



Too busy to attend: Is trans‘parent’ school and family engagement a swipe, click & scroll away?

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The following pages are a transcript of the **TodaysChat** session that was used in the Challenge Workshop.

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Welcome! Please introduce yourself & your role in working for kids.

12:08AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Joe Mazza

Grade 1/2 teacher passionate about partnerships!

02:58AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Sarah

Hello. I'm in Melbourne at a very inspiring conference on wellbeing and community partnerships.

03:03AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Monica

Learning and teaching leader. Working for social justice.

03:03AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Michelle

Grade 2 teacher and swl at st Lawrence

03:03AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Lorraine

Prin @ St. Peter's South West Sunshine. Into family engagement & high expectations.

03:04AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Kazberg

Grade 5/6 teacher and Student Wellbeing Leader

03:04AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Angela

Hi, I'm Monica. I teach prep/one and I'm from St John's Mitcham!

03:04AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Monica

**I am Chair of the Victorian Catholic School Parents Body.
Active in getting parent voice heard by all stakeholders**

03:04AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Tracey O'Neill

Grade 3/4 teacher at Sacred Heart School Fitzroy.

03:05AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Grace

Hi I'm Ann & I'm a prep teacher.

03:05AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Ann Nolan

Hi I'm Michele. I'm a Family School Partnership convenor

03:06AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Michele

Paul O. Grade 6. Deputy Student Wellbeing. Decent bloke.

03:06AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Paul O'Donoghue

Hi I'm Jacqui and I'm principal at St. John's Mitcham

03:06AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Jacqui

**Hi everyone. I'm looking forward to a great session with
Joe Mazza.**

03:07AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Michael

Hi I'm Dee 3/4 and wellbeing in Castlemaine

03:07AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Dee

I'm Martin and I'm a family school partnership convenor

03:08AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by I'm Martin and I'm a family school partnership convenor

**Good afternoon, I'm the Student Wellbeing Leader at St
Simon's, Rowville.**

03:10AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Carmelina

Hi I'm SW leader at St Johns in Heidelberg

03:11AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Carolyn

QUESTION 1: What are the greatest challenges to engaging today's families?

03:23AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Joe Mazza

Time and language/cultural barriers

03:25AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Carmelina

Language/cultural understanding

03:27AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by I'm Martin and I'm a family school partnership convenor

literacy levels

03:28AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by I'm Martin and I'm a family school partnership convenor

fear and past negative experience

03:28AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by I'm Martin and I'm a family school partnership convenor

time/pace of life

03:28AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by I'm Martin and I'm a family school partnership convenor

Lack of understanding about technology and the impacts it can have on students' lives - either positive or negative

03:28AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Sarah

fortress school

03:29AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by I'm Martin and I'm a family school partnership convenor

teacher fear of parents

03:29AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by I'm Martin and I'm a family school partnership convenor

Connecting with and understanding parents as people

03:29AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Carmelina

Trust, time

03:30AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Tracey O'Neill

Lack of volunteers - how approachable are we?

03:31AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Mick

QUESTION 2: In what ways are you currently communicating with families & the community?

03:33AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Joe Mazza

Apps

03:34AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Sarah

Twitter, SMS, newsletters, community conversations, learning conversations, blogs, family learning nights, morning teas, meet & greet

03:36AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Sarah

Skoolbag blog edmodo sandwich board

03:37AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Sonia

SMS, blogs, home visits, colour coded priority newsletters

03:39AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Carmelina

Morning teas, curriculum evening, message on IWB in different languages

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Newsletter online, blogs, website phone calls, letter to parents, parent information nights,

03:39AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Tracey O'Neill

Newsletter, term overviews, notes, website, community conv, text messaging/phone, face to face, blogs, assembly, meet and greet, newspaper

03:40AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Paul O'Donoghue

Class newsletter, twitter, audio video, podcasts, school events, translated materials

03:41AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Paul O'Donoghue

QUESTION 3: Of the communications you currently deploy from schools, are they mainly one-way or two-way options?

03:48AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Joe Mazza

Community conversations, SMS may be two way, blogs, meet and greet, class newsletter has 2 way channel, twitter

03:52AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Martin

School events

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Electronic often one way, always open for parents to respond

03:53AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Tracey O'Neill

We tallied our list from question 2. 13 were one way, 8 were two way.

03:53AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Paul O'Donoghue

Two way

03:53AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Carmelina

Email is the best option we have found for 2 way communication. We are still using more 1 way communication.

03:53AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Sonia

QUESTION 5: In what ways might we develop a “menu of communications” derived from the needs, current usage of our families?

03:58AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Joe Mazza

Having an option in foyer for parents to contribute

03:59AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Sarah

Asking parents the right questions!

04:00AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Sarah

Ask them face to face enrolment forms. Parent sessions survey

04:01AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Tracey O'Neill

Studs and parents surveyed at first parent teacher conference. Individ. Class teacher manages the comm. so it's relevant to that class

04:02AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Paul O'Donoghue

QUESTION 6: What support do parents, teachers, leaders need to build & maintain well-rounded home-school communication menu?

04:09AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Joe

Relationships, trust

04:12AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Paul O'Donoghue

Student developed education sessions for staff/ students about using specific tech programs

04:13AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Greg

Identifying what is right for the context.

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more information from parents with follow up to see if it is working. Workshops to teach parents and teachers about the tools we are using.

04:15AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Sonia

Parents teachers students getting together to share and buddy learning

04:15AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Greg

School accounts for electronic comms

04:16AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Tracey O'Neill

Opportunities to trial new ideas, accept failures and revise and rethink

04:16AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Sonia

Communication is challenging

04:36AM Tue, 12 November 2013 GMT by Andrea

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