



# Introducing the Waitara P&C

The Waitara Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) is the body established within our public school system to facilitate community support of the school. Volunteer parents lead and operate the P&C. The School Principal is also a member.

*Waitara parents supporting your child's school experience...*

## GOALS of the P&C

The Waitara P&C aims to:

- Promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, students, teaching staff and other members of the community into close co-operation.
- Assist in promoting the recreation and welfare of students at the school, and providing facilities and equipment for the school.
- Assist and co-operate with teaching staff at public functions associated with the school.



## WHAT does the P&C do?

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There are numerous ways the P&C fulfills its objectives:

### *Meeting as a community*

P&C meetings are held once a term, catering for both morning and evening preferences. Two meetings are held online on a Wednesday night at 7.00 pm, and the other two are held on a Friday morning at 9.30 am. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings. The meetings are an important opportunity to hear what is going on at the school as the Principal and other senior staff attend, talk about important school matters and invite parent comments and opinions on a range of matters.

### *Communicating with the school community*

The P&C reports regularly on its activities and calls for support in the school newsletter, through Sentral and a network of class parents. It has a dedicated email for direct contact and a chat group that connects members and friends.

### *Providing services to the school community*

The school Uniform Shop is run by the P&C and exclusively supplies most of your uniform needs. Parent volunteers staff the shop. The Uniform Shop is open during school terms on Monday and Thursday mornings between 8.45am and 9.30am for purchase of uniforms and bags.



### *Organising events and assisting with school activities*

The P&C organises annual social events, such as carnivals and discos. It also helps the school with their activities, e.g. food stalls at school-run events, community garden working bees and school committees.

### *Raising funds for the purchase of school facilities and equipment*

Through various fundraising activities, the P&C has funded the refurbishment of the library, facilitated air-conditioning and carpeting for classrooms, supplied painted playground areas, and provided classroom essentials such as iPads, interactive whiteboards, reading and math equipment.



## WHY should I get involved?

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*Community support and volunteering are core Australian values*

Australians proudly see community support and volunteering as fundamental to our culture. By being involved as members of the P&C, supporting all of the children at the school, we can role model these very important values to our children.

*Make new friends*

Attending meetings or helping out on various projects is a great way to meet others and make new friends while working for a good cause.

*Encourage our children*

Children love to see their family members involved in school life. It delights them to be able to say “that’s my mum / dad / grandparent!” when they see their parents or grandparents doing things around the school.

*Encourage the teaching staff*

It is a natural reaction of our wonderful teachers that they are encouraged to give even more of themselves to our children when they know their efforts are appreciated. Good parent support helps to motivate teaching staff to do their best.

*Encourage other parents*

It encourages wider participation of parents when they see others doing it too and supporting them - many hands make light work!

*It’s fun and rewarding!*

Seeing the effect of your contribution on our children’s school experience is just fantastic.

Many of the facilities and events at the school would not exist without the efforts of the P&C.



## HOW can I participate?

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- Come along to one of our monthly meetings. We are delighted to meet new members, so don't be shy about not knowing anyone or worry about your English language skills. We will make sure you are warmly welcomed.
- When you receive P&C notices about volunteer opportunities, or requests for donations, please respond as best you can.
- Get in touch! You can email us directly at [waitara-pca@outlook.com](mailto:waitara-pca@outlook.com)
- Volunteer for reading groups and excursions, attend school carnivals and assemblies when they are held. The students and staff love to see parents joining in the fun.



*We welcome all parents and interested community members to our meetings – please feel free to come along and ask any questions.*