

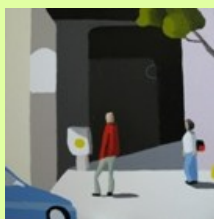


The Parents and Friends Federation of Western Australia Inc provides an independent voice for parents of children in Catholic Schools and assists them in working collaboratively with their schools to provide a Catholic education which will help all children reach their full potential. In living this vision, the Federation seeks to: obtain funding to ensure the financial accessibility of Catholic schools and to promote positive home/school/community partnerships and ensure appropriate educational provision for all students by our work with a wide range of state and federal government and independent bodies and associations.

Parent Charter by Parents for Parents

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities (SA) recently launched a Charter for Parents, initiated and developed by parents, in consultation with principals and their CEO. To view a copy of this charter please see our website at PFFWA are currently in the process of formulating a similar Charter for Parents in WA and are seeking to convene a working party to develop the Charter in early 2012.

We would love to hear from parents who would like to contribute towards this initiative so that a genuinely useful charter can be produced by parents for parents. The Parent Charter is on our website at pff.wa.edu.au/research.php



STREET BY STREET

In every street and neighbourhood, there is an isolated elderly person, and a person living with a disability, and a new settler wanting to communicate and develop connections with locals.

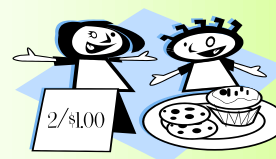
And in every street and neighbourhood, there are people wanting to make connections with others and offer support in simple and practical ways.

Street by Street is a national neighbourhood support program that links people who live in the same street or nearby. The focus is on practical helping tasks which can relieve isolation and make the difference between someone remaining in their own home or needing to move into more supportive accommodation. We would like to hear from individuals and organisations around the country interested in participating in rolling out Street by Street on a national scale.

To register your interest please visit

<http://www.civilsociety.org.au/StreetbyStreet.htm>

The Essential Role of Volunteer Parents and Friends.



Parent volunteers offer a huge resource and support base for schools. The contribution of volunteers are integral to schools being able to provide their students with an appropriate schooling. Those parents and friends, who contribute endless hours in unpaid work are an extremely important part of Australia's "school workforce".

Valuing and maintaining a strong ethos of volunteering is essential to the future health and wellbeing of Australian schools. That will only be achieved if the contribution of volunteers to the work of schools is given the recognition it deserves!

Please find below some links we hope may be of interest to parents. If you have any comments or would like more information, contact the office on 9271 5909.

Curriculum Council information for parents at http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/internet/User_groups/Parents

NCEC funding information for parents at <http://www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au/>

All 2011 PFFWA submissions at pff.wa.edu.au/advocacy.php

PFFWA Conference 2012

****Watch this space!****



The Cybersafety Help Button is a new Australian Government initiative designed to keep children and families safe online. The Cybersafety Help Button is an online resource hub that gives children and teenagers instant access to help and information on cybersafety issues 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It can be downloaded free of charge from <http://www.dbcde.gov.au/helpbutton>

By subscribing to our new website, you will not only receive regular updates on issues that affect you and your children, you will also be entered into the draw to win an apple ipad. For more information please visit our website at pff.wa.edu.au



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