



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

2020

Our Charter

The P&F recognises and values the role that parents and carers play in the education of their children and aims to strengthen the partnership between family, school, parish and the wider community for the benefit of their children's overall development and learning.

Our Broad Objectives

Community

As a part of our objective to encourage the development of Holy Family Catholic Primary School as a vibrant community, many fun social events are planned with more to come throughout 2020.

These events include:

- The Art Show & Fair and Cocktail Party;
- Class Cocktail parties;
- The Mother's Day Morning Tea;
- The Grandparent's Mass;
- Mid-year dinner
- The Dad's Big Breakfast; and
- The Christmas Markets.

We hope you can all be part of these events – as attendees or volunteers – as they contribute enormously to building a strong sense of school community. Event dates are in the attached calendar. Reminders also appear in the school newsletter before each event and can be found online at <https://www.hfldbb.catholic.edu.au/news-events/calendar/>

Communication

The P&F hold one meeting per term to provide an opportunity for the school and parent community to meet to discuss matters of general interest. We invite you to join us. P&F meeting times are also in the attached calendar, and published each term in the school newsletter.

If you would like to raise issues at other times, we encourage you to speak to any member of the P&F executive, or you can email your request to info@holyfamily.nsw.edu.au.

Broken Bay Catholic School Parents (CSP) - formerly the Diocesan Parent Council (DPC)

Alongside our school community events, the P&F regularly attends the Catholic Schools Parents (CSP) meetings, part of the Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Broken Bay. This enables us to keep up to date with developments in education and Catholic education in particular, exchange ideas on fundraising and other matters with other P&F teams, and have a voice at diocesan level. For more information about the CSP, visit www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com.

Healthy and Sustainable Fundraising

The P&F introduced the "Healthy and Sustainable Guidelines for Fundraising and Social Events" in 2011. All school committees are encouraged to follow these guidelines when planning fundraising and social events in 2020. The intention is not to remove all "treats" from social and fundraising activities, but to provide a choice of healthy alternatives and minimise waste to reduce our environmental impact.

Social Justice

The Social Justice committee is a vital part of the Holy Family school fabric and an avenue for us to contribute meaningfully in the fight against poverty and injustice in our community, region and world. We actively work with the school to support a range of initiatives throughout the year to help our children become aware of how they might make a difference to the lives of those less fortunate than themselves. The social justice team also works with the P&F to allocate funds to a diverse range of organisations such as the School of St Jude's in Tanzania, Redfern's Jarjum College, KYDS Youth Counselling Service, Cana Communities, and Mary's House among others. Parents and friends are encouraged to come along to committee meetings.

Funding

Events and activities

The P&F's key fundraising initiatives this year include the Art Show and Fair, the Walkathon and the Christmas Markets. The sale of school uniforms through the Cowan and Lewis, also provides some funds to the P&F.

Another main funding source is sponsorship. If your business is interested in learning about opportunities to sponsor our school, please speak with any member of the P&F executive, or send us an email.

Continuing the vision of 2019, our major initiative remains to plan for the longer-term expansion of our co-curricular facilities and playground space, as well as assisting in the ongoing improvement of the school's infrastructure. Addressing this issue is an enormous cost, and can only be undertaken as a collaborative effort between the diocese, the Catholic Schools Office, the parish, the school and the P&F.

Planning and running of any fundraising event require an enormous effort from parents, friends and relatives who volunteer their time, and we encourage as many of you as possible to get involved. We also thank in advance all of you who will devote so much time to our fundraising efforts this year.

Application of funds

The P&F welcomes your views on how we will use the money we raise this year. **Please provide your suggestions and any feedback to an executive member or at the next P&F meeting.**

Subject to suggestions raised at the P&F meeting, our key funding goals for 2020 are:

- To meet recurrent expenditure requirements of the school, 'flexible furniture' for the school, resources supporting Science and Technology, supporting the School Improvement Plan, and funding specific teaching and learning programs such as MiniLit and MacqLit.
- To support the collaboration of the school and parish (Lindfield and Killara) in their social justice programs.

Funds raised above these commitments will go towards the school building fund. Extracurricular activities (such as the school band) receive support from funds raised each term from P & F tuckshop days.

As you will appreciate, no specific amount of money is applied to meet these objectives as we recognise fundraising activities vary in success from year to year.

Support

While often not visible to the general parent community, under the current Strategic Plan the school board adopted, the P&F is responsible for implementing certain specific initiatives, including:

- Welcoming new families;
- Supporting the school and wider community in times of need;
- Further developing the role of the P&F within the principles of "shared wisdom"; and
- Planning for succession.

All of these activities grow and strengthen our sense of school community, a trademark of Holy Family. To continue to build positive relationships and the spirit of community, the P&F is committed to working closely with the Principal Mr Dogao, the school board and the wider school community.

We look forward to working together for a great 2020

Calendar of Events - 2020

JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
30	School resumes	6 7 11 19 26	Opening School Mass Kindy and New Families Welcome BBQ Swimming Carnival (West Pymble) P&F Meeting Term 1 Ash Wednesday
MARCH		APRIL	
18 20 20 21-22	Lenten Mass Cross Country Art Show Cocktail Party Art Show & Fair	9 12 27	Last day of term 1 Easter Sunday School resumes for Term 2
MAY		JUNE	
7 20 21/22 27 27	Mother's Day Mass & Breakfast Athletics carnival Band camp Athletics carnival P&F Meeting Term 2	8	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
JULY		AUGUST	
3 20 31	Last day of Term 2 School resumes for Term 3 Grandparent's day Mass and Morning Tea	12	P&F Meeting Term 3
SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
4 11 18 25	Father's Day Big Breakfast School Disco Walkathon / Colour run Last day of Term 3	12 16	First day of Term 4 Walkathon / Colour Run (Wet weather alt)
NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
11 TBC	P&F Meeting term 4 Christmas Markets	2 TBC TBC 16 17 18	Annual General Meeting Carols evening Graduation Mass Last day of Term 4 Staff Development Day Staff Development Day

Please note that these dates are subject to change.
Please check the weekly newsletter, and the online calendar.