

Welcome to Year 5, 2021

Dear Year 5 Families,

We hope you've had a good start to the year. We'd like to welcome all the new families to IGS and introduce ourselves. Last year we volunteered as PTF Reps. Below are our contact details. Don't hesitate to reach out to any of us if you have any questions.

Please follow this link to sign up to the [Year 5 Family Contact List](#) including details of the Year 5 friendly WhatsApp group.

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A bit of background

PTF stands for Parents, Teachers & Friends. The purpose of the PTF is to:

- **Connect parents, caregivers and teachers** - through school community meetings, the IGS Ultimo Lecture Series, whole school social events and class & year group social events;
- **Support student and teacher-led initiatives** - International Day, literacy activities in the Primary School, STEAM incursions, sustainability projects, student well-being activities (eg RUOK? Day);
- **Provide regular “services” to the School community** - recycling uniforms/textbooks/ musical instruments, drive-by signs.

We'd like to invite you to get involved in the School Community. Volunteering is a good way to meet other parents & carers, and help build a network amongst your child's cohort. There are many ways to get involved with varying time commitments. If you're interested, please complete the sign-up form [HERE](#). You can also contact the PTF Committee at any time by [email](#).

A few important messages

- all PTF related notices appear in [IGS Notices](#) and the [PTF HUB](#) on the [IGS Parent Lounge](#).
- Car visor ID signs will be distributed soon. Please read the Drive-by procedures on the back to ensure the safety of all students and staff.
- Lost property is collected and sorted on the ground floor in the cupboards “under the stairs” opposite Reception. Please [label](#) all school items clearly with first and last names.
- COVID safe “Rue Kelly” second hand uniform markets are currently being held once a term, during week 2. See [IGS Notices](#) for details.

More about PTF Reps

These are parents & caregivers who volunteer to work in groups to organise social activities for their Year group. These activities allow families to meet and play outside school.

- Prior to COVID restrictions, Rep organised activities include family picnics, bowling afternoons, rock climbing, parents & caregivers drinks/dinner, language group dinners, movie nights, afternoon teas, pizza in the park.
- The PTF Rep Coordinators assist Reps by providing a Reps Manual, holding an Introductory Briefing/Forum and sending email updates during the year.
- Reps also play a role in supporting families in need (for example, during treatment for a serious illness or after a death).