



Parents and Citizens' Association

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P&C UPDATE - Term 1 Week 4

Last week we held our first P&C meeting for the year. We started with the Annual General Meeting where the positions for the P&C Executive Committee were voted in. The team is the same as last year with the exception of the role of Treasurer, as Katherine Whittaker has taken on the position this year. Thank you to Sandy Schofield who filled the role for the last 2 years, Sandy did a great job and we appreciate all the time and effort she put in to assist the school. The committee is as follows, Lauren Manning – President, Brenda Cunningham – Vice-President, Jenny Davies – Secretary and Katherine Whittaker – Treasurer. We're excited to continue working closely with the school and school community to assist in making positive changes for our children's education. Thank you to those who were able to attend the meeting, it was a great night.

If you're interested in being a part of the P&C team, we'd love for you to join us. We understand how time poor families are and you may be concerned that you may not be able to attend meetings or events. Please know if you become a member there are no requirements or expectations. Once you pay your 50c membership and fill out the application form you will receive the meeting minutes and have the opportunity to vote on important matters that may impact your child's school. If you are unable to attend meetings or events due to work or other commitments, you can still help to make a difference as we encourage your feedback via email, phone or in person and your thoughts can be put forward in our meetings on your behalf. Please find an application form attached, which can be returned to the Magpie box at the office with your 50c.



Thank you again for your kind support and positive feedback last year! We are looking forward to an exciting and productive 2017!!!

Healthy Snack Ideas

Last year, one of our parents had a fantastic idea to include 'Healthy Snack Ideas' within our P&C Update. This is a great way for parents and carers to share their ideas and suggestions. If you have any ideas you would like to share, we would love to hear them. Please email them to Lauren at laurenjason@live.com.au or Brenda at mahonbrenda@yahoo.com

FRUIT 'PIZZA'

INGREDIENTS

1/2 small round seedless watermelon
1 small banana, peeled, sliced
4 strawberries, hulled, chopped
1/4 cup fresh mint leaves
2 tablespoons honey

1 kiwi fruit, peeled, halved, sliced
1/2 cup low-fat gluten-free coconut yoghurt
1/2 x 125g punnet blueberries
1 tablespoon gluten-free toasted coconut chips

METHOD

Step 1 Cut a 2cm thick round from the cut end of the watermelon. Reserve remaining watermelon for another use. Cut watermelon round into 8 equal wedges.

Step 2 Arrange wedges on a serving platter to resemble a pizza. Top with kiwi, banana, yoghurt, strawberries, blueberries, mint and coconut chips. Drizzle with honey. Serve immediately.



School Disco

Our first School Disco for the year will be held on **FRIDAY 24TH MARCH**. This is such an exciting day for all students. Thank you to those who returned the Disco survey last year, your feedback was appreciated.

For our new parents and carers, we hold 2 discos throughout the school year. The cost is \$5 per child or \$10 per family, a note will be sent home closer to the date. Years K-2 and Primary discos are held separately. Years K-2 are from 12pm-12.45pm, Years 3-4 from 12.45pm-1.30pm and Years 5-6 from 2.15pm-3.15pm. Our volunteers will distribute a snack and drink to each child at the end of their disco time, this is included in the cost.

Volunteers Needed on the day –

- to assist with handing out snacks and drinks on the day
- cutting/ preparing fruit
- setting up / packing up

If you're able to assist, please complete the Volunteer Form at the end of the Update or please contact Lauren or Brenda (contact information is on Volunteer Form).



Easter Raffle

Our Easter Egg raffle is not far away! Notes and tickets will be sent home at the beginning of March. The Easter raffle is another popular day for the students!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Easter egg donations will be collected - **FRIDAY 24TH MARCH** (This will be a mufti day)

Tickets due to be returned – **MONDAY 27TH MARCH**

Raffle drawn – **THURSDAY 30TH MARCH**

A note will be sent home with detailed information in regards to our Easter raffle.

Volunteers Needed –

- to assist with the collection of chocolate egg donations on Fri 24th March
- wrapping Easter eggs in preparation for raffle (between Mon 27th - Wed 29th March)

If you're able to assist, please complete the Volunteer Form at the end of the Update or please contact Lauren or Brenda (contact information is on Volunteer Form).

P & C GARDEN CLUB

We are a group of parents and carers who meet up at least twice a term to assist with gardening at school. Our aim is to improve our children's school by making their playground and school gardens an even more attractive and pleasant environment for them. Since our club started approximately 18 months ago we have achieved many great goals around the school grounds.

Thank you to Kersti Martin, Vanessa Ingham, Georgina Davis, Brendan Davis, Lauren Manning and Brenda Cunningham who helped out at the garden working bee today. We cleared the allocated area at the back of the school for the new school vegetable garden. We really appreciate you giving up your free time to help out the school. If you are interested in volunteering, the garden club will be meeting up next **Tuesday the 21st of February at 9.30 am- 10.30 am** to continue with the vegetable garden preparation for the school. Contact Brenda on 04 31 459 756 for future details.



This year one of the garden clubs aims is to brighten up the outdoor entrance areas near our children's classrooms with large pots or containers which will be planted with drought tolerant plants such as succulents. **We are looking for donations of large colourful pots or pots that we can paint and succulent cutting (they do not need to have roots on them). Please contact Brenda on 04 31 459 756 if you think that you can help.**

Thank you to our wonderful supporters **Wollondilly Community Nursery** for once again donating some beautiful native ground cover plants for our school gardens.



Uniform Shop

Please refer to the School Newsletter for important information in regards to our school's uniform shop.

Thank you to Melissa, Katherine and all the volunteers who generously donate their time to assist in running the uniform shop.

If you are interested in assisting, please contact Melissa on 0415 402 013 or Katherine on 0408 051 340.

P&C Meeting



On Tuesday 7th February, we held our first P&C meeting for the year. We discussed such topics as Fundraising for our school, our upcoming Easter raffle, Garden Club goals, Canteen Committee and Uniform Shop news.

Being a part of the P&C team is a great way to stay connected with our children's school. If you're unable to attend meetings, you will be sent all P&C communications and you are welcome to pass on your ideas to a P&C team member which can be presented on your behalf.

You can find membership forms in the school office or please find one below.

We hope you can join us!

Want to become a member of the P&C?

We keep meetings short and to the point as we know your free time is limited. We start at 7.30pm and try to be out by 8.30pm if possible depending on the items tabled for discussion. All you need to do is pay 50^c membership and you can come along to meetings and have voting privileges. We hope to see you at a meeting soon. We meet on the 3rd and 7th Tuesdays of the term in the Admin Block.

P & C MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Your name: _____

Your child's name and class (for receipt purposes):

Email (to receive minutes):

Mobile Number (optional*): _____

Please return this form and 50^c to the Magpie Box on the front verandah marked P & C Membership.

*** Please note** – you will only be contacted via mobile phone (text message) to inform/remind you of any upcoming events e.g meetings, activities etc. We have found this may be more of an effective way of communication as emails are not always received in time, though it is optional. Your details will be kept confidential. Thank you!



Volunteers

We are very lucky to have so many generous volunteers who give up their time in so many different ways to benefit our children's education. We appreciate any and all time that you are able to give. You don't need to be a P&C member to volunteer at P&C run events.

Please find a 'Volunteer Form' below if you would like to be contacted in regards to the 2 upcoming events this term that we would appreciate any assistance with, **Easter Raffle** and **School Disco** as previously noted.

You are also welcome to contact us directly should you require any further information or would like to assist.

- Lauren ph-0410 618 705 e- laurenjason@live.com.au
- Brenda ph-0431 459 756 e- mahonbrenda@yahoo.com

Thank you for your support!

Volunteer Form

NAME - _____

BEST CONTACT (email, phone, text) –

I'm able to assist with: _____

Please drop in the Magpie box at the school office. Thank you!!





We are pleased to invite you and your family to participate in our

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TO HELP YOUR SCHOOL RAISE MONEY

As the owners of That Office Place in Picton, we are keen to promote our business within the local community as well as finding a way to reward customers who shop locally, and support your school.

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