

# Maroochydore State School P&C Association

Hello! Welcome to Maroochydore State School! The school has an active P&C (Parents and Citizens Association), so this will give you a brief overview of what the P&C does and answer some of the commonly asked questions.

## What does a P&C do?

The P&C at our school has a few roles.

**The Tuckshop** – the P&C at MSS employ the tuckshop convenor, and have input into decisions made regarding the operation of the tuckshop

**The Uniform Shop** – P&C volunteers staff the uniform shop, and regularly check purchasing options to try and ensure good quality (but also affordable) uniform items are available to parents

**Catering and Chaperoning School Events** eg school sports carnival, school discos, Mothers' Day Morning tea, Fathers' Day Breakfast

**Fundraising** – see below

## Fundraising

**Why do we fundraise?** Although MSS is a great school, and well resourced, there are many things that government funding doesn't always stretch to. It is these little 'extras' that the P&C tries to pay for, to improve the children's school experience. For example, in 2012/2013, some of the items the P&C have funded included the resurfacing of the ball courts, the purchase of more iPads for student use, the provision of sand/softfall for play areas, and the Athletics licence (a program to help children with learning Maths).

## How do we fundraise?

1. We research what grants may be available from government and community sources, and apply for them
2. Any profits from the tuckshop and uniform shop go back into the school via the P&C.
3. We average about four fundraisers a year. We try to target fundraising activities towards the broader community if we can, rather than just school families. For example Bunnings BBQs and car boot sales. However, once or twice a year we will send home a pie drive form (or something similar) to school families, and we appreciate any support you can give.



## Common Questions

### **Who can be involved in the P&C?**

Anyone is welcome to come along to a P&C meeting, but most people that do so are parents of children at our school.

### **Do I need to be a 'member' of the P&C to come to meetings or volunteer?**

Definitely not! Anyone can come to a meeting and have some input, give feedback, or just listen to what is happening at the school. Membership is only required if you wish to hold an executive position (such as president or financial officer), or have an official vote on major decisions.

### **Why would we love you to come along to a meeting?**

The P&C makes decisions that affect all students at the school. The more school families that give input at meetings, the more we are able to ensure that the decisions we make are the right ones for our school community. And different people have different ideas and experiences – it may be that you have an idea we haven't thought of, or perhaps have had some experiences that we can learn from.

### **Do I need to come to every meeting?**

No. The P&C meets once a month during term times, so about 9-10 times in a school year. You are welcome to come to as many meetings (or as few!) as you wish. We understand that sometimes there may be no one to leave your children with, so if you need to bring the children along that is fine. We meet in the school library, so there is plenty of space for the children to do their own thing while you are here (just maybe bring some activities for them to do if they don't particularly like reading!).

### **If I come to a meeting, will I be given a job to do, or pressured to volunteer for something?**

No. There is no expectation that you will volunteer just because you came to a meeting. There is the saying that "many hands make light work", and this is certainly true when it comes to a P&C. However, while we appreciate any and all assistance you can give, we understand that parents have outside commitments (after all, we are parents ourselves). From time to time at meetings, and through the school newsletter, we will ask for help with various things. If you can help, that is great. Whether you are able to give an hour or two once a year to cook some sausages at a BBQ, or have the time to spend a couple of hours a week in the tuckshop, we will gratefully accept whatever assistance you feel able to give at the time.

These are questions we often get asked, if you have any other questions about the P&C, please contact the school office, who can refer you to the appropriate person for an answer.

**Finally....** The P&C meeting is held on the second Wednesday of each month during term time, at 7pm in the school library.

We would love to see you there!

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