



# Aldinga Beach B-7 School

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## CLASS PARENT NETWORK

### **The purpose of the class parent scheme is to:**

- involve more parents in the school
- provide support to the class teacher and students
- establish valuable links between the class teacher & other parents

### **The role of class parents:**

- to have regular contact with the class teacher
- to support class activities
- to establish a link between the classroom & other parents
- to welcome new parents
- to provide feedback to assist the school in meeting community needs
- to provide a forum for disseminating information about the school
- to provide opportunities to meet other parents in the school

### **Advantages of Class Parent Network**

It encourages parents to participate more fully in the school through:

- broadening the school's information network
- formally recognising parents' contributions of ideas/time
- establishing a network which responds to the needs of parents
- decreases feelings of alienation that some parents experience
- provides an established link through which teachers can enlist help from parents

### **WHAT CAN CLASS PARENTS DO**

- Organise small groups for activity/elective sessions
- Have an informal coffee morning for parents
- Compile a list of special talents parents may have which could be of use for class activities
- Help with excursions (transport)
- Organise parents to help at school
- Prepare resources for the teacher
- Talk with parents about the school program
- Read to children, listen to children read
- Help collate class notices and newsletters
- Assist with maths activities
- Assist with class word processing
- Work with a small group on the computer
- Work with other parents to support school fundraisers
- Be involved in the school via committees etc
- Introduce parents to each other at gatherings
- Inform others about forth coming activities

### **CLASS PARENT NETWORK GUIDELINES**

- *Parent Reps must have undertaken the school's volunteer training program and adhere to child protection principles, confidentiality clauses and have a current police check through the Education Department*
- During Term 1 of each year teachers will seek one or two parents to be part of the network
- Information about the parents network will be provided at Acquaintance sessions
- Parent network representatives initially meet to discuss the role and plan future meetings
- There will be a convenor nominated by the parent group to coordinate meetings with the Principal
- Meetings can be used as informal get-togethers, opportunities to discuss network ideas & issues, to share school information & to plan further activities
- The Principal will provide school information at each meeting
- Class parents are expected to have regular contact with the class teacher.
- Staff and parents need to at all times to be understanding of each other's commitment.

Class parents could have access to a list of parents' names and may call on them in turn to support class activities.

Meetings are held twice a term.

