

# P&F Parent Survey Results 2013

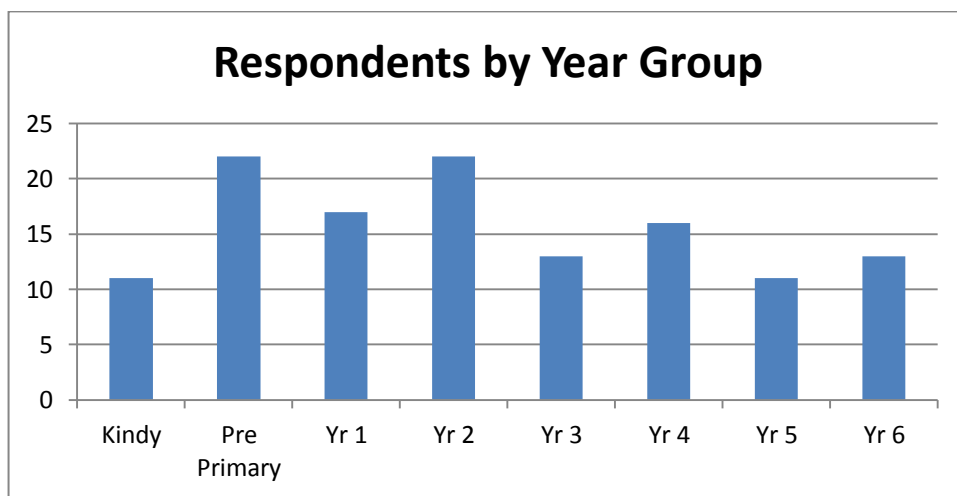
The P&F Executive would like to thank the families who completed the survey and provided valuable feedback to the committee. 84 families responded to the survey which represents 30% of families within the school.

The survey was designed to obtain feedback on various issues relating to the P&F and provide families with an opportunity to help shape the future running of the P&F. This report outlines the survey results, providing commentary where appropriate. The committee hopes that you find the information informative and useful and will use this data to formulate changes where appropriate over the next 12 months.

## Results

**Q1: Please indicate the year in which your child is currently enrolled at St Luke's CPS (where you have more than one child, please chose more than one response)**

Please note that respondents may have more than one child attending the school.



**Q2: Are you aware of P&F activities planned for Term 4?**

77% of respondents are aware of P&F activities planned for Term 4. The score indicates our communication of events is largely reaching families, however it is acknowledged an opportunity to improve the dissemination of information exists.

**Q3 Part (1): Do you know when P&F meetings are held?**

90% of respondents know when P&F meetings are held.

Two P&F meetings are held each term, with the exception of term 4 when there is one regular meeting and one Annual General Meeting (AGM). Notification of meetings is made through the P&F newsletter, school newsletter and class bulletins (where issued).

**Q3 Part (2): Do you regularly attend P&F meetings?**

87% of respondents do not attend P&F meetings on a regular basis.

The main reasons for non-attendance at P&F meetings are:

- Other commitments including work
- Child minding difficulties
- Lack of time during the evening

The P&F committee acknowledge the difficulty families encounter with evening meetings.

**Q4: Do you read the P&F newsletter?**

92% of respondents read the P&F newsletter.

The P&F newsletter is published on the school website every Wednesday. Families who have provided their email address to the school will receive an email notification and link to both the school and P&F newsletters. If you do not receive this notification, please check with the office that your current email address is recorded.

**Q5: Please indicate, in order of preference how you would like to receive information about the P&F and its events.**

The following results indicate respondents' **first** preference (as a percentage) for receiving information from the P&F:

P&F Newsletter by email:	76%
P&F Facebook Page:	13%
School Website:	11%
P&F Meetings:	0%

Results show a strong preference to receive the P&F newsletter by email. To expedite access to the newsletter, the P&F committee will investigate sending families an email with an attachment of the newsletter rather than a link requiring navigation via the school website. Commentary received from respondents indicates a strong desire for the newsletter to be published and issued as hard copy, however the school administration has advised the P&F this is not permissible and newsletter communications must be electronic.

**Q6: In your opinion, how should P&F funds be spent?**

P&F funds are spent in accordance with the aims of the P&F as outlined in the P&F Constitution, namely:

- To develop at the school a community of parents, teachers and students which reflect a Christian ethos (section 4b)
- Work to provide additional resources considered necessary for the children or to assist the teachers in their professional work (section 4j)

As such, events organised by the P&F are of both a fundraising nature such as the school fete and wine raffle, whilst others are to build community spirit and run at a cost to the P&F such as the dinner dance and evening on the green. Some events including the Easter raffle and father daughter/son camp encompass both fundraiser and community spirit.

67 parents provided feedback on how P&F funds should be spent. Surprisingly, 25% of respondents indicated air-conditioning as a funding priority. During 2009 and 2010, the P&F contributed \$44,552 to upgrade the air-conditioning throughout the school. Currently, there is no classroom or work area in the school that is not air-conditioned.

Notwithstanding this, respondents' top five funding priorities are:

- Play equipment for use at recess and lunch
- Upgrade of playground equipment, especially in the Kindy area
- Upgrade of library resources, especially Lexile books
- Sporting equipment, including athletic equipment and team sports (eg: softball)
- Technology upgrade, including computers and iPads

The P&F committee will bring the top five suggestions to the first P&F meeting next year to discuss and prioritise for 2014 spending and fundraising activities.

**Q7 Part (1): The aim of the St Luke's P&F Association is clearly expressed in written communications**

Agree: 61%  
Neutral: 31%  
Disagree: 8%

The aim of the P&F Association is clearly documented in the P&F Constitution which is published on the school website.

**Q7 Part (2): The St Luke's P&F operates in an open and transparent manner**

Agree: 60%  
Neutral: 37%  
Disagree: 4%

**Q7 Part (3): St Luke's P&F decision making is inclusive and enables input by St Luke's parents and families**

Agree: 50%  
Neutral: 44%  
Disagree: 6%

**Q7 Part (4): My interests are considered and represented by the St Luke's P&F**

Agree: 36%  
Neutral: 58%  
Disagree: 5%

Results show parent uncertainty on how their interests can be raised for consideration and subsequently represented. There are three avenues for parents to voice their opinions should they be unable to attend P&F meetings. These are:

- E-mail using the P&F email address: **parentsstlukes@outlook.com**
- Complete a "Questions with Notice" form to be raised at the P&F meeting for discussion and consideration. The form can be found on the school website
- Via your Class Representative to forward to the P&F Secretary for action

**Q8: Do you believe the P&F should run free school community events to promote community spirit within the school?**

93% of respondents believe the P&F **should** run free school community events. This is in line with the aims of the P&F and will be introduced in 2014.

**Q9: Would you use the services of a professional Occupational Therapist/ Speech Therapist located on the grounds of St Luke's Primary?**

64% of respondents (54 families) indicated they would use the services of an on-site specialist. This will be brought to the attention of the school administration for further consideration and action.

**Q10: Do you have any suggestions on what fundraising activities or community events the P&F should run in 2014 or have any other comments you would like to share?**

Respondents provided numerous suggestions on possible events the P&F could run in 2014. The top 3 events listed were:

- Evening on the Green
- Carols by Candlelight
- School Disco

Using the suggestions made and in light of many comments on sharing the responsibility of organising events, the P&F committee have allocated an event for each year group to organise next year. These are:

- New Family Morning Tea (PP)
- Evening on the Green (Yr1)
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle (Yr2)
- School Disco (Yr3)
- Easter Raffle (Yr4)
- Car Boot Sale (Yr5)
- Movie Night at Cinema (Yr6)

A Carols by Candlelight will be organised in conjunction with the school administration.

The P&F will run the Father/Daughter camp again next year and hope to again secure gates at next year's Wanneroo Show. Traditional individual fundraising events including the Footy Tipping Competition and Entertainment Books will also continue.

## **Conclusion**

The P&F Committee will use the feedback received to help deliver better communications, improve parent engagement and help achieve the aims of the P&F as outlined in the Constitution. Thank you for taking part in this year's survey.

Margarita Tranquille  
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