

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Finley, NSW

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Parent Council of St Joseph's Primary School Finley I would like to welcome you into our community.

For over 100 years, our school has been educating young people – you may even be an ex-student yourself. But more than that, St Joseph's (or Joey's as it's now called by many) works with us as parents to help our children grow into respectful and responsible young people who understand the rights of others.

The culture amongst staff and students at Joeys is one of care. I trust you will be inspired and warmed by stories of how a Year Six student helped a Year One learn how to kick a footy, or how in the sandpit today children from across the age groups built 'the most amazing city and farm and factory and there was a tunnel'.

There is an important role you can play in this as a parent at Joeys. Each year the Parent Council raises \$8,000 to fund the purchase of new and up-to-date resources such as readers, teacher tools and technology that keep children inspired and learning in different ways. As involved parents, it's another way we can make sure our children are receiving the best we can give them.

In addition to this, we contribute to the school's infrastructure and ongoing upkeep. The most recent example of this was working with the St Mary's Parish to update the Parish Hall kitchen which our children use in their Kitchen Garden program. We now have two 900mm gas cooktop electric ovens 900mm stove and storage for the kitchen tools our children use to create dishes from the garden produce. In addition, when we cater for school events, we will now have the capacity to do much of the catering ourselves where previously we had to outsource this.

How you can help is by making yourself available for practical events which raise these funds. The Finley Rodeo, the Tractor Pull and a wood chop day to cut and split wood for auction at the school fete are amongst our annual events.

I am a strong believer that a sense of community starts at home, and one of the best ways your children can see how to work with and support others is to be a contributing community member yourself. I encourage you to demonstrate what community is to your children by participating in the work of the Joey's Parent Council. We have monthly meetings which go for about an hour (they are advertised in the School Newsletter) and we'd love to see you there. Or if a flyer comes home asking for help, please make the time to respond and participate. We have a great group of like-minded parents at the school and the social and fundraising events of the Parent Council are a great way to get to know each other.

If you have any ideas for fundraising, please let us know!!! We are always looking for fresh ideas. If you have any queries about the work of the Parent Council, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0407 262 780.

I look forward to seeing you around the school.

Yours Sincerely

Gabrielle Coupland