

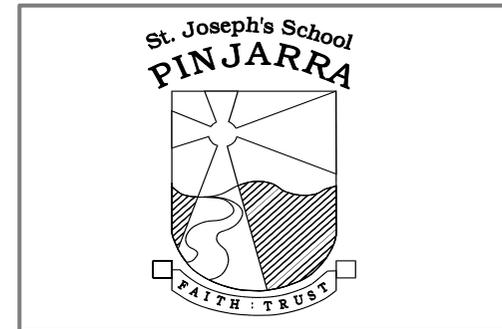
Our Country Fair

Our main fundraiser activity has always been the Annual Country Fair, held on the Saturday of the long weekend in June. There is always a buzz of activity and anticipation leading up to the event which draws our fantastic school community together as plans are made, produce baked and activities planned. Getting involved in any way offers a chance to meet people, have fun and contribute to a successful result that means more facilities, equipment and support for our students.

Calls for interested individuals to be a Fair Committee Member or Stall Co-ordinator usually go out in Term One and preparation activities where any volunteer help is welcomed are publicised regularly from then until the BIG DAY!!



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PINJARRA



PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The Parents & Friends Association is an integral part of the Catholic school. It contributes to the school not only financially in the form of funds raised and also in building the social harmony of the school, but has a central place in expressing the commitment of parents to their own school.

We strive to develop a real community of parents, teacher and students, and work closely with the School, particularly the Principal, to achieve common goals.

Your input into the P&F and its activities is always welcome. This could be as a committee member, meeting attendee or an occasional volunteer that lends a hand at events or preparing food when catering is required.

It all adds up to a BIG difference for our school and our children and our own sense of belonging at St Joseph's.

More about P&F Meetings

The P&F aims to hold approximately one meeting a month when school is in session. Dates and times are publicised via the school term planner, newsletter and the parents FB page.

You do not have to be on a committee to attend a meeting - any parent /carer of a child at the school may attend – and there is also no expectation you will attend every meeting.

A copy of the last P&F meeting's minutes is usually available on the school website P&F page, as is a link to the Association's constitution.

P&F Executive Committee

If you are considering nomination as one of the of Executive Committee you should understand that the consistent presence of office bearers at meetings supports the effective running of the Association. The four key office bearers are:

- President – Chairs meetings, provides general leadership of the Association and acts as its representative. The President is integral in maintaining the Associations collaborative working relationship with the Principal and in promoting and encouraging parent participation in both the activities of the Association and the school
- Vice President – The Vice President needs to maintain a working knowledge of the Association's operation and will be required to Chair the meeting should the President be absent.
- Secretary – The Secretary's chief duty is to maintain the records of the Association. This includes managing correspondence, recording attendance at meetings and taking meeting minutes.
- Treasurer – The Treasurer keeps the financial records for the Association, manages all banking and accounts and provides reports related to the Association finances.

It is also usual for there to be a P&F Association Representative on the School Board.

In order to help events run smoothly our P&F also relies on its sub-committees. The description of their responsibilities follows:

Social Committee (3-4 members)

- Approx. three times a year, e.g. disco and movie nights, the committee will co-ordinates the purchasing of sausages, rolls, lollies, soft drinks, sauce, napkins, ice, etc. then organise 3-4 helpers to 'man' the canteen on the night. The P&F will provide the funds to buy these items
- You will need to organise a note for sausage sizzle pre-orders to go home prior to the event, then make sure gas bottles are full and arrange for 3-4 people to cook the sausages on the night. Someone will also need to count and list the children who have paid for sausages
- The social committee also organises set-up and pack-up for the event.

Catering Committee (3-4 members)

- The catering committee enlists volunteers to help with catering for our athletics carnival, cross country carnival and AGM. You are not expected to cook and cater on your own, the usual way is to send out a note or FB post asking for people to cook or prepare food and bring it in for the event.
- The committee would also organise and set up trestles, a gazebo and eskies for catering days plus purchase soft drinks, napkins and ice. The P&F will provide funds for the purchases.
- Then it will be necessary to man the stall on the day or organise/co-ordinate people to do this for you and pack away items at the end of the day.