



PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Endeavour Schools' P&C Association welcomes you and your family to our school and invite you to attend our next general meeting. Times and dates of these meetings are published in the schools' fortnightly newsletter.

Our P&C Association is a valuable organisation that has been supporting Endeavour Schools since it opened in 2000. It provides parents with opportunities to contribute to their children's education and raises funds to support school programmes and activities by providing equipment and other resources to benefit students. Funds raised have been used for a range of items, including:

- air-conditioning for school buildings.
- Senior & Junior Choir uniforms.
- sports tops.
- transport costs to and from sporting & choir events.
- ongoing donations for the purchase of Literacy and Numeracy materials.
- Neo Computers for Ed Support students.
- annual contributions for the purchase of classroom rewards.
- playground equipment and pre-primary shadesail
- book prizes for end of year awards.

Our P&C Association is made up of parent volunteers who are passionate about helping the schools. Volunteers take on various roles within the P & C committee and, with other parents, organise various fundraising events such as raffles, sausage sizzles, discos, lapathons, stalls, etc. Volunteers are always needed and your time would be very much appreciated. In 2010, Endeavour Schools celebrated their 10th anniversary which was celebrated in a number of ways including a "Family Favourites Cookbook" as a fundraising initiative to mark this milestone in Endeavour's history. The cookbook was created by the P & C from recipes submitted by the school community.

P&C meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month in the staffroom starting at 1.45pm. These meetings provide a forum for parents to voice their concerns or congratulations to the Principals and other staff as well as making decisions about how to spend P & C funds.

We again welcome you to Endeavour Schools and hope you attend our next meeting to have a cuppa, make some new friends and find out about the P & C. **Without parents like you, we could not function.**

Kind regards
President and Committee
Endeavour Schools
P&C Association Inc





THE ROLE OF OUR P&C ASSOCIATION

Endeavour Schools Parents & Citizens' Association aims to:

- raise the profile of Endeavour.
- provide parents with a forum to share information and views on running the school with other parents and school staff.
- assist the school to build positive relationships with the school community.
- give parents an opportunity to learn about school policies and programmes.
- stimulate community interest and participation in education.
- raise funds to provide additional resources for the benefit of students.

HOW DO WE ACHIEVE THESE AIMS?

Meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month (excluding school holidays) at 1.45pm in the staffroom. Every parent is welcome to attend and express their ideas and opinions. This is your forum to discuss how money raised by the P&C will be spent; what students are wearing and doing at school; and any other aspect of school that interests you.

Our schools P&C is made up of a group of people who are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is held early in Term 1. You can help to decide who will represent our parents and students. Some P & C members take on position on committees while others volunteers their time for other tasks so you can decide on your level of involvement. Your commitment is voluntary but if you wish to vote at meetings, you need to be a financial member. This only costs \$1.00 per year and can be paid at the office.

WHAT DOES THE P&C DO AT ENDEAVOUR?

CANTEEN

The Canteen is run by the P&C who employ two managers in a job-share arrangement. Parents volunteer their time throughout the week but **we are always seeking more helpers**. So if you can spare an hour or a day, please speak to either of the managers or let the school office know the times and days that you are available. All monies raised through the canteen are put back into the canteen. Lunch orders can be placed online. Please see one of our canteen managers to find out how.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop is run by the P&C. Opening hours are Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8.15 and 9.00am. The Uniform Shop Co-ordinator and other parents volunteer their time to provide this service to families. All monies raised through the Uniform Shop are used to purchase more uniforms. **We are always seeking more volunteers**.

FUNDRAISING

A number of fundraising events organised by members of the Fundraising Committee are held throughout the school year - usually two per term. Participation in these events is voluntary. Fundraising provides the money the P & C uses to purchase additional resources for our students.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The Scholastic Book Club is run by a P & C member who regularly distributes brochures to students. Anyone wishing to order books from the brochures can place the order form and correct money into the P & C box in the office. Scholastic provide the school with free resources for the library.

SCHOOL BANKING

Endeavour Schools are part of the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Programme and have P&C volunteers to co-ordinate and run this worthwhile programme which is held on Friday mornings. This great programme teaches our children money management skills and provides benefits for saving their money. Every new account opened earns the school \$5 plus a commission for every deposit made. To open an account for your child/children, just visit your local Commonwealth Bank branch and ask to open a Youth Saver Account. Help is always needed so if you are interested in helping with the school banking programme, please leave your contact details with the office staff.

There are many other ways in which the P&C contribute to Endeavour but none of it can be done without parents/guardians willing to give a little or a lot of their time.

WE NEED YOU because . . .

without your energetic input, the P&C may not achieve its goals and your children will not get the benefit of additional funds. If you want to contribute to getting the best for your children and Endeavour, please take an active role in supporting your P&C.

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN THE P&C?

Parent Positives:

- become informed about what happens in school
- keep abreast of changes within the schools
- keep in touch with what's happening for your child/ren
- become actively involved in school events
- share your ideas and expertise
- contribute to decision-making
- meet new people
- make new friends
- be a part of something important
- experience the joy of seeing the children of our schools benefit from your efforts

Staff Positives:

- keep parents informed of school events, policies and procedures
- get to know the parents
- become aware of parent expectations
- share ideas and expertise
- contribute to decision-making
- make links with school and community

