Your P&C Update

President's Message

Hi there and welcome to another great year at Helensburgh Public School.

If your child or children attended the school in 2012 you will know how busy we were celebrating. This year we are hoping to see again the many keen and enthusiastic volunteers that helped out last year for the fete and other activities, it was so great to meet all of you. Keep an eye out in this flyer for callings for volunteers during the year.

The P&C had a successful year last year, with the canteen also making a profit for the first time in many years. It was great for my first year as President. - Sandy

Save the Date!

P&C AGM
12 March 2013
Join the P&C and help create a better school community for our children. New members welcome

Easter Raffle
28 March 2013
Make sure you get your raffle tickets in for your chance to win.

Mothers Day Stall
9 May 2013
We have a great selection of gifts for your child to choose with love.

The P&C contribution to the school in 2012

2012 was a super busy year for the P&C with many opportunities to support the school.

We helped in the organization of:

➤ A birthday party at the school and unearthing of the time capsule,
➤ An anniversary dinner
➤ Easter hat parade and raffles
➤ Mother's and Father's Day stalls
➤ A fantastic fete
➤ The inaugural art show
➤ Grandparents Day and education week raffles
➤ Upgrading the storage of uniform supplies in the canteen
➤ Supporting athletes competing in national events for NSW.

With the money we raised we were able to:

• make a substantial contribution to the upgrade of the bottom oval
• purchase two mobile smart boards for the kindergarten rooms
• purchase 10 i-pads for use as a whole school resource.
Voluntary Contribution

Each year parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of their child’s education by paying a nominal voluntary contribution. This is set by the P&C and is currently only $40 for a single child or $70 for a family. This amounts to less than $1 per day but is an essential source of funding for additional classroom resources such as paint, coloured card, library and home reader, i-tunes vouchers for the newly purchased i-pads – all things that enhance your child’s learning experiences but are not provided for with government funding.

Your small voluntary contribution will make a big difference in the classroom, so please pay this at the front office as soon as you can, and thank you!

P&C FUNDRAISING - 2013

Our 2013 fundraising plans are underway and we are excited about having fun and raising funds with the following great events and activities:

- Trivia night (27 July)
- Winter curry delivery (they’re back!)
- Art Show (Oct/Nov)
- Shopping bus trip (Oct/Nov)
- Friday night Carnivale (Nov/Dec)

Any further suggestions are always welcome, especially if you are willing to be a part of the organising team! 😊

And don’t forget our annual Fundraisers - the Easter Raffle, Mothers’ Day, Fathers’ Day & Grandparents Day!

The P&C at work in 2013

Thanks to the efforts of many parents and a very successful fundraising year in 2012, the P&C has already been able to make the following substantial contributions to our school:

- $100 to the environment team
- Peer Support training for all Year 6 students
- Leadership training for all year 6 students

Imagine what else we could do with your help?!?

What is the insurance cost on my textbook prices note?

The department of education provides very little insurance cover for our children at school. If they suffer from any bodily injury or damage their teeth, for example, this is a cost that has to be paid out of the parent’s own health insurance or pocket. The P&C decided that this was a risk that we did not want to take, especially when appropriate insurance was offered at such a reasonable price. As a condition of this policy, all children attending school had to be covered, and so we made the decision to include it with the book fees.

Thank you all for paying this small cost; your children are now covered by insurance when at school or on a school excursion.

Contacting the P&C

If you are unable to make it to a P&C meeting, but would like an issue raised, and understanding that the first point of contact for issues related to your child should be your child’s teacher, then please send us an email at pandchps@gmail.com or catch up with one of the P&C executive team in the playground. We will introduce your 2013 P&C Executive members in upcoming issues of the P&C Update.