Welcome everyone to the very first Parents and Friends Association (P&F) newsletter. It has been a busy first term at St Mary of the Cross. The P&F Association is in full swing, so far we have organised green jelly-cups to celebrate St Patrick’s Day, selling of icy poles over the summer months, an Easter raffle and a sausage sizzle which will be held next Thursday 26/3.

Roles and Responsibilities of the P&F Association:
As this is the very first newsletter I think it would be beneficial to outline the roles and responsibilities of the P&F.

The P&F is a group of community minded people, parents and friends, who take on a more formal role to assist the school by providing:
- Feedback on school policies and activities;
- Additional resources to be used to enhance student learning; and
- Assistance to raise much needed funds to further enhance and provide school amenities.

The objectives of the P&F are:
- To aid the school in providing the very best for the children;
- To provide a medium for information and participation of parents and carers;
- To develop a maximum cooperation between parents and staff.

Monthly Meetings:
The P&F meet on a monthly basis – which is on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Should this fall during school holidays, the meeting is then held on the 1st Wednesday in the new term. All meetings commence at 7.30pm sharp.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th April at 7.30pm.

All Parents and Guardians are welcome to attend!

Our monthly meeting minutes are posted on the SMOC website, so please feel free to have a read: [http://www.smocptcook.catholic.edu.au/page/233/P&F-Minutes](http://www.smocptcook.catholic.edu.au/page/233/P&F-Minutes)
Election of Officers for 2015:
On the 4th March 2015, we held our first AGM. As a result, we are delighted to introduce to you the core P&F committee members for 2015.

Rita Karagiannis – President
Maria Peterson – Vice President
Karen Wyer – Secretary
Ollie Chilton – Treasurer

Social Events and Fundraising for 2015:
The P&F have organised a range of social and fundraising events for 2015. We hope these will be as big a success that they were for us in 2014!

Save the Date!!
Please make sure to pencil in these dates into your calendar ...
- Friday 22nd May 2015: Family Movie Night
- Friday 31st July 2015: School Disco
- Saturday 17th October: Trivia Night

In addition to these key P&F events, we also plan to have various fundraising activities throughout the year and school lunches to mark the end of each term.

These events and fundraisers assist in raising much-needed funds for our school. To date, from the fundraising activities we conducted last year, we have already purchased and installed 2 x aluminium outdoor tables/chairs, bike racks and scooter racks. With this year's fundraising efforts, we aim to purchase more outdoor equipment and assist the school in developing an outdoor junior soccer area/play field.

We need your help!!
If you can help out by donating some of your time, even a few hours on a particular event, or if you can donate any goods and/or services that are in line with upcoming events, we would love to hear from you! You can contact us on email at: pfa@smocptcook.catholic.edu.au

On behalf of the P&F Association, we wish you all a safe and enjoyable school holidays! Happy Easter!

Kind Regards,

Rita Karagiannis
President, SMOC P&F Association