



Message from
Maria Regina Parents and Friends Team

Term 1, 2011

Dear Maria Regina Families

Communication:

Welcome to the first of the P&F Teams Newsletter. This is just one way we are endeavouring to ensure all the information from us gets to you.

Another is to log onto the Maria Regina School Website - www.mradbb.catholic.edu.au – Click on Our Community then P&F. We will be endeavouring to keep all relevant information up to date as best we can.

We would also love for you to be able to communicate with us on any ideas, information or issues you would like addressed. Please use the school email address – mra@dbb.catholic.edu.au – in the Subject area please type P&F. This will then be forwarded onto the team and we will answer you as quickly as we can, although please be patient as this is all new and we are still refining the procedures.

Fundraising Ideas:

Our first General Meeting was held in February and the attendance was fantastic. Thank you to all who took the time to come along. Some wonderful ideas were put forward in regards to fundraisers and please be assured that we heard them all. We have been busy looking into the ideas and we have attached a spreadsheet with pros/cons/ viability on all of them. Please feel free to email us with any additional ideas or ways of implementing any that are listed.

Class Parents:

All years should by now have received an email from their Class Parents. This took a little longer than expected to organise but we really wanted to make sure that the Class Parents were given all the information they would need to perform this role and that it would be an enjoyable role for them. The P&F team organised a special Class Parent Workshop run by Carmel Hewitt, Education Officer – Parent Liaison from the Catholic Schools Office for any parent interested in taking on the role. The P&F team wanted to have a uniform approach to all correspondence going out and with all procedures to be followed and needed to ensure these things were in place before the Class Parents began their role. Please be supportive of your Class Parent as they have very generously given their time to ensure your class has a great year.

Eco Garden:

The Maria Regina Community Garden is well under way. Lyndall Paine, one of the many wonderful mums at our school, is spearheading this project and has been very busy applying for many grants available to schools to get an Eco Garden up and running. Lyndall has also been very busy researching how to, what's needed & what best suits our school to get this project started. If you have, in good condition, a worm farm or composting bins that you no longer require you may like to consider donating them to our Community Garden. To do so please email the P&F with your details and what you have available to donate and we will be in touch. Stage 1 was agreed upon at the

General Meeting as “Relocation of Play Equipment”. Unfortunately it has been identified that this equipment is old and antiquated and does not comply with Industry Standards, therefore it has been decided that this equipment will be removed and disposed of. Lyndall will be organising a working and planning meeting in the coming weeks. If this is a project that may interest you then please put your hand up to help.

New Project:

With the removal of play equipment the P&F would like to take on another project and that is to look at compiling an Ideal Master Plan for the Children’s Playground Environment in consultation with Mrs Gee and Staff. The P&F team will open initial discussions with Mrs Gee and keep you posted.

Social Event:

The first of our Social Events was held earlier this term, The Outdoor Cinema, which we hope you all enjoyed. A few hiccups occurred on the night but hopefully it was an enjoyable night, and one you will remember. Thank you to Bridget Hawthorne and Bronwyn Brent for co-ordinating this night and to the many other parents who helped out, without you the night would not have been possible.

Fundraisers:

Our first fundraiser for the year will take place on the last day of term, Maria Regina’s School to Surf Walk-a-thon. This is a wonderful event for the children to feel they are contributing to their school. Thank you to Jane Mann and all the parent volunteers who will help make this a fun and rewarding event for the kids.

Next term we will be holding the Major Fundraiser for the Year – Saturday, June 25th. Please put this date in your diaries and book those babysitters because we promise you this will be an incredibly FUN night and something a little bit different.

Mothers Day:

Term 2 also brings us to Mothers Day. The wonderful parents from Year 2 are already in the process of organising this lovely morning for all mothers, grandmothers and special friends along with a gift stall for the children to purchase their presents from. A flyer was sent out from the Year 2 parents last week, so make sure you send in your RSVP’s by Tuesday, May 3rd.

Canteen:

The school Canteen has been very popular this term. The new menu is proving to be a huge hit, particularly that Apple Slinky machine and the delicious Fresh Pasta and Steamed Rice. A very big thank must go to Alison and Justin Quinton for taking on this enormous role and providing the children with great lunch choices. Thanks also to all the families who are utilising the canteen and supporting it. The Canteen is not only a source of revenue for the school but a wonderful learning experience for the children in making choices and handling money.

Kiss & Drop:

The good news is Kiss and Drop will be operational Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 8:45am as of Term 2 thanks to the following generous mums: Andy Flynn – Mondays, Melissa McDonagh – Tuesdays, Susie Schwaiger – Wednesdays, Justine King – Thursdays and Melaine Greblo - Fridays. However, we are still in need of volunteers as it would be preferable to have two volunteers each morning to cross the children safely to school. If you would like to volunteer please send an email with your Name, Contact Phone Number and Preferred Day.

Next Meeting:

The next P&F General Meeting will be Friday, May 27th. If you have any items for the agenda please send them via email. We have organised a guest speaker to present on the topic “How To Help Your Child with Reading Strategies, K-6”. We envisage the meeting will take 45minutes including our guest speaker. A cuppa and morning tea will be provided along with Supervision for pre-schoolers with one of the schools Teacher Aides. We hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you there.

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Fundraising Plan – 2011

Fundraiser or Social event	Fundraising activity / Suggestion	Brief overview	Time frame proposed	Possible challenges	Estimated funds raised
Fundraiser	Annual P & F Levy	Expectation that the Levy is paid by all families.	Annually		\$14,000 to \$17,000
Social Event Term 1 - 2011	Cinema Night	Entrance fee paid per family BYO food and drinks Some food available at Canteen	Completed – Friday 25 th February 2011	Weather	Breakeven
Fundraiser Term 1 - 2011	Walkathon	Sponsorship gathered by children Outdoor activity Sausage sizzle Involves the entire school community	Friday 8 th April 2011	Weather	\$6,000
Fundraiser Term 2 – 2011	Bingo Night	Purchase ticket Games Dinner Silent auction? Raffles? Door prizes? Bar Held in the School Hall	Saturday 25 th June 2011	Gather donations outside of school and local community.	\$10,000 to \$15,000
Fundraiser Term 3 - 2011	Rugby World Cup	Bulldogs club house? Pizza and Bar Raffle Admission fee	Saturday 17 th September 2011	Venue unavailable Foxtel required & large screen	\$2,000
Social Event Term 4 - 2011	Family Christmas Party	School hall & outside area. Entertainment for children. BBQ & Bar	Friday 9 th December 2011 5pm to 8pm		Breakeven
Total funds raised				Worst case	<u>\$32,000</u>
				Best case	<u>\$40,000</u>

Fundraising Ideas

Idea	Fundraising activity / Suggestion	Brief overview	Time frame proposed	Possible challenges
1	Champagne shopping / fashion parade night	Retailers pay for site Entry fee of \$10 (Incl glass champagne) Raffle on the night % of proceeds on the night	Near Mothers Day or Spring – 2013	Selling enough sites Marketing to local community
2	Leasing school hall for conferences / business meetings	Promote to local companies & businesses Involve local businesses to cater for events	All year round or in School terms only?	Facilities not adequate. Timeframes not convenient
3	Musical Evening / Concert Night / Talent Quest	Held in the school hall Involve talented locals or families within the school community. Entrance fee charged.		Concert - clashes with the Church's fund raising initiatives for Timor
4	Loyalty programme Rebel	School receives a voucher to spend on equipment etc from any purchases made by Maria Regina families throughout the year.	All year round	Rebel is no longer running initiative.
5	Sponsorships	Create booklet advertising businesses which support the school. Voucher included with some sort of discount or offering. Different sponsorship levels; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200 pa • \$500 pa • \$1,000pa • \$2,000pa What does the sponsor get for their dollar? Create list of local and out of area targets.	Annually	CSO preparing document on what schools can accept and offer for sponsorship.
6	Read –a-thon	Links into School curriculum. Involves Students. Students get sponsored. Possible link to library,		Clashes with Premier's Reading Challenge. Possibly school initiative to tie in with challenge thru Library.
7	School Calendar	High quality and involves artwork from Students. All important School dates, events, activities, celebrations, sports days included in the calendar. One stop reference point for Parents		2011 calendar lost money. Dates change within school calendar. Time taken from school curriculum for teachers to complete

Fundraising Ideas (Continued...)

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8	Trivia Night	Purchase ticket – dinner included Silent auction Raffles Door prizes Purchase drinks (\$ cut to school) Auction		Has been done too often. Give the fundraiser a rest.
9	Hot cross bun drive	Order co-ordinated but school or MR family identifies themselves at purchase and donation made?		A lot of effort for little result.
10	School Cook Book	General feedback suggests a lot of work for minimal fund raising.	Not proceeding with idea.	Not proceeding with idea.
11	School Fete	Hold in school grounds or Dunbar Park Ideas from <i>All Saints</i> Gold Coast Stalls include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photography by students • Art by students • Teddy bear (from Teddy Bear Drive) • Food stalls Opportunity to do a co-operative fete with other schools in the diocese and split the funds	Major event – 2012	Venue & insurance challenges Clashes with other schools fetes (ie Avalon Public one year, Bilgola the other)
12	Chocolate Drive	Consider the quantity to sell by family not Student	Easter 2012	
13	Bunning's Belrose BBQ / Sausage Sizzle	BBQ set up out front of Bunnings Belrose. Stand manned by volunteers for the day. Profits go to Schools (Gross sales less cost of food).		
14	Maria Regina Olympics	Each year thinks of a sport for the olympics Involves all of the family & outdoors Low cost to run / good profit	London Olympics 27 th July – 12 th Aug 2012 Tie event to this	