About the P&F

The St Denis Parents & Friends Association is affiliated with the Parents & Friends Federation of Western Australia Incorporated. Membership to the St Denis P & F Association is open to:

- Parents/Guardians of children attending St Denis, or any person who supports the objectives of the St Denis P & F Association.
- The Parish Priest, the St Denis Principal and all the members of the teaching staff of St Denis (as ex-officio members).

The P & F is not just a fund raising body. The P & F:

- Works closely with the Principal to achieve common goals.
- Provides healthy forums for discussion.
- Organises social events to build a school community that reflects Christian values.
- Organises fundraising events to attract additional financial resources to the school.

P&F Executive Committee

The positions within the Executive Committee include:

- President
- Treasurer
- Vice President
- Assistant Treasurer
- Secretary
- Board Representative
- Assistant Secretary

P&F Meetings

Generally P&F meetings are held once per month on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm at the school. Dates are listed in the school calendar, and are also advertised through the school newsletter.

At the monthly meetings we:

- Receive a report from the St Denis Principal, who provides information on many staff decisions and the rationale behind these.
- Receive a report from the P & F School Board Representative, who provides information on many School Board decisions and the rationale behind these.
- Give parents an opportunity to raise items for discussion.
- Decide on the type, number and timing of fundraising and social events to be held.
- Agree on how to allocate P & F funds.
- Have guest speakers appearing from time to time.
- Provide refreshments and encourage parents to stay at the conclusion to socialise.

EVERYONE is welcome to come along to the P & F meetings to help make decisions and contribute any ideas they have. You don’t have to be a committee member or a Class Representative; and you don’t have to come to EVERY meeting.
P&F Communication

A regular update is included in the School Newsletter and the P&F FaceBook Page to keep everyone informed about the activities of the P & F. We keep you up to date about social events, meetings, guest speakers at meetings, fundraising events, and P&F funds spent on school resources, current issues etc.

P&F Events

If you have any ideas for events, either fundraising or social, please let your Class Representative or a member of the P & F Committee know, or bring your ideas to a P & F meeting.

Regular events organised by the P & F include:

- Twilight Picnic
- Easter Bunny Visit to School
- School Disco
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
- Parent only event
- Family event

We also manage a number of special activities throughout the year to the school community such as:

- Pasta drives
- Entertainment book drive
- Calendar and/or gift card drive

Events and activities are always advertised in the P&F Update section of the School’s newsletter and notice boards throughout the school.

What is a Class Representative and what do they do?

Class Representatives have a key role in the operations of the P&F. We aim to have three-four parent Class Representatives for each class from Pre-Kindy to Year 6. They help build the communication link between the P & F and parents easier. They:

- Liaise with other parents to convey P & F information as required.
- Collate/update a parent contact list for their class.
- Help parents to become familiar with each other.
- Organise a welcome event for any newcomers to the school, e.g. coffee/drinks at the local café.
- Plan a class social event during the year so that all parents have an opportunity to become more familiar with one another, e.g. an afternoon in the park, dinner, out for coffee/drinks etc.
- Encourage as many people as possible to take part in events.
- Help to distribute and collect material for social/fundraising events i.e. flyers, tickets.
- Bring issues to P&F Meetings on behalf of other parents who are unable to attend.

How many P&F Meetings do Class Representatives have to attend?

At least one representative from every class should attend each P & F meeting. These can be rotated between representatives each meeting if desired, although many representatives attend all meetings.
How do I become a Class Representative?

Requests are generally submitted to the Executive Committee towards end of year for the upcoming year. Interest can be made by:

- Attending the first meeting of the year (February) and indicating interest OR
- By contacting the P&F President or Secretary before the first meeting of each new calendar year.

We look forward to working with you during the year to provide additional resources for our children and to further develop the school community.