

SPRING FAIR 2017 NEWSLETTER 1



ST PAUL'S SPRING FAIR,
FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2017,
3PM TO 7PM

5th June 2017

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WHO ARE THE P&F?

The Parents and Friends Association is made up of parents and guardians of children at St Paul's Catholic Primary School. These are members of our school community who give up their time to support the school for the benefit of all our children.

- The P&F President for 2017 is:
Helen Moon.
- The Spring Fair Coordinator for 2017 is Amy De Santis.
Amy can be contacted via email at springfair2017@outlook.com

Additionally, we have a Spring Fair group on Facebook that we use to communicate current ideas and things that need doing. If you are interested in assisting please search Facebook groups for "SP ADMIN Spring Fair 2017".

WHY ARE WE HAVING A SPRING FAIR?

St Paul's Spring Fair is a great opportunity for the School and local community to come together. It allows for the children to embrace the school and the Parish, and for the local community to join in celebration of the school; creating a strong sense of belonging for all involved.

Importantly the Spring Fair is the main fundraiser for the P&F for 2017. We hope that through the Spring Fair we are able to raise sufficient funds to continue the great work of the P&F. In the past, the P&F has funded:

- An annual contribution of \$2500 to the School Library for the purchase of new and replacement books.
- An annual contribution of \$1500 to the Year 6 Graduation.
- Learning Tables, sports marquees, book week performances, sporting singlets and more – at a cost of \$9800.

- Technology – iPads, Mac Books and Interactive White Boards. As well as replacements to aging equipment. This has been at a cost of \$15000 in 2016. This has allowed for an increase in IT availability in the classrooms to a ratio of one PC/laptop/iPad to every two children.
- The purchase of air conditioners for all classrooms

FUTURE P&F FUNDING

In the coming two years the P&F are looking to fund the following projects:

- Continued IT resources – both additional iPads/Laptops and replacement IT for aging equipment. This will enable the children to continue to learn on modern, relevant technology, which will better prepare them for their future schooling years. The funding required to provide and continue to upgrade IT resources is \$15,000 annually.
- Audio equipment replacement – The current audio system in the School hall has been failing in recent years. In order to maintain a professional and effective communication tool we need to replace and upgrade the current system.

- Shade/shelter for the front playground. Quoting is underway for a variety of options to provide shade and shelter to the front playground. This will allow better weather protection for the children; giving them an area to eat and play in wet weather, rather than staying in the classrooms. It will also improve the external appearance of our School. While the quotes are not yet complete, we expect this to be an expensive project and as such may need to fundraise over the course of two to three years.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We need your help! We need all of St Paul's families to get behind the Spring Fair. There are many ways in which you can be involved, both in the lead up to the Spring Fair and at the event.

Please remember that this is your child's school, your child's education and your child's Spring Fair.

Thank you to all students and families for the support you have already shown in both the Crazy Hair day and Crazy Pants day. Your donations will be used to support the Spring Fair.

AREAS WE NEED

ASSISTANCE WITH

The current priorities are:

1. We are in need of Stall Coordinators. We need one parent from each class to volunteer to coordinate a stall. We currently require a parent from each of the following classes: Kindy-Blue, Kindy-Red, 2-Red, 4-Red, 5-Blue, 5-Red, 6-Blue, 6-Red. If you would like to volunteer to be the coordinator for your child's class please email springfair2017@outlook.com
2. We also need sponsorship and donations. This can be a small donation, such as a \$20 gift card for a local store, through to large sponsorship of the event. Sponsorship deals can be negotiated and would entail a cash donation in return for advertising space in both the media promotion of the Spring Fair and at the Spring Fair event. If you own a business or have a connection to a business, we would greatly appreciate your consideration of a donation or sponsorship. If you can assist with this please email springfair2017@outlook.com
3. We are looking for commercial stall holders. This would allow your business to set up a stall in the "Market Place" of the Spring Fair. In return for your stall position we would negotiate a commission based fee with you and we would also appreciate a small donation of your product to be used in the Chocolate Wheel Raffle at the Spring Fair. If you would like to hold a stall in the Market Place, please email springfair2017@outlook.com
4. We have a small opening for Food Stalls. If you are interested in hosting a food stall at the Spring Fair please email springfair2017@outlook.com
5. We require assistance with contacting local businesses for sponsorship and donations. This can be done through phone, email, face to face contact or mail. We need at least 6 volunteers to assist with this. If you can assist with this please email springfair2017@outlook.com
6. We will require parents from every class to assist on the Spring Fair stalls. If all parents contribute we expect the time on the stall to be as little as 30mins per parent. Further information regarding this will be forthcoming.


UPCOMING DATES AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Spring Fair – Friday 27th October 2017, 3pm to 7pm.
- The next Spring Fair meeting will be held Friday 23rd June, 9am at the St Joseph's room. All welcome and encouraged to attend.
- We have launched a Facebook Page for the Spring Fair event. This is the page available to the general public and will be updated regularly with information about stalls and entertainment to be held at the Spring Fair. Please search Facebook for

'St Pauls Spring Fair 2017'

OR

<https://m.facebook.com/StPaulsSpringFair2017/>

and  Like our Facebook page.



Hebrews 13:16

*Keep doing good works and sharing your resources,
for these are the kinds of sacrifice that please God.*