

Penshurst P&C Patter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another year at Penshurst Public School. I hope that you all had a great Christmas and a somewhat restful break over the school holidays. Just want to update you on a few things.

School Bags

The introduction of the new school bag has been very successful, and they look wonderful on the kids as part of our school uniform. Thank you to all the parents and carers that have purchased them from the P&C with some of the money going towards the school playground equipment.

If you have purchased a school bag but have not yet received it, please contact the P&C through our email to organise a pick up time. I will be near the school hall on Monday 13th February between 3-4pm to hand out the last of the bags. Please come and see me outside the school hall inside the main gate to pick up your bag or purchase one.

If you would like to purchase a bag could you please fill out the order form which is attached or can be found on the school website in the notes section.

Back to School Vouchers

We have now been approved to use the Premiers Back to school vouchers to purchase the school bag. To do this, please arrange a time to see me, so that I can scan the vouchers and take payment. I recommend using 1 voucher (of \$50) and then paying the remainder of \$20 by either cash or card payment.

If you have any questions in regard to the bags please contact me on our email:

penshurstpublicpc@gmail.com



Playground equipment

Some of you may not have heard that we were the lucky recipients of a Community Building Grant from our Local Member Mark Couré. We were awarded \$75,000 to go towards our play equipment we are trying to get for the students. We look forward to this process starting as soon as possible for our students to eventually use.

2nd hand uniform stall

The P&C are hoping to have a 2nd hand uniform stall in either Week 5 or 6 (date to be advised). If you have any preloved uniforms you would like to donate, please bring them to the office. We can only accept clean, functional (all zips must be working) and presentable uniforms.

If you cannot make the day of the the stall, please email us and we can make a time with you to see the uniforms we have available.

Volunteers

We have a few activities planned this year and the P&C are always looking for volunteers to help us at our events. If you would like to be added to our volunteer email list please contact us via email and we can let you know when we need helpers.

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P&C membership

Penshurst Public School P&C are welcoming any new members who would like to join our association. Membership is \$2 and this allows you to have voting rights at meetings, for motions and at our AGM (Annual General Meeting). Our meetings normally are held during the day around 2pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month (to be confirmed).

Why does a school community need a P&C Association?

A P&C Association enables parents and citizens to meet to determine the needs and aspirations of the school community.

What does a P&C Association do?

The objectives of a P&C Association are to; promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, pupils and teaching staff into close co-operation; assist in providing equipment required by the school; report to the Minister the material requirements of the school; assist the teaching staff in establishment of school policy and management in all facets of school activity.

Who is eligible to be a member of our P&C Association?

- All parents, carers and guardians of students enrolled at the school are eligible to be members of the school's P&C Association.
- All citizens are eligible to be members of the school's P&C Association.
- The Principal is an ex-officio member of the P&C Association. That is, they are a member of the P&C Association by right of their position as Principal of the school.
- Members of the school staff are eligible to be members of the P&C Association.
- Employees of the P&C Association can be a member, however, they will need to be aware of potential conflict of interests when attending a meeting.

How do people become members of our P&C Association?

Parents, carers, guardians, citizens, employees and school staff must pay the membership fee to become a financial member of the P&C Association which enables them to have the right to vote or move a motion.

How much is the membership fee?

The annual membership fee for the following year is decided by a majority vote at the AGM and is recorded in the by-laws of each individual P&C Association. The fee cannot be less than fifty cents. (Ours is \$2 at the moment, which will be voted on again at our next AGM)

I have paid my membership fee, Can I vote?

A new member who pays their membership at a P&C General or Annual General meeting will not be eligible to vote at that meeting due to the member register only being updated at the close of the P&C meeting. Once the member register is updated they are considered a P&C member for voting purposes at the next P&C meeting.

How long is my membership valid for?

Once membership is paid and the member register updated, the members will remain current until the close of the Annual General Meeting. The membership year is from the rise (close) of the AGM until the rise (close) of the next AGM.

What if I pay my membership between meetings?

Any person who pays membership to the Treasurer between meetings, will only be recognised as financial at the close of the next general meeting when the member register is updated.

Do I need to get a receipt for the fees paid?

The Treasurer should issue receipts for all paying membership monies. It is in the members' interest to obtain a receipt at the time of payment.

Must I be a financial member to be nominated for a position with the P&C Association?

A person must be a financial member to be nominated for any position for officer bearer, executive or committee member of a P&C Association.

Looking forward to meeting you all in the playground or at events held at the school. If you see me around, please feel free to come and say hi.

Kind Regards,

Cale Munns
P & C President