



Parents + Friends



Dear Parents,

Can you believe how this year has flown by and that Christmas is only 22 sleeps away eek!

At the recent P & F Annual General Meeting, I was honoured to be voted as President of the St Peter's Parent and Friends. I have two children at the school Max about to move into Year 3 and Grace who is graduating from Year 6 and together with my husband Jason we own a medium sized event management business in Perth and Melbourne (although Jason does not work in the business as that would be too stressful!!!).

My family's time at St Peter's commenced in 2014 when our daughter Grace started Kindy and I was a nervous Mum not knowing anyone else at the school. Eight years on and our family has formed life-long friendships with many of the parents from that first year Kindy cohort and throughout our journey at St Peter's and I am sure many of you have experienced similar connections.

We are strong in spirit as a community and this was testament at our recent P & F End of Year celebration on the oval with more than 800 attending to connect, engage, reflect and celebrate on the year that was. Events such as these can't happen without the support of volunteers to plan and deliver these activities for the families. Unfortunately, in the last year the number of volunteers has reduced and I am hoping that the results from our recent P & F survey indicating a desire and willingness by parents to volunteer comes to fruition in 2022.

I must admit I too have been one of those parents that have watched from the sidelines and thought someone else will put their hand up. However, there is nothing more rewarding than the smile you see on your child's face when their parent is volunteering on an activity. Now is the time for us to come together as a school community to demonstrate to our children the importance of good discipleship and our TRUE values of St Peter's.

The first volunteer call out we are seeking for 2022 is for **Class Representatives**. The role of the Class Rep is to attend P & F meetings (now reduced to one a term); communicate back to class parents on outcomes of those meetings; plan year or class social gatherings and to welcome new families to the school. In previous years reps were required to collect monies and arrange gifts for the teachers however, to reduce the pressure on Reps we are suggesting for 2022 that this be left up to each individual parent should they wish to give gifts.

To nominate as a class representative register your interest [here](#)

Whilst you may not see my face around school, please feel free to drop me an email renee.bennett@encanta.com.au and share your ideas on how we can make St Peter's an even greater school than it already is.

Blessings for the holiday season and I look forward to connecting with many of you in the new year.

Regards

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2022 Parents and Friends Representatives

Renee Bennett, President
Marieka Rendall, Vice President
Henry Pelka, Treasurer
Suzanne Gallagher, Secretary

Natasha Dowson, General Executive Member
Dave Dawes, General Executive Member
Nerida Aitken, General Executive Member