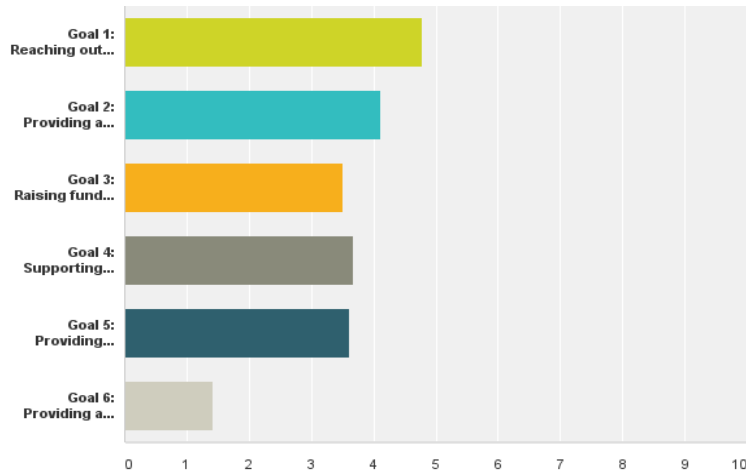


St Thomas Parents & Friends Survey 2015

- Wednesday, August 05, 2015

2015 P&F SURVEY SUMMARY

P&F GOALS 2015 – 2016 The P&F are given goals through the Catholic Schools Office. Please read the following six goals and rank them in order of what is most important to you and your family.



Top priority

Goal 1: Reaching out to all associated with the school to build a friendly and welcoming faith filled community, which seeks to involve all its members.

Goal 2: Providing a parental perspective to assist the principal in decision-making.

Mid priority

Goal 4: Supporting parents and carers in their parental responsibilities and involvement in their children's learning at home and school.

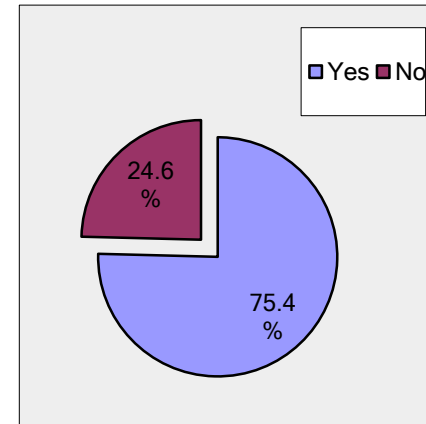
Goal 5: Providing opportunities for parents and carers to gain insights into the life of the school, current developments in education and Catholic education in particular.

Goal 3: Raising funds to provide resources and opportunities for enriching the learning environment of the school.

Lower priority

Goal 6: Providing a means for parents and carers to affiliate with the Diocesan Parent Counsel (DPC) and have a voice at diocesan level and with the Council of Catholic School Parents at state level.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS Over the years St Thomas School and the P&F have run many parent information evenings. Are you interested in attending parent information sessions?



Have you attended any of the following evenings offered in the past?

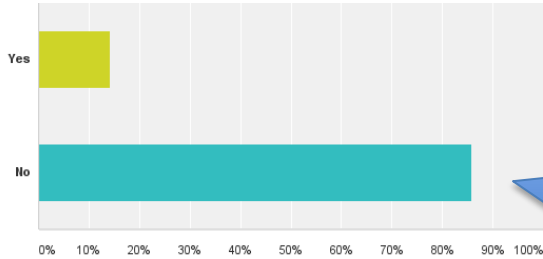
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No	53.9%	62
Assisting your child in literacy development (4 week program offered every year)	27.8%	32
How St Thomas teaches for concept development in mathematics 2014	15.7%	18
Other	13.9%	16
What is Kids Matter? 2013	13.0%	15
Assisting anxious students 2012 and 2013	9.6%	11
Developing the St Thomas Mission Statement 2013	4.3%	5
IT and early learners 2014	3.5%	4
How Religious Education is taught at St Thomas 2013	2.6%	3
		32
answered	n	115
skipped	n	12

Over half of respondents have never attended an information evening

Literacy and Maths concepts most popular

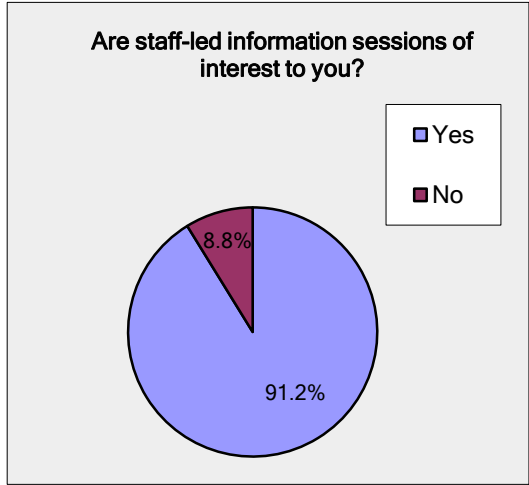
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We regularly advertise the DPC parent sessions where experts in family and education related matters present on topical information. Have you attended any of them?

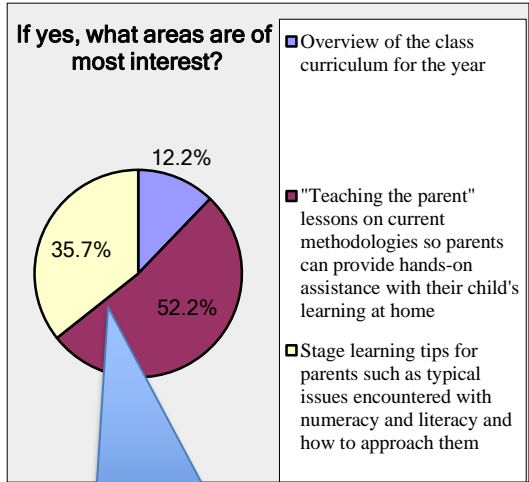
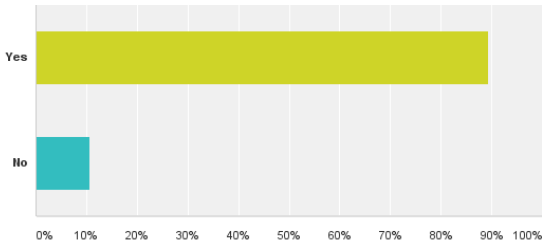


Overwhelmingly NO, due to being too busy, requiring sitters, too far to travel.

However those who attended rated the sessions highly.



If we were to arrange for external speakers to come to our school would you be interested in attending?



What are the areas that interest you?

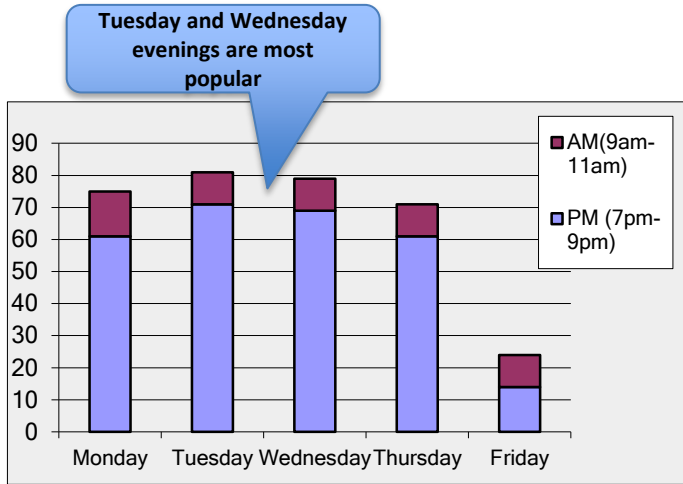
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Emotional issues such as developing self-esteem, building resilience, promoting positive body	76.3%	90
General parenting skills such as communicating with kids, dealing with talking back, resolving	71.2%	84
Monitoring screen usage, cyber surfing, and social media	70.3%	83
Typical age-based behaviours and coping skills	63.6%	75
Are there other areas you would like to suggest? Can you recommend any expert topic speakers?		10
<i>answered question</i>		118
<i>skipped question</i>		9

There is some interest in new educational methods and approaches

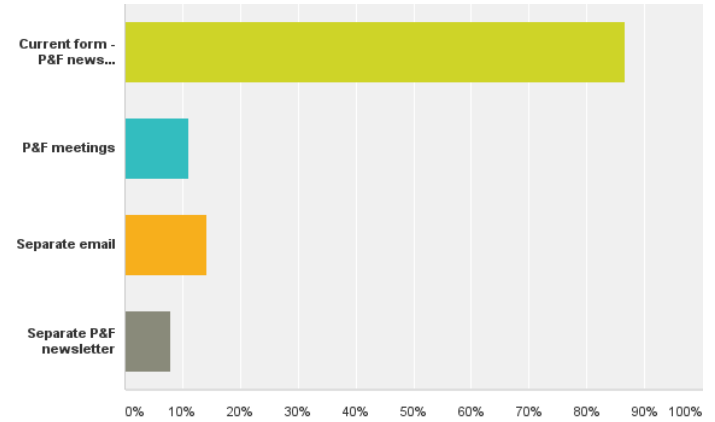
Answers are misleading as the question only allowed one response – all three are of interest

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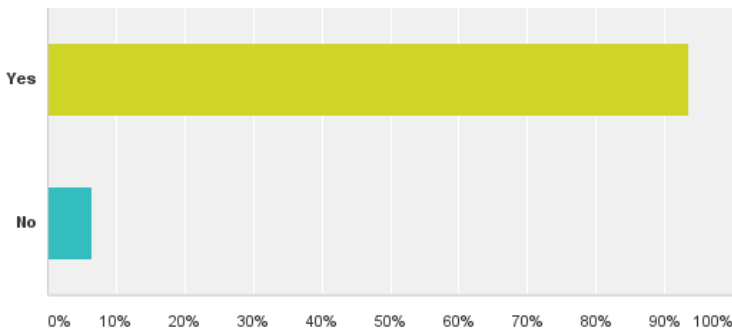
What is your preferred day and time to attend these sessions (if interested)?



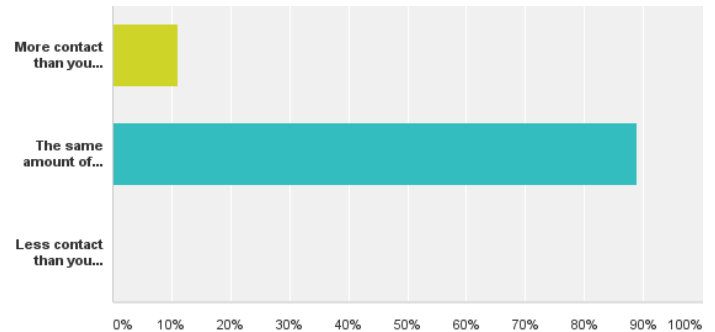
COMMUNICATION In regard to communication from your P&F committee, what is your preferred form of communication?



Currently we hold an Opening Mass to welcome families at the beginning of each year, and each grade hosts a Sunday mass for students and their families. For parents, a prayer group is held every Monday morning in the Library and an onsite retreat day is held annually (with childcare provided). Do you feel as a community we are faith focused enough?

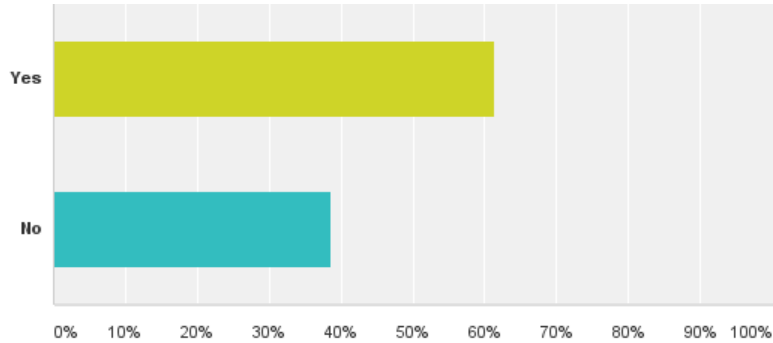


How much contact would you like?

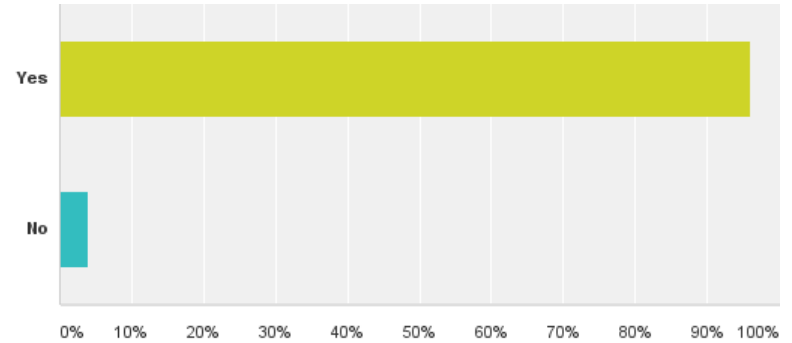


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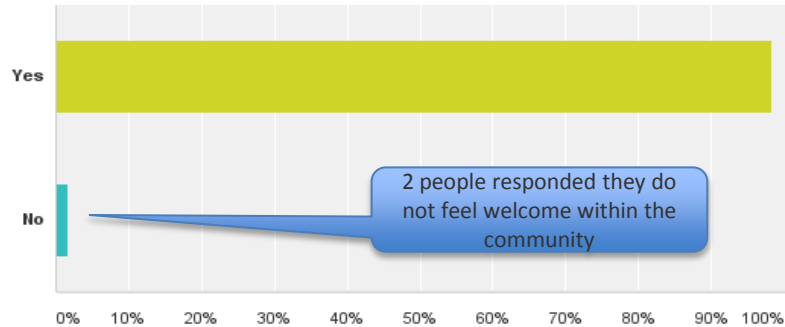
Are you aware there are a number of useful resources maintained regularly on the school website? These include calendars, P&F meeting minutes, newsletters and news items. Secure class pages are currently being updated with class news and class-specific information.



Are you happy with the social events co-ordinated by the school and P&F such as the Welcome Party, Mother's and Father's Day Mass and breakfast, Trivia Fundraising Night, and Art and Craft Show?



PARENT INVOLVEMENT We value a community where everyone feels welcome, and create occasions that bring our families, children and teachers together. Do you feel welcome within our community?



PARENT ENGAGEMENT While involving parents in school activities has important community and social benefits, engaging parents to fully participate in their child's learning has been found to be key to facilitating positive improvements in a child's learning. Parent engagement involves supporting parents with the knowledge, skills and tools to support "hands-on" student learning at home and at school. Increasing parent engagement is a strategic initiative of the DPC over the next 2 years.

