

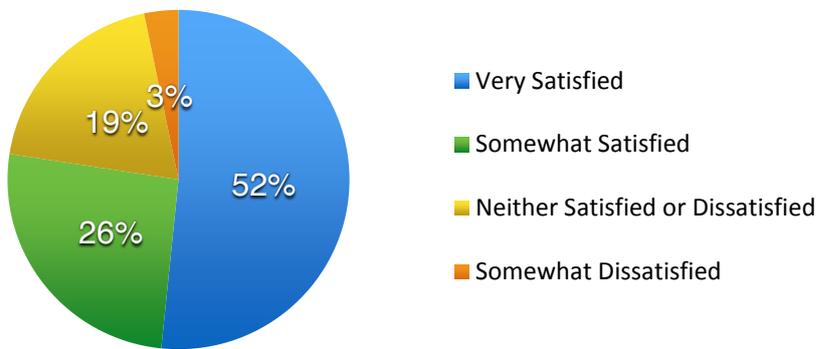
## PARENTS & FRIENDS SURVEY RESULTS 2018

The P&F executive committee would like to thank the families who completed the survey and provided valuable feedback to the committee. 62 families completed the survey for 2018.

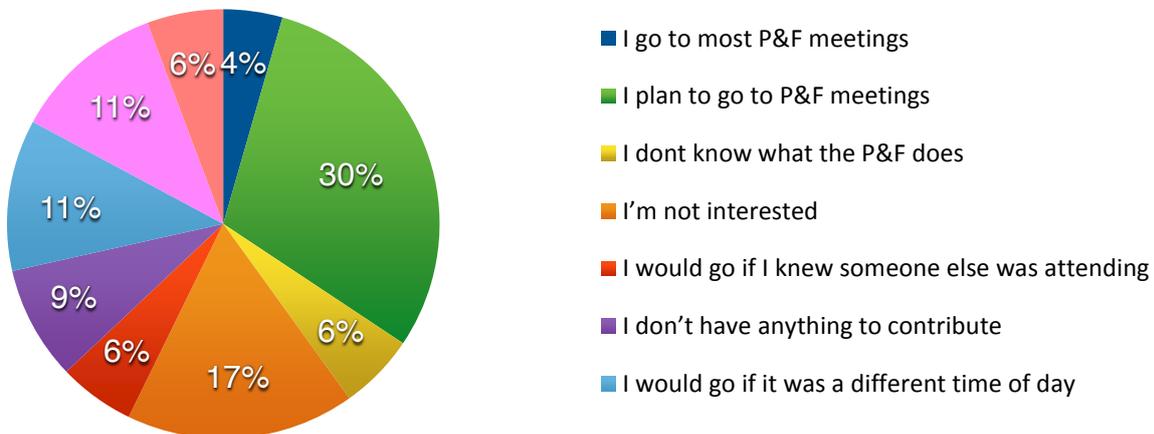
The survey was designed to obtain feedback on various issues relating to the P&F and provide families with the opportunity to help shape the future running of the P&F. The committee hope that you find the information informative and useful and will use this data to formulate changes where appropriate over the next 12 months.

### RESULTS

#### Q1. Overall, how satisfied are you with the Mater Christi Catholic Primary School P&F?

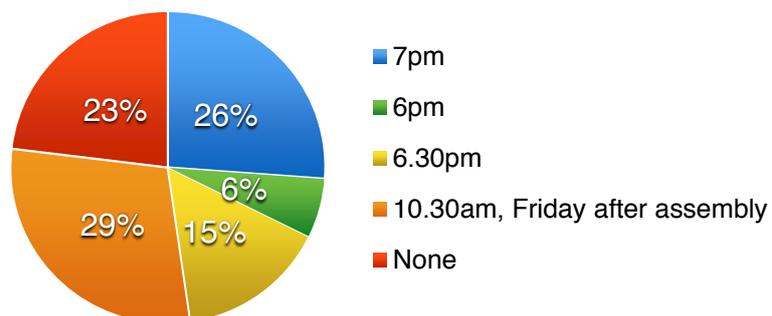


#### Q2. Which of these comments best describes your intention to go the P&F meetings?



#### Q3. What time of day would suit you best to attend a P&F meeting?

The most popular option was a meeting after assembly on a Friday (10.30am), second to the existing 7pm meetings. The P&F will trial a 10.30am meeting in Term 3 and executives will meet to discuss changing the meeting format for 2019, such that meetings alternate between evening and day meetings.



**Q4. Every event run by the P&F is reliant on parent volunteers. If there was JUST ONE THING you would be happy to help the P&F with in 2018, what would it be? (you may select more than one option)**

**P&F Events and activities which have been organised or have been suggested by parents:**

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| Mother’s Day Stall                               | Sit on the General Committee |
| Father’s Day Breakfast                           | A Quiz Night                 |
| An Afternoon on the Green                        | A Bingo Night                |
| Providing food for a morning/afternoon tea       | Dads and Kids Campout        |
| Helping to serve food at a morning/afternoon tea | Volunteering in the new café |
| Act as a Class Representative                    |                              |

Thank you to all those that provided feedback and supplied us with your contact details. These details have been recorded and volunteers will be contacted for the upcoming events.

**Q5. The P&F uses various forms of communication to inform and involve families in P&F activities. What is the best way for the P&F to communicate with your family about activities and news items? You may select more than one option**



Based on the above data the P&F will continue to communicate through these forums.

**Q6. Would you like to know more about what the P&F does at Mater Christi?**

68% of parents already knew what the P&F does, those families that were unsure mainly had children in lower years. The P&F executive will meet and discuss options to better communicate to new families.

**Q7. What changes would most improve the P & F?**

Mostly positive support for the P&F. Suggestions varied from increasing communication between the P&F/school/parents/teacher, to more out of school events, routinely cycling committee members to keep ideas fresh and encouraging more males to go on the committee.

Respondents would like more transparency between the P&F and school community. The minutes are currently available on the school website and can be accessed anytime. There is also a suggestion box in the administration office for parents to contribute ideas and feedback anonymously.

Other comments included:  
 Skype connection for those who wish to watch  
 Facebook for community communication, make it easier to find volunteers  
 Shorter meetings

**Q8. The P&F has held minimal fundraisers over the past few years, however the levy has not increased while the resources and activities the P&F coordinates continue to increase in cost. Would you be likely to participate in fundraising activities?**

71% of parents would participate in fundraising activities.

Parents not in favour of fundraising also provided comments to support that view.

**Q9. What would you like to see the P and F provide for our school community in the future?**

***Respondents top funding priorities included:***

- Upgrade to playground equipment, more play equipment, shading
- Nature playground
- More events, continuation of existing events (requests for Dads and Kids Campout, Afternoon on the Green)
- Support where needed, as determined by teachers

***Additional suggestions received:***

- A float or children participating in the RAC C7 Christmas Pageant
- Breakfast for children attending school early (i.e. for inter school sports training)
- Coding Club
- Craft Club
- Cooking Classes
- A community garden
- Contributing for the Year 6 Camp to keep costs down for families
- Canteen - healthier lunch options
- Upgrades to toilets

### **Recommendations**

An update to the P&F section on the webpage is recommended.

Continue to utilise the newsletter and emails to communicate with parents.

Send home a letter to each family from the P&F outlining what the P&F's role is.

A yearly survey of parents to increase parental awareness of the P&F and continually gain feedback on suitable meeting times and identify parents who would like to become more involved within the school

Continue to run social events which aim to build community

### **Conclusion**

There are many parents who are aware of the workings of the P&F, however the parents of junior primary would like more information on what the P&F does and how it supports them and their children. Despite information being available on the school website, parents are unaware of this which indicates a need for the P&F to inform parents directly of their role within the school and where they can go to access the information. With an increase in parent awareness, it is hoped this will increase parental participation at P&F meeting and events throughout the school year.

Many parents would like to see the play equipment on the oval replaced and additional play equipment installed for children within the school. The P&F is constantly advocating on behalf of the parents and children towards improving the play space for our children.

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