Fundraising Update

Hi Parents,

We thought we’d give you a quick update on exactly what we are raising money for and, most importantly, where your fundraising dollars are spent.

P&F

The P&F has a new executive team on board this year, who are all eager to simplify the fundraising calendar, create a supportive parent community, and be transparent in terms of our ideas, planning and exactly where your money is going.

FUNDRAISING PROGRAM:

- **Technology Lunches** – this year we are raising money to upgrade the Data Projectors in ALL the classrooms. So far we’ve raised $940.23.

  We need you to keep buying your children tech lunches throughout to support us.

  We don’t have a tuck shop, so it’s a great way to treat the kids to something out of the ordinary.

  We are also planning to introduce some new menu items this year, and look forward to your support as we select items that are tasty for the kids and also deliver us much-needed fundraising dollars.

  If you know a business that could support us – please let us know!

- **School Disco – Friday 2 May from 5.30pm**

  We are simplifying this year’s disco – tickets will be available at the door, so come with your cash ready to support the school – have a dance, grab some food and drinks, and have a fun family night!

P&F MEETING:

Our next P&F Meeting is on Tuesday 1 April at 6pm. ALL ARE WELCOME! We are planning to discuss a number of new initiatives at this meeting, including ideas for the upcoming disco, and technology lunches.

Child minding is available at these meetings, so we hope to see you there!
ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:

We are pleased to offer all parents the opportunity to buy an Entertainment Book. They are a great fundraiser for our school and this year, they are available in hard copy OR as a new digital membership available for your Apple or Android device.

Our school receives 20% of the membership fee, so get some great discounts and support St Josephs at the same time.

COMMUNITY:

We are looking to build a supportive and friendly community here at St Joseph's. As such, we are planning some events so families can meet and mingle outside of school hours.

ANZAC DAY PICNIC – FRIDAY 25 APRIL

We will be meeting at Pineapple Park, ANZAC Day Friday 25 April from 11am.

Parents are welcome to come along after the ANZAC Day parade from St James’ School to Coorparoo RSL.

It will be a relaxed get-together, bring your own food and drinks and mingle with other St Joeys families for some fun in the park on ANZAC Day.

We will be holding other community events throughout the year – stay tuned for details!
FASHION IN THE GARDEN

Fashion in the Garden is an annual event; showcasing beautiful fashion from local businesses and designers, market stalls stocking fashion and homewares, along with delicious food, champagne and entertainment.

Now in its third year, it has fast become a highlight of the school calendar, with the sold-out event attended by the school community and beyond.

Fashion in the Garden does not come under the P&F Fundraising Calendar. This is because:

All money raised is used SOLELY for the garden and outdoor classroom-teaching program. Specifically it is used to fund new garden beds, mulch, plants as well as funding the services of Ms. Linda Brennan from ecobotanica, who is our dedicated science in the garden education teacher for St Joseph’s. This program is used by ALL STUDENTS at St Joseph’s.

Funds Raised:

- 1st Year: $12,000.
- 2nd Year: $16,000.

It costs us approx $3,200 per term ($12,000 per year), to pay for the garden supplies and Ms Brennan’s teaching program.

We are saving the extra approx $4,000 from last year’s program, along with the surplus we hope to raise from this year’s event to pay for an irrigation system in the garden area. The irrigation system can only be installed after the plumbing is complete for the new toilet block. With the renovation of the existing toilet block scheduled to commence at the end of this year, we hope to install the irrigation system in 2015.

In addition, Ms Brennan has a wish list of items she requires to implement the science in the garden program. If you think you might be able to help/donate, please get in touch with the P&F or school office.

CONCLUSION:

We will continue to keep you updated throughout the year on what is happening, funds raised to date and how you can be involved.

Thanks again for all your support!

Best regards,

Loretta Olivotto & Sam Argyrou
P&F Co-Presidents 2014