P&F Newsletter

President’s Message

Welcome back to Term 3 (after a well deserved and much needed rest for everyone!)

Ever heard the saying “Many hands make light work”?

At a special meeting before the holidays, the P & F Executive discussed an idea from the Federation to help lighten the load for everyone at our College. We will be continuing the discussion at our daytime meeting (23rd July) and welcome you to come along and hear more about it. The system is entitled “Just one thing” with an add-on for the College Fair of “Just one more thing”. It is once again a busy term ahead – see our upcoming events! If you would like a chance to help out on any or all of the events, please contact us and we will be more than happy to take full advantage of your wonderful talents!

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.” (William James)

Thanks

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Treasurer’s Update

Term 2 was a great term for granting funding requests to the college. The P&F donated over $27,000 to help fund additional resources in the tuckshop, for the musical, in the library and the P-2 classrooms. One of the big donations was for curtains. With the help of Bill and Stephanie Philp we will have curtains on the window side of Primary and Secondary learning support rooms, the RTC, 7F, 7J, 7N, 1ME classrooms and on both sides of 2BR, 2KC, 2M, 3D and 3BR classrooms.

Christmas in July Dinner Dance

When: Saturday 31st July - Doors open at 6:00pm
Cost: $30 per head for a two course buffet style meal (no other costs, byo all drinks)
Where: Narangba Community Hall, Mackie Rd, Narangba
There will be a lucky door prize and prizes for the best decorated table (Christmas theme) – so dig out your Christmas decorations and get creative. The entertainment will be 3rd Time Lucky, a Live Band made up of school dads. So arrange for a babysitter, get a few friends together and come and enjoy a great evening.

P&F Meetings

Everyone is welcome to join the P&F meetings. They are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm on the mezzanine level of the library. Once a year we have a daytime meeting for those who can’t make the nighttime meeting. This year that meeting is planned for July.

23rd July (After the P-6 Assembly)
10th August
14th September
12th October (AGM)
9th November

Fathers Day Stall

Each year, St Eugene College holds a Father's Day stall. This stall gives the children the opportunity to purchase a low cost gift for their dad and/or significant male eg. Grandad, uncle etc. The children always display great enthusiasm and delight at being able to choose a gift they think their dad will love.

This year there will be a large variety of gifts on offer. All gifts are $4 each. This is great value for the quality of the gifts. The gifts will be on display in the library window during August. Take your children for a look and show them the gifts dad will love.

Stall dates this term will be:
Thursday 26 August – first stall for children in P-6
Thursday 2 September – second stall for children in P-6 and the stall will be run during first break for children in years 7 to 10.

P to 6 students will receive a note in early August detailing the procedure they will need to follow in order to purchase a gift.

7 to 10 students are to bring their money and buy directly from the stall on Thursday 2 September

Wrapping Day

Prior to the stall all the gifts need to be wrapped and tagged. If you are able to assist with this task then please come to the Narazeth Centre at 9am on 16 August. ‘Many hands make light work’.

Term 3, April 2010

If you don’t like something, change it; if you can’t change it, change the way you think about it.

Mary Engelbreit
Family Portraits

We are holding a family portrait on day on Sunday 15th August 2010. Each participating family will receive a studio quality 10”x13” colour portrait in a frame for $10. Each sitting requires two generations of family or more e.g. parents and children. Flyers will be sent home, or contact Deb Turner on 0431016141 to book your appointment time. Portraits will be held in the demountable building just behind the church.

Ten Tips to Promote Effective Parenting – P&F Federation Information Sheet 9

1. Unity between spouses makes parenting more likely to succeed.
   ‘The best thing a husband can do for his children is to love their mother.’
   Ray Guarendi, Back to the Family.

2. Give lots of time and affection.
   ‘Every piece of research on effective childhood socialisation identifies two broad parameters, emotional support (affection) and limit setting.’
   Prof Don Edgar, RMIT Centre for Workplace Culture Change.

3. Give unconditional love and encouragement.
   ‘I give them lots of love and tell them we don’t tolerate that behaviour here.’
   Louisiana reform school headmistress.

4. Have high but specific expectations.
   ‘First Corollary to the Law of Domestic Expectations: Mum shouldn’t do anything anyone else can do, and if no one else can do it, teach ’em how.’

5. Lead by example.
   ‘It’s amazing how high some parents put the crossbar for their kids, and how low they put it for themselves.’
   Jack Gibson, Rugby League coach.

6. Manage the inputs.
   ‘Remove indecent pictures and speech from the stage and from the sight and hearing of the young.’
   Aristotle, 384-322 BC.

7. Teach right and wrong.
   ‘My mother, I am no longer a child, I know the difference between right and wrong.’
   Telemachus, in Homer’s Odyssey c800 BC.

8. Build good habits from the start.
   ‘Good character consists of knowing the good, desiring the good and doing the good…… habits of mind, habits of heart and habits of action.’
   Dr Thomas Lickona, Educating for Character.

9. Let your child wear his or her mistakes.
   ‘Children need to fail…… When we impulsively protect our children from failure, we deprive them of learning.’
   Martin Seligman, The Optimistic Child.

10. Use initiative to create a bright and happy home life.
    ‘Why should children be happy with their lot when parents complain about theirs.’
    Barbara Holborow, Children’s Court Magistrate.

Disco Coordinator Update

This term we have 2 discos, the first on the 23rd July and the other one on the 30th July.

The first disco for Term 3 on the 23rd July is the Prep-Year 6 Christmas in July Disco. This will also be held at the Narangba Community Hall. Prep – Year 3 your disco will be from 5.30-7.00pm and Year 4-6 your disco will be from 7.00-8.30pm. Cost will be $5 and this will include entry, hotdog and a drink.

This term we will have a return slip on the flyer that will be sent home, please include all details and place it in an envelope with your money and put it in the P & F box in the student services office. The tin will be emptied every night and tickets given to teachers the next day. The last day to pre-purchase your tickets will be Thursday 22nd July. By pre-purchasing your tickets this will help us to estimate how many students to cater for on the night.

The other disco on the 30th July in Term 3 is the Year 7 – 10 Disco. It will go from 6.30-9.00pm and be held at the Narangba Community Hall. Cost will be $5 and this will include entry and a soft drink. The tickets for this disco will be available during PC classes of a morning commencing from the 26th July.

Herb & Ros Parker
Disco Co-ordinators

Upcoming Events

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How to Contact us.

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