What is the P&C?

Parents and Citizens Association: A voluntary run group whose aim is to support and enhance the school environment and the school community, working closely with the school.

What are the main roles of the P&C within the school?

1. Provide a forum where parents (and citizens) have a voice within the school community. This is the objective of our monthly meetings which the principal also attends. It’s a place to raise concerns, be informed, advocate, ask questions, raise and discuss issues and areas of need (i.e. resources), support your school in the wider community and have discussions on future projects/spending of fundraising. Generally, ideas and the managing of fundraising, the running of the Canteen and Uniform shop are addressed by a Sub-Committee.

2. The P&C at WRPS endeavours to support the school by providing a canteen and uniform shop (both profitable) and raising funds. All profits returning to the school by way of resources (classroom/ library/sporting equipment etc) to larger projects such as classroom air-conditioning and car park. To achieve this we:

- Manage the Canteen - employ a paid supervisor, Sue who is assisted by 2 volunteers, 5 days a week
- Manage the Uniform Shop - accessible most times but managed by volunteers one morning a week (Fridays 8.30 – 10.30)
- Run the School Banking program
- General fundraising - organise events/ activities throughout the year

Meetings and Membership

AGM is the first meeting of the school year. We ask you to pay $1 membership fee, enabling you to vote at meetings throughout the year and for office bearers.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

A Canteen/Uniform Shop/ Fundraising sub-committee convenes the first Monday of each month. The purpose of this meeting is as its title suggests and deals with all issues relating to these areas.

Everyone, especially new families are welcome to attend anytime and we encourage you to come along.

What have we done to support WRPS?

We have played an active role in or initiated the following in recent years:

- 50th Anniversary celebrations 2005
- Construction of Visitors Car Park
- Supporting the payment of Voluntary Contributions
- Road safety around our school
- Successfully implemented the Sun safe Hat policy
- Drafted the Guidelines for the safe use of the Pick-up/Drop off Zone
- Host many guest speakers including politicians, high school principals, teachers, life education van representatives and more
- Established the suggestions box in the foyer as another means of communication for parents
- Campaigned in the media and wrote to politicians regarding inequity in the BER funding
- The P&C Initiated the rezoning of parking on Nielson street and the installation of guard rails at the bus stop on Wyrallah Road
- Each year we give $5000 to WRPS for the purchase of various resources within the school
- Purchased wet weather mats and installed soap dispensers in students toilets
- Originally installed playground equipment and continue to maintain it
- We support students financially who represent the school at a state level in sport and attend DET sponsored camps (such as creative arts camp)
- $10 000 was donated for the refurbishment of the new computer room in 2007
- Purchase electric pencil sharpeners for Kinder classrooms ($900)
- The P&C installed Air conditioning in the STLA room and replaced it in the canteen a total cost of $2900. (P&C was integral in the original instillation of air conditioning throughout the school some years ago)
- $8000 towards the purchase of new readers to support the reading program 2008
• Jointly fund the purchase and installation of shade sails over the handball courts with the SRC
• Sporting equipment including assistance to purchase gymnastics equipment
• Supply soap and maintain dispensers in students toilets
• We gave financial support to a family within our school community that was in need and donated over 50 hamper items in support of the Orphans Day Christmas Party
• $980 to subsidise the cost of the Life Education van for every student 2010
• $10 000 donated to the school for spending on smartboards in 2009
• A second $10 000 to assist in the purchase of computers to operate the smartboards
• Ongoing management of the music program – established 2009 - band and lessons

Our biggest initiative is under construction; a Multipurpose Sports Surface below the visitors car park. It will be large enough for tennis, basketball and more, with paths for access and fully fenced it should be completed in term 1. Total cost is just under $58000, financed entirely by the P&C and fundraising efforts over the last few years ($27000 form the Family Fun Day). As a school community this is a wonderful achievement, one we can all be proud of.

How do we fundraise?

Without volunteers this would be impossible. The P&C relies on the goodwill of its members and supporting parents; volunteering their time, labour and expertise. This enables us to efficiently operate the uniform shop, canteen and student banking and hold fundraising events such as:

• Trivia Nights
• NORCO Community cash caps
• Raffles (Easter, Christmas, Concerts)
• Father’s Day and Mother’s Day stalls
• Hot Cross Bun and Lamington Drives
• Catering at sports carnivals/school functions
• Run-A-Thon
• Community Barbeques
• Seat/ticket sales at school concerts and more
• 2010 was our first fete for many years, planning will begin soon for 2012

We need you!!

In 2011 consider how you can support your children as students at Wyrallah Road Public School. Being involved in the P&C is one way for you to feel a part of the school community, being involved gives you a much better insight into ‘how it all works’ and the politics of the school - that world behind the school gate which can seem so foreign to many of us.

• At meetings- starting with the AGM Wednesday 9th February 7.30pm in the staff room
• Paying your voluntary contributions
• In the canteen and/or uniform shop
• Assisting school banking on Fridays
• Selling/ buying raffle tickets
• Donating goods, time, skills and knowledge

If you can’t make meetings but would like to be involved in other ways please contact us or leave your name and contact details at the school office in the P&C suggestion box.

Thank you,

We can’t do it without you,

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