

# You're Invited to a Family Picnic



Dear St Emilie's Families,

A gentle reminder that we are planning to hold our **annual Family Picnic this Friday**, the **15<sup>th</sup> February** from **5.00pm to 7.00pm** on our school oval. This will be a relaxed, 'low-key' community event aimed at providing an opportunity for families to simply be together and to catch up with one another in a relaxed, social setting. Music will kindly be provided by Mark Grima, one of our talented parents who plays gigs around Perth.

For **new families** it will be an opportunity to get to know some of us. New parents will be wearing a **coloured name tag** so please look out for them and introduce yourself if you have an opportunity. Thank you to those families who have offered to take on the responsibility of welcoming a new family to St Emilie's and inviting them to sit with you – this is really appreciated and very thoughtful.

## Food Information – please read carefully...

While you can of course bring your own picnic dinner, a **P&F Sausage Sizzle** has also been offered as a service for any interested families.

The due date for Sausage Sizzle orders has now passed, however given that we do not have our skoolbag app available and it is very early in the term, we are happy to extend this due date to **9.00am this Thursday morning** - just in case there are families who might appreciate still being able to order ☺.

When you have paid for and ordered your sizzles you are asked to please **collect a slip** with your family name and order **from outside the Office** on the evening of the Family Night.

Please note that **if you do not order** a sausage sizzle then you won't be able to purchase one on the night as we will be purchasing sausages based upon the orders we receive. There may be limited extra sausages available for sale, however these won't be available until orders have been filled. **Calypo icypoles** and **bottled water** will be on sale for \$1.00 so please bring some spare change if you plan on purchasing these.

## Drinks

While it is acceptable for parents to bring a drink to the event, responsible alcohol consumption is of course expected.

## Confirmation of your Attendance

We ask that you confirm whether your family is planning to attend on Friday and how many people are coming.

- Simply **email your class teacher** (first [name.surname@cewa.edu.au](mailto:name.surname@cewa.edu.au))
- Write **'Family Picnic'**; your **FAMILY NAME**, then **YES** and **how many adults and children** are coming in the SUBJECT line of the email. Thank you!

## Things for the Kids to do

While the supervision of children is a parent responsibility on the night, the staff have kindly volunteered to set up some simple activities on the oval for any children and Mums and Dads who would like to get involved. These activities will run from **5.45pm – 6.15pm**. Before and after this time, children are to either be sitting with their family or playing on the oval. **Please note that for both legal and safety reasons no children are permitted to play on the playground equipment at all during the picnic.** We need all families to support us by carefully supervising your children, thank you. Children are of course welcome to bring a ball, a book, or other game to keep them entertained.

**Home time**

At 7pm we ask families to please **take your own rubbish home** and head home 😊 Respecting this end time means that pack up can happen while it is still light, staff can get home to see their own families and you can take your children home for bath and bed at a reasonable hour.

**Our 2019 P&F Executive Team**

Hi everyone, we are a brand new P&F executive team this year and we are looking forward to supporting children, families and staff throughout the year! Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic! 😊  
Regards, Rachel Davies (P&F President)



Above from left: Rachel Davies (President) Larissa Shaw (Secretary) and Nicole Grima (Treasurer).

**P&F Email address:**

[pandf@stemiliescps.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@stemiliescps.wa.edu.au)

**Classroom Contact Lists**

In your Information Pack notes, sent home on the first day of school, you were asked to tick a box if you were happy for your contact details to appear on a **class contact list**. Office staff are currently working their way through these forms and once finalised, class contact lists will be collated and shared with families in your class. This allows you to communicate with other parents eg to organise a playdate.

**Class Representatives**

We are currently seeking a **Class Representative/s** for each year level from Kindy to Year 6. Being a Class Rep is a good way to get to know other parents within the school and from your own child’s class.

**The responsibilities of a class rep/s include:**

- Working with the families in your year level to offer the **opportunity to meet** for a coffee or an outing throughout the year, details of which are advertised via the Weekly Reminders.
- Supporting the P&F, **attending meetings where possible** and passing on any comments or suggestions from other parents in your child’s class.
- **Rallying parent help** when it is needed eg the wine and cheese night; the end of year P&F fundraiser; busy bees etc
- **Helping to coordinate collections** for end-of-year gifts for teachers; assisting with pastoral care efforts eg food roster for families in need.

There are no formal qualifications required for the class rep position, however we do need a parent/s **who are friendly, sociable and respectful** and who have a genuine desire to act with integrity and to help build community. If you are interested in putting your name forward for this role, please send an email to the Office [admin@stemiliescps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stemiliescps.wa.edu.au) detailing your name, and class year level, by **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February**. **If more than one parent volunteers**, we will contact those involved to see who might like to share the role.

It is very important that whoever becomes your Class Rep is **supported, assisted and affirmed** by parents in your year level. It is not meant to be an onerous job at all. It also means that the Class Rep is not solely responsible for organising parent gatherings on their own – they will rely on parent support.



**REPLY SLIP – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN BEING A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE AT ST EMILIE’S**

*Please return ASAP or by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at the latest. Thank you for considering taking on this special role in our community.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Gold/ Blue

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_