P & F Welcome to Parents

The Santa Sabina College Parents and Friends’ Association would like to take this opportunity to welcome new families and returning families to the College for 2015. Our P&F works to build community and to raise funds to contribute to the education activities at the College. All three campuses across the College are represented by a single P&F. We look forward to sharing a social and enjoyable year with you.

Welcome from the P & F President

On behalf of the Santa Sabina College Parents and Friends’ community I would like to welcome you to the Del Monte Campus for 2015.

Both my son and daughter are currently at Del Monte and have thrived on the opportunities, experiences and pastoral care that is provided.

I know your sons and daughters will enjoy the resources, the fabulous teaching staff and tailored programs that have been developed for our children at Del Monte.

The Parents and Friends are involved in many aspects of the Del Monte campus and across the College. I encourage you to participate in as many areas as you would like and to take advantage of the many ways you can assist in functions at the College.

This is a great way for you to not only become involved but to also meet and socialise with the families with whom you and your children will be spending their schooling years.

The P&F meets quarterly to discuss and share information about the College. We encourage you to come along and meet other parents and teachers and to learn about the new developments that are occurring in the College.

The College truly lives and breathes its mission “a Catholic school in the Dominican tradition, educating students to achieve personal excellence, to act with justice and compassion, and embrace the future with an optimistic global vision”.

Welcome!

Best regards

Peta Demery
This booklet has been designed to assist you during your time at Del Monte. On the next few pages you will find some very helpful information. This information consists of a list of the current P & F Committee members and their contact details, a brief description of what the P & F does and what we are responsible for. We have also included a list of events for Del Monte 2015. Please note that most of these events are yet to have finalised dates. Information regarding these events will be in the College on-line Newsletter ‘Veritas Voice’ closer to the date.

The Social Events Coordinators, with assistance from the Class Representatives, works towards ensuring that your time at Del Monte will be an enjoyable and social one with the P & F organising many different events during the year for you and your family to attend.

We would like to remind you about the College on-line newsletter ‘Veritas Voice’ which comes out fortnightly on Thursdays. In the ‘Veritas Voice’ you will find the P & F Section. This is where we keep you informed of dates for your calendar, events coming up, what has been on and information about current P & F projects.

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P & F Committee

A new committee is elected each September. The respective roles are advertised in 3rd term in the College on-line newsletter ‘Veritas Voice’ and interested parties are asked to nominate at this time.

The P & F Committee are assisted by the Del Monte Class Representatives.

Class Representatives

Each class has a volunteer parent serving as Class Rep. Their role is to assist the Social Events Coordinator and Vice President DM with functions, including morning teas, dinners, and other organised social events. They also help as requested by the College at functions during the year. A social event is usually held at least once per term. These functions are advertised in the College on-line newsletter ‘Veritas Voice’.
**DEL MONTE 2015**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**TERM 1**

**Year 1-5**

_Thurs 30 January 2015 – Wednesday 1 April 2015_

**Kinder**

_Mon 2 & Tues 3 Feb – ½ days / Wed 4 Feb – Full Day_

**Tea and Tissues Years 1 – 5**

This is our first social event for the year and is held on the first day of Term 1. It gives parents the chance to have a cup of tea and to share time with other parents whilst their children are taken to their class for 2015.

**Kindergarten Picnic**

This event is for our Kindergarten children and their families to enjoy a picnic on the Field on the Del Monte campus. The families bring their own food, drinks and blanket and join the other Kindergarten families for an enjoyable time meeting their children’s new friends.

**Tea and Tissues Kindergarten**

This morning tea is to help our Kindergarten parents to settle in with a cup of tea with some of our existing parents (with tissues on hand – just in case!), whilst our newest members of the College community are enjoying getting to know their teachers, classrooms and making new friends.

**Opening Mass (K to 12 Function)**

This evening is where the staff and parents come together in a social environment. The evening commences with Mass. Once the formalities are complete the social side of the night begins with drinks and supper being served. This night is always enjoyable and a great way for staff and parents to meet.
**P & F General Meeting**

This is our first P & F General Meeting for 2015 and will be held on the Santa Campus. This is a “Welcome to New Parents” evening. We will report on the recent initiatives within the College and afterwards enjoy light refreshments.

**Grandparents’ Day**

This is an opportunity for the students of Del Monte to invite their Grandparents to join them for morning tea, a concert and maybe a visit to their classroom to share with them the work that they have been doing over the last few weeks or so.

**Year Dinners /Morning Teas**

The class reps organise a year dinner and a morning tea once during the course of the year. These dinners / morning teas are a great way for parents to catch up in a social environment.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**TERM 2**

*Monday 20 April 2015 – Friday 19 June 2015*

**Mothers’ Day Stall**

The Mothers’ Day Stall gives the children the opportunity to purchase a beautiful gift for their mother or special person for Mothers’ Day. The children always look forward to the stall as it is always a lot of fun choosing just the right gifts for this very special time.

**Mothers’ Day Liturgy and Breakfast**

A Mothers’ Day Breakfast is provided and served by the P&F Committee. A Mass follows and is held in the College Chapel.

**Mothers’ High Tea**

A Mothers’ Day High Tea is organised on the same day as the Mothers’ Day Liturgy and Breakfast. Information regarding this event can be found closer to the date in the College on-line Newsletter ‘Veritas Voice’.

**College Dinner (Whole College Function)**

Our Annual Dinner is another great opportunity to catch up with friends and make new ones. We encourage you to either make up a table and invite a new family to join you or simply ask to be put on a year table. This evening always promises to be a very relaxed and enjoyable occasion.

**P & F General Meeting**

All are invited to attend this meeting which will be held on the Santa Sabina Campus of the College. This is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in our College.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
TERM 3
Monday 13 July 2015 – Thursday 17 September 2015

St Dominic’s Day Celebrations
The entire College comes together to join in celebrating the Feast of St. Dominic, the Patron Saint of the College. This day is filled with activities and music and is held on and around St. Dominic’s Plot. St. Dominic’s Day comprises of a Liturgy, prayer, liturgical dance, and music all performed by our very talented students from across the College. All parents are invited to attend the celebrations and to then join staff for Morning Tea in St. Elizabeth’s courtyard. Students are given an early finish this day with dismissal being at approximately 12.30 – 1pm.

Fathers’ Day Breakfast and Mass
A Fathers’ Day Breakfast is provided and served by the P&F Committee. A Mass follows and is held in the College Chapel.

Fathers’ Day Stall
This stall gives the children the opportunity to purchase gifts for their dads and or other special persons in their lives.

College Fair
The College Fair is held every year. Parents run the Fair with the generous support of the College community. Details are published in the College on-line newsletter ‘Veritas Voice’. Volunteers are needed in many different capacities. New ideas and input are extremely important to us. If you would like to help in any way, please contact one of the organisers who will have their contact details in the ‘Veritas Voice’. Strong bonds are formed between parents working with each other to bring this major event together. Everyone is invited to attend and support the College on this enjoyable day.

P & F Annual General Meeting 2015
This is the Annual General Meeting for 2015. The current committee will stand down and positions will be opened for nominations with the voting for the new committee taking place. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting. At the end of the formal part of the evening there will be refreshments to enjoy.
**Orientation Day**

This is where all existing and new students and parents for 2015 come together to learn more about what will be happening next year at Del Monte. While the students are introduced to their new class mates, morning tea will be served to the parents. This gives our new parents the opportunity to talk with other parents and to also familiarise themselves with the grounds of Del Monte.

**1st Father/Family Weekend Tallong**

This weekend is a great opportunity for Fathers and Daughters from Years 4 and up of the College to spend some quality time together with members of the Santa Sabina College community. The weekend offers fun activities at the College Outdoor Campus at Tallong. More information will be available closer to the date in the P & F Section of the College on-line newsletter ‘Veritas Voice’.

**Mother/Child Weekend Tallong**

This weekend is a great opportunity for Mothers and Child/ren from Years 4 and up of the College to spend some quality time together with members of the Santa Sabina College community. The weekend offers fun activities at the College Outdoor Campus at Tallong. More information will be available closer to the date in the P & F Section of the College on-line newsletter ‘Veritas Voice’.

**2nd Father/Family Weekend Tallong**

As this weekend is so popular a second weekend is usually needed to cover the numbers wanting to attend.

**Parent Thank You Gathering**

The Parent Thank You Gathering is organised by the staff at Santa Sabina to thank all parents for their help and assistance during the year.
Year 4 & 5 Farewell Lunch

The class representatives organise with the assistance from the class teachers a farewell luncheon. This day is a great way for the children to celebrate their last days as members of the Del Monte community.

Thanksgiving Mass Year 4 & 5

The Thanksgiving Mass for Years 4 & 5 is a beautiful way to farewell the children as they leave the small caring environment that has nurtured them over the years. It is also a great way to commence the beginning of their continuing education as the boys leave to join other local schools and the girls move over to our Middle School campus.

P & F General Meeting

All are invited to attend this meeting which will be held on the Santa Sabina Campus of the College. This is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in our College.

Carols

This is an entire College event where we come together as a community to prepare for the coming Christmas season. Invitations for this event will be sent out closer to the time and more information will be included in the College on-line newsletter ‘Veritas Voice’.

Please note that dates or times for these events have not as yet been finalised. There may also be changes to events that are being organised so please check the College on-line newsletter ‘Veritas Voice’ fortnightly on Thursday’s so you can be kept up to date of what is happening at the College.

If you would like more information on any of the above events please contact:

Colleen Ozdemir & Tanya Chaine – Social Events Coordinators Del Monte

or

Elena Ierardo – Vice President Del Monte

The Santa Maria del Monte office can be contacted on 9745 7700 and will be able to give you more information on any event that has been organised.