



WHITFORD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS' & FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION



**SAVE THE DATE
LAPATHON
MONDAY 3RD APRIL**

FUNDRAISING THERMOMETER FOR 2017



Dear Parents and Friends of our School Community

Welcome back to another year at Whitford Catholic Primary School. We are sure 2017 will be another great year.

The aim of the Whitford Catholic Primary School Parents' and Friends' Association (P&F) is to help create and strengthen friendships within the school community, to raise funds for facilities at the School and to support student experience.

This could not be achieved without the support of parents and family members who volunteer their time to run the various events for our children during the year, provide support in class or provide assistance around the school.

P&F Committee for 2017

The new P&F Executive Committee Members for 2017 are:

President:	Nadine Cooperwhite
Vice-Presidents:	Andrew Dunlop
Secretary:	Lisa Briscoe
Treasurer:	Pina Pettinicchio

The P&F aims to be as transparent as possible. All P&F Minutes of Meetings are available on the school website. Just follow the link below to view them.

<http://www.whitfordcatholicps.wa.edu.au/p-f-newsletter-events>

Should you have any queries about the P&F please see one of the committee members or contact the P&F on pandf@wcps.wa.edu.au

FUNDRAISING FOR 2017

For the last three years the P&F has raised over \$50,000 annually which was then disbursed back to the school as per our pledges. This year, the P&F Committee has set **a fundraising target of \$30,000**. Next year the school will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary and it will be a big year for organised events, so

MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 1

March

TBA - Busy Bee

April

3rd - Lapathon

6th – Easter Egg Raffle

Term 2

May

9th-11th – Mother's Day Stall

TBA - Entertainment Book

28th - HBF Run for a Reason

June

TBA – Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

Term 3

TBA – Children's Disco

TBA – Father's Day Stall

TBA – Holiday Raffle

TBA – Music Trivia Night (Adults)

Term 4

TBA – Free Sausage Sizzle

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the P&F has decided to reduce the number of fundraising events for this year. Listed in the column to the left are the expected events for this year. Your support for all or some would be greatly appreciated, so diarise events that are coming up and look out for updates closer to their dates.

PLEDGES FOR 2017

At last week's meeting, the P&F Committee voted to pledge funds for the following in 2017:

1. \$ **800** for the free fresh fruit available to students on canteen days;
2. **\$13,000** for the annual pledge of \$500 per class from Pre Kindy to Year 6. Teachers can spend this for their own class or combine it with other classes in their grade. This year we have included a pledge for the Science Department and the Drama & Dance Departments;
3. **\$16,200** to enhance and upgrade the play areas around the school

That's a total of \$30,000

THANK YOU

Dad's Camp Out

Firstly a **BIG THANK YOU** to **Chris Pawle** and **Andrew Dunlop** for organising and running the Dad's Camp Out. The families who attended had a fantastic time despite the inclement weather leading up to it. Thank you also to the dad's that helped out at the event. We have been assured that this will be the first of several dad events this year.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Notices will be placed in the school newsletter when help is needed. Please look out for the requests and let us know if you can help.

EVENTS

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Notes, raffle tickets and envelopes for this annual raffle will be distributed by mid March. If you would like to enter the draw to win a chocolate prize just write your child's name and class details on the tickets provided and return in the envelope with

the money via the class box. Extra tickets can be purchased from the office.

Donations of Easter eggs can be left in the baskets located in each classroom. Please remember **NO NUTS** when donating chocolate. If you have any baskets (any size) and gift boxes that can be used to wrap the prizes please leave them in the baskets too.

Dates to remember:

- 17th March – Donations received from this date
- 31st March – Last date for donations
- 3rd April – prizes will be wrapped
- 6th April – winners announced

This year we have decided to share our school spirit with the wider community. In addition to the prizes for the raffle, baskets of chocolates will be donated to our Parish, the residents at Mercyville and a women's refuge.

WCPS ANNUAL LAP-A-THON

The lap-a-thon is scheduled for Monday 3rd April from 1:30-2:30pm. Parents are welcome to come and watch or join in with their little ones! This is the biggest fundraiser on the school calendar.

This year money raised from this event will be going towards the P&F commitment to the play areas around the school. All our children will benefit directly from this fundraiser.

Sponsorship envelopes will be sent out mid March to be returned in Term 2.

There are great prizes for most laps (1 x boy & girl for each class) as well as prizes for the largest fundraiser in each class. In addition, there are 2 new prize categories:

- Each child who returns their envelope with donations will go in the draw to be **MR D'ADAMO'S ASSISTANT FOR THE DAY**; and
- The first class to have **all** envelopes returned (even those with no donations) will win a pizza lunch.

Further information will be sent out with the envelopes.

HBF RUN FOR A REASON – Sunday 28th May

Follow the link below to enter our school team - Whitford Catholic Primary School – Whitford Rapids

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=23322&G=45085>

A few things to remember when signing up:

- The event is on Sunday 28 May;
- For the first time, early bird pricing is available **until 13 March**. HBF Members also get an additional discount;
- You can chose from either 4km, 12km or Half Marathon races; and
- To save on fees, select **“Collect”** for the race pack and we will collect them altogether and deliver them to you at school.

Our school has won largest team for the last 3 years. We would love to make it 4!

If you have any queries just contact Pina on 0408350332 or pandf@wcps.wa.edu.au

More Important News

Agenda Items for Monthly P&F Meetings

Prior to each monthly meeting, the P&F will call for any agenda items that the school community wishes to be discussed. Parents who are passionate about helping to build a strong parent community at our School are encouraged to attend these meetings. If you are unable to attend please provide a committee member with details of any issues you would like raised.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at some of the upcoming events.

The next P&F meeting will be on Wednesday, 22nd March at 7:30pm. Meetings are held in the staff room.

All are welcome.

Kind Regards

The Whifford Catholic Primary School P&F Committee

