



Saint Maria Goretti's Catholic School Parents & Friends Association

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Dear Parents

We're trying a new approach this year to build the social connections within our school community and your feedback is warmly welcomed. Please have a read and tell us what you think -

Facebook Year Groups:

We will continue to keep parents informed through emails but this year will introduce communication via closed groups within Facebook to enable parents to network among their children's year groups. As many of you already know, these groups are excellent for questions like "what day does school go back?" and "who wants to join us at the park after school today?". They can also be used for "these are the times for the mother's day stall if you'd like to join in."

You are now invited to find and ask to join the closed group for your year group. Groups are as follows - with the website included in case the hyperlinks are broken -

[SMG Kindy 2017](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1623221967973929/) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1623221967973929/>
[SMG Pre-Primary Parents Group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/510493202484311/) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/510493202484311/>
[SMG Year 1 Parents 2017](https://www.facebook.com/groups/394333120740334/) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/394333120740334/>
[SMG Year 2 Parents](https://www.facebook.com/groups/180133459141415/) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/180133459141415/>
[SMG Year 3 Parents Group 2017](https://www.facebook.com/groups/952671391426620/) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/952671391426620/>
[SMG - Year 4 Parents](https://www.facebook.com/groups/785325291560932/) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/785325291560932/>
[SMG Year 5 Parent Group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/266716456996261/) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/266716456996261/>
[SMG Year 6 Parents](https://www.facebook.com/groups/407704099404081/) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/407704099404081/>

If you have any difficulties or questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Classroom Reps 2017

With our new approach, there is less need to identify classroom representatives. In Kindy and Pre-Primary where you're all still trying to get to know each other it is still worth supporting a couple of classroom representatives. We've had some interest from Natalia Vollrath-Hale and Chelsea Isaacs-Mathewson in the two kindy classes and Kirsty Douglas in pre-primary, a couple more reps in each of those classes might be helpful please? Parents are still welcome to nominate to represent the other years 1-6 if they wish by contacting the P&F.

Instead of representing your class for the year, why not be involved in a committee?

Retro Bingo 2017?

After the success of trialling this last year, there's a lot of people keen to do it again this year. We'd love you to be involved in organising the biggest parent party on the St Maria Goretti's Catholic School calendar - all you need to do at this point is express an interest. Send a message on the [facebook page now](#) and tell us you want to help! This committee is a great choice for working parents because it doesn't necessarily have to meet during the day, but at the time convenient to most parents involved and should be a lot of fun as well as contributing enormously to our school community.

Canteen Committee and Aboriginal Education Committee

Expressions of interest are now invited to represent parents and meet with the school on these two committees. Your role will be to represent the general views of parents not your own personal views, and to report back to P&F meetings. This will require availability during school hours. Please contact the P&F if you'd like to contribute.

Sundowner Welcome to 2017 at SMG

Friday 17 March 5-7pm - Celebrate St Patrick's Day with St Maria Goretti's Catholic School families and welcome new families at our sundowner and sausage sizzle on school grounds. Bring a picnic and share a free sausage sizzle. If you'd like to help out for part of the time please contact us - many hands make light work.

Child Safety

Another matter discussed at our last meeting were child safety initiatives. We hope to offer a cyber safety presentation again this year and recognise Day for Daniel in some way. The school is also implementing new child safety initiatives and more information will be forthcoming.

Several other matters were also covered at the meeting - please see the attached minutes.

Next Meeting

Is 7pm Tuesday 7 March - either at the school or at Belvideres, to be confirmed.

Kind regards

*Karen, Simone, Simone and Alison
Your P&F executive.*

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