Parent Voice at St Joseph’s 2015
Dear Families,

As many of you would be aware, St. Joseph’s have been working hard in recent times to strengthen and nurture parent engagement in the life of the school community. We have a wonderful group of parents who attend our regular gatherings, and our discussions range from conversations about learning, different ways for families to be involved, ways that parent voice can be heard, through to fantastic fundraising ideas. One of our important pieces of work recently has been to discuss a Mission statement for our group. The following is what we have come up with, and we would love your feedback!

**St. Joseph’s Parent Voice** is an ongoing, open communication forum & working partnership for the School community. We are inclusive of all school families wanting to share their voice, generate ideas & donate their time for our core goals & values.

**Our aim is to:**

- Build and strengthen community
- Support families in their Faith journey
- Build school enthusiasm & pride
- Promote effective communication between home, school and community
- Strive for ongoing positive learning and life outcomes for our children
- Fundraise for continuous school improvement in line with the school’s Catholic Mission

Let us know what you think! You can email us at info@sjsh.catholic.edu.au and attention St. Joseph’s Parent Voice. *We’d love your thoughts!*
One of the group’s reflections on learning that was discussed at our recent meeting was the wonderful class newsletters and term overviews that have become part of what we do at St. Joseph’s. The richness of learning is strongly evident through these newsletters, and they provide great opportunities for families to become more connected to the classroom. One parent commented that it was great to be able to use the newsletter as a point of discussion around the dinner table about what was happening at school. These connections are vital in improving the learning outcomes for your children.

Another hot topic for discussion was our school uniform. As of late last year, a small sub-committee of the School Board was formed to look into the updating of our current uniform, and we are in the process of doing a complete review of what we offer. The message for now is “Watch this Space!”

Our group has discussed a number of fundraising and community building initiatives at recent meetings. These include ‘Joey’sCafe’ coffee service – wonderfully supported by the Barlow family, and a Dinner Dance with a ‘Christmas in July’ theme, to be held on Saturday 25th July at the Lockley’s Hotel - $35 per head for a 3-course meal, and entertainment, with $10 per ticket sold returned to the school. If you’ve got a great community building idea, why not come along and share it with us at our next meeting!
Our next meeting will be held on Monday 11\textsuperscript{th} May, in the Staffroom, from 5.45pm.

\textbf{EVERYBODY} is welcome to attend – wouldn’t it be great if we had to spill over into the Hall because there were too many for the Staffroom!

Kind regards,

Phil Schultz