

Barnier Public School P&C 2016

Dear Families

The Barnier Public School P&C Association aims to provide a forum to promote communication and co-operation between the school and its community, and to assist in providing additional resources through fundraising activities.

The P&C meets on the 3rd Monday of every month in the staffroom at 7.30pm. Parking is available in the car park. We are also gaging interest on holding informal meetings every second month in the mornings to capture the thoughts and ideas of those that cannot attend our night meetings. Please return the attached form if you are interested in attending.

Next meeting

21st March 2016 - 7.30pm

Teacher staffroom
Parking is available in the car park.

Many of our members' children are getting older and have either moved into high school, or will in the next few years, so we are finding we have less members and volunteers. We would like to see the effort of the current and previous members to support the school and students continued, so we are encouraging all families to consider becoming a member, to help shape the future of so many little minds. You can contribute ideas to the school on all facets of school life, help raise money and to make requests on how that money will be used to benefit the students of today and in the future.

A misconception that is still alive today is that 'Public Education is free'. The government provides funds to all schools — public and private — so they can provide a **very basic** education to all children. Public schools then supplement their funds by requesting nominal fees and levys to be paid by school families which are used to provide additional circular and extra-curricular programs and better facilities that will provide our children with an enhanced and more varied educational experience. Unfortunately, sometimes there is still not enough money to pay for all the programs the school would like to provide or the parents request. This is where the P&C helps— by fundraising during the year, running many fun events for the students, and their families. Last year, our P&C raised over \$35,000 and were able to co-fund projects, such as the replacement of the netball court and the COLA extension. We also funded uniforms for sports groups, literacy material for classrooms, and life education programs for students.

Other ways the P&C sources funds are by:

- Welcoming sponsors and donations from local community businesses, as well as from parents who own their own business or can organise these through their work place. This is a very important part of fundraising and we hope to continue to have family and local businesses support us in 2016.
- Applying for grants. In 2015 we successfully applied for a \$50,000 grant which will go towards the resurfacing of the school oval. This is a massive and very costly project that will still need more funds put towards it, so we will continue to fundraise for this year.



2016 Event Calendar

In 2016 we have a number of ideas/requests on how to fundraise for the projects that are already on the wish list. These events will need coordinators and volunteers, so if you (or a group of you) are interested, or you have another idea, contact us via email on barnierpandc@hotmail.com.au. We have full detailed instructions from previously run events and we have a Fundraising Co-ordinator who will help and guide you.

If we do not get volunteers we will not be able to run these events.

NB.—The second hand uniform shop is open once a term (dates to be advised).

Term 1

- Easter Raffle and Guessing Competition

Term 2

- Mother's Day Stall
- Entertainment Books
- Disco

Term 3

- Education Week BBQ
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Father's Day Stall
- Walk-a-thon Olympic Theme

Term 4

- Slice Drive
- Parents Only Trivia Night (by popular demand)

Other Suggestions

- Movie Night
- Market Night
- COLA Opening Celebration.

'Your children will benefit directly by your involvement in their school life'

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Denise Kegg
P&C President

Please return forms to your child's class teacher

I would be interested in attending informal morning meetings to find out more about our school and to give my input and ideas to the P&C. Please contact via email on meeting details if they become viable.

Name: _____

Email: _____

I have my own business or work at a business that would be interested in supporting the P&C with donations or sponsorship at events. Please email me more details on how we can work together.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Business: _____