the Fire and Emergency Services Authority of WA (FESA)**. His topic will be how we can best protect our homes and property from fire. Everyone's focus is heightened, given the enormous tragedy that is occurring in Victoria.

Measure your wealth not by what you have, but by the things for which you would not take money.

Joke:



When is a car not a car?

When it turns into a driveway!