



## Yidarra Catholic Primary School

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### YIDARRA PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The Yidarra P&F has been an active part of the school community since Yidarra was founded. The role of the association is to work to maintain a strong sense of community through the positive relationships that exist between parents, students and teachers. We conduct a variety of events throughout the year with the following aims as our focus.

**Firstly**, to provide opportunities for parents and families to meet in a social, fun oriented environment.

**Secondly**, to raise funds, the majority of which flow directly to the school for the purchase of educational resources and equipment.

**Finally**, we strive to build effective channels of communication through which parents can keep in touch with what is happening at the school and in the wider educational sector.

We hope that parents will use the P&F as a forum through which they can share more actively in the life of the school.

### HOW DO WE DO THIS?

#### **Monthly P&F Meetings**

On the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm all parents are strongly encouraged to attend the P&F Meeting. At these meetings we conduct the business of the association and all members of the school community in attendance have the right to participate in discussion and to vote should a decision by majority prove necessary.

We hear from the Principal, who presents a report to the committee.

School Board matters which are of concern to the general school community are reported at each meeting by the P&F Board Representative. The monthly P&F meeting also provides a forum for parents to raise issues of concern and interest to the general school community.

#### **Class Representatives**

Each class has at least one parent representative. The purpose of this position is to assist the P&F committee to work and communicate effectively with the whole parent body, not just those able to attend monthly meetings. The Class Reps are available to raise issues on your behalf which relate to P&F matters. The Class Reps will advise parents of social or educational events and help organise informal class social gatherings for parents.

#### **School Newsletter**

In the centre of the school newsletter the P&F has a column, the aim of which is to keep parents informed on a weekly basis regarding our activities.

#### **Bulletin Boards**

Outside the Library the P&F has the use of the bulletin board and posts current notices and information of interest.

Outside each classroom there is a bulletin board where parents may also find notices from Class Reps or the general P&F committee.



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### **P&F Class Representatives**

#### **Role Description**

The role of the P&F Class Representative is a significant one in the efficient running of the P&F Association at our school. Through the work done by the class reps we aim to enhance the pastoral care offered by Yidarra to each family and to ensure that we remain a welcoming and inclusive community.

The responsibilities of the class reps are:

- ❖ To facilitate the flow of information between the P&F and the parents in a particular class. The use of class bulletin boards is acceptable for this purpose. Any written correspondence to parents should be cleared by the President of the P&F Association who will then seek clearance from the Principal.
- ❖ To organise informal social gatherings so that parents can interact. Some year levels conduct morning teas while others prefer dinners or family picnics.
- ❖ To ensure that new families to a particular class are made to feel welcome to the school community.
- ❖ To assist P&F event organisers throughout the year as requested.

While the role is one where class reps may communicate parents' concerns and issues to the P&F Committee, it is important to emphasise that this relates only to P&F matters. All matters pertaining to individual child or classroom issues remain the concern of the Principal. Class reps should encourage direct communication between individual parents and the Principal in these cases.