P and F News

The St Mary’s Parents and Friends met Tuesday 10th May, 2016. Chrissie Morrison, our Family Educator for the Clarence Valley Parish, joined us for part of the meeting. Chrissie is looking for avenues to continue building the partnership between schools, parents and Church. She will be joining us at our cuppa, cake and meditation session on the 27th May at 12.00 pm. Some of the main points discussed are outlined below.

1. The P and F want to ensure that all parents/carers are provided with the opportunity to feel connected even if they are not able to attend a meeting. Don’t panic - we’re not thinking of holding a video conference but would happily email a copy of the agenda/minutes to any interested parties. Furthermore a printed copy of the minutes will be available at the office and published on the school website. All Agendas and Minutes will be created with Google docs which allows for comments/ suggestions to be made and shared - even if you are not there (this is the same platform our students use at St Mary's). The screenshot below shows how easy it is to make a comment.

Please let one of the executive P and F know if you would like to be included on the email list
smp.pnf.president.grafton@gmail.com, smp.pnf.secretary.grafton@gmail.com or
smp.pnf.treasurer.grafton@gmail.com

2. The P and F agreed that funds raised this year would assist with the purchase of approximately 10 chromebooks. Our wonderful learnscape project is still our priority but with the fundraising initiatives on offer we should be able to fund both. The proposed fundraising activities for this term include the barbeque/cake stall at the athletics carnival (organised by our
Stage 2 parents), a disco planned for the 24th June and a read-a-thon. Stay tuned for more on these events and we look forward to your contribution.

3. The Sticky Beak bags are on the way - thanks Angie Day.

4. The P and F received correspondence regarding the 2016 National Excellence in Teaching Awards. It would be fantastic for a teacher at St Mary’s to be nominated for this award. See the flyer below for more information or go to asg.com.au/nominate before 31st July 2016.

On a final note, a big thank you to the Year 6 class parents and all the teachers for making sure Mother’s Day was memorable. The excited child/ren who can’t wait to present the specially made card or decorated white bag is as precious as the gift inside. Morning Tea was a beautiful celebration!

The informal cuppa and cake before assembly on the 27th May (12.00pm) is a great way to chat with other parents. We would love to see as many faces as possible and toddlers are welcome.

The next P and F meeting will be held on the 14th June at 5.30pm. Babysitting is provided.