

Information from the P&C



Improving the
educational experience
of our children

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Welcome

Welcome to Hornsby Heights Public School Parents & Citizens' Association! We work in partnership with the teachers and the students (our kids) to create the fabulous community that is Hornsby Heights Public School.

Did you know?

Hornsby Heights Public School (HHPS) has an **active** Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C). We invite you to take an active role in the school to ensure that your children receive the best education and experience in the best learning environment possible.

What we do

The P&C run the school band program, the Eco Food Garden which plants and cooks with the kids, and the canteen which provides lots of delicious, healthy foods. We also support the dance and school banking programs as well as assisting with maintenance of the school grounds. All of this relies entirely on the generous and enthusiastic contribution of volunteers.

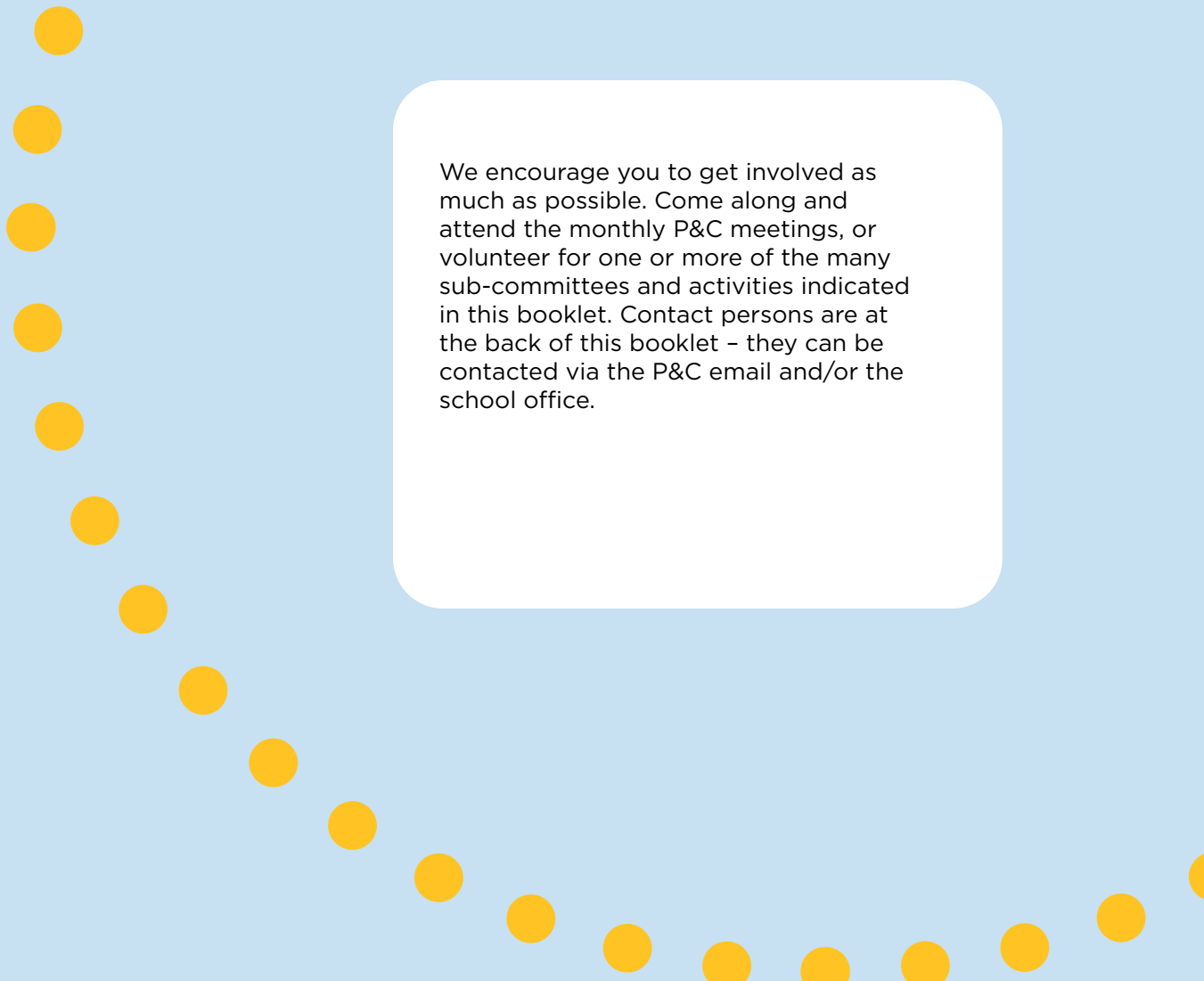
Everyone on the P&C is a volunteer and joins us in a way that best suits them. New members are always welcome, so if you'd like to join us in anyway, please get in touch

P&C meetings

The P&C Association meets on the first Wednesday of each month during school terms at 7:00pm in the school staffroom. These meetings usually have an agenda that includes:

- Reports from the sub-committees
- Principal's Report
- General Business

The Annual General Meeting is held in March each year at which time the election of office bearers takes place.



We encourage you to get involved as much as possible. Come along and attend the monthly P&C meetings, or volunteer for one or more of the many sub-committees and activities indicated in this booklet. Contact persons are at the back of this booklet – they can be contacted via the P&C email and/or the school office.

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Fundraising

Our fundraising efforts have contributed to several wonderful additions to the grounds and opportunities to support our children's education. Recent examples are furnishing the library, financial support for a part-time learning support teacher to be employed, building a playground (ping pong tables), sporting equipment purchases and bus travel for sport groups. We also hold a biennial Bushland Fair along with other events throughout the year and we encourage our entire school community to become involved.

In addition to the fundraising activities through the year where you will see us call on volunteers to do something wonderful, we also have some *passive* fundraising going on in the background! These things just tick along happily.

ATHLETES FOOT

Any purchase of any shoe can be linked to our school. Let the staff know, and they will donate \$5 for each pair sold. This applies to anyone in your family!

[School Rewards](#)

CASH REWARDS

By signing up to this program you will find over 1500 stores for your online shopping, and you'll receive a % cash back. When you sign up and spend HHPS will receive \$10 from the program, and you'll also get an instant cash back yourself.

Use this referral link for the current promotion:

[Cash Rewards](#)

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

If you love a bargain on dining, travel or shopping, then this book is perfect! Now that they are 100% digital, they are always by your side, and you do not have to remember to cut out theright coupons! HHPS will receive 20% of each membership purchased.

Use this link to get your membership:

[Entertainment Book](#)

TERRACYCLE

Each classroom has a box for broken or empty pens, textas and mechanical pencils. These are collected periodically and set away to Terracycle for recycling. We are happy for you to send these items in from home too. Terracycle will donate money to HHPS for each shipment that we make!



P&C funds

A significant portion of the money raised by the P&C comes from voluntary parent contributions. These funds are needed to supplement resources provided by the Department of Education and Training. The P&C contributions are set out in the table below.

	1st child	2nd child	Each additional child
P&C General Fund	\$55	\$37.50	-
Grounds Maintenance	\$20	-	-
TOTAL	\$75	\$37.50	-

The income from the voluntary contribution and funds raised by the sub-committees is used to purchase items for inside and outside the classroom that do not fall within the Department of Education and Training funding. The decisions on how our funds are spent are made at the monthly P&C meetings. Sometimes events will be conducted with a specific fundraising purpose in mind, which is conveyed through notice of the event and the school newsletter.





Social events

The P&C also organises social events during the year to foster the community spirit. In recent years we have held BBQs and trivia nights. All events are publicised in the school newsletter and we welcome your participation.



Canteen

The HHPS canteen follows the healthy canteen guidelines as defined by the NSW Canteen Association. Our emphasis is on fresh, healthy and fun food.

Our aim is to run our school canteen as a self-funding service to the school community. The canteen employs a paid manager, and is supported by volunteers.

Currently we are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for recess and lunch. All lunch orders are to be made via the P&C QKR! app.

Our canteen always needs more volunteers. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact us by emailing hpspandccanteen@gmail.com or the school office. It is a great way to meet other families at the school and your children love to see you there.

Remember

Any queries regarding the school generally can be directed to the office staff, who are happy to assist. Your child's teacher will be able to answer any queries regarding your child's education.



Uniform shop

The HHPS Uniform Shop provides parents with the opportunity to purchase all school uniform items and accessories from quality suppliers at competitive prices.

You can also purchase very modestly priced second-hand items that have been donated – please check out the boxes/rack in the uniform shop.

The opening hours are usually every second Friday 8:30am to 9:30am. All items are ordered via the QKR! app with orders closing each Friday during school term, and delivery made to your child's class as soon as possible after that.

Second hand items are now paid for via QKR!, although you are able to come onsite to select from what is available.

The hours and frequency that the shop is open are directly affected by the availability of volunteers. If you would like to find out more or volunteer your time, please contact hhpsuniforms@gmail.com or the school office.



Second-hand items are also available



Band

The HHPS Band Program has been running since 1973. The Program offers a Training Band for children new to their instrument, a Concert Band and a Performance Band to extend the really keen musicians. The bands rehearse once per week on Tuesdays after school. All children in years 3-6 are welcome to join. The bands are conducted by professional conductors and the program is organised by the volunteer parent band committee.

The Bands enjoy performing at school and community events as well as participating in eisteddfods. A band camp is the highlight of the year, held over two school days, supported by teachers, conductors, music tutors and volunteer parents. The band camp results in considerable improvement to each child's individual ability and the band as a whole. In recent years, the camp has been held at Camp Kedron. All band members are encouraged to attend.

Band members are required to receive tuition for their chosen instrument. To facilitate this, the Band Committee arranges for tutors to come to the school and provide tuition during school hours. Children may choose to have outside tuition.

Instruments are allocated to children most suited to a particular instrument as indicated by an aptitude test. The Band Committee has a number of instruments for hire. Children may also hire instruments from music shops or purchase their own instrument new or second hand.

Band Fees are charged to cover band expenses including: conductor fees, competition entry fees, expenses incurred in buying music, purchasing and replacing equipment. In 2023 the annual fees were: \$390 Training Band (includes a method book), \$360 Concert & Performance Band. Optional instrument hire \$270. Band camp \$230. Private tuition fees additional.



Grounds

The Grounds Committee over the years has worked hard to construct and maintain much of the outdoor environment of the school.

A team of volunteers from the school community tend the gardens, mow the lawns and regularly perform other maintenance activities around the school.

Working bees are also held to enhance and build upon the existing grounds presentation and maintain outdoor equipment often on weekends several times throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to participate in the working bees, which are also a great way to meet and socialise with other families.

For any further information or enquiries, please contact hpspnc@gmail.com or the school office.

***Join a
working
bee***



Bushland Fair

HHPS holds a Bushland Fair every two years. The fair held in 2022 was a tremendous success and raised money for a playground. This event is always a major occasion on the HHPS calendar and raises much needed funds for the benefit of the school as a whole.

The organisation of the event is a big task (planning begins early in the year of the fair) and the involvement of many parents for various activities is always encouraged. On the day of the fair, many hands are required to help with the stalls and ensure smooth running on the day. Consider joining in the fun!

Traditionally the money raised from the fair has gone towards improvements around the school. The building of the school hall is a significant example of past fundraising efforts. Our next fair is scheduled for 2024.

***The Outdoor
Learning Area
was funded by
the P&C***



School Club

The School Club is a very important fundraising sub-committee of the P&C as it aims to promote the interests of our School by bringing children, teaching staff and our community together.

The School Club's activities typically include:

- “Ω Morning Tea for new parents of the school
- “Ω Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls
- “Ω Orientation Day morning tea
- “Ω School Disco

We ask our parents and carers to volunteer a little time to help with these activities. For further information on how to be part of School Club please contact us by emailing hhpspnc@gmail.com or via the school office.



Kids growing for a better future

Eco Food Garden

The Eco Food Garden team aims to provide students at the school with the opportunity to be involved in hands-on learning in a productive food garden based on permaculture principles.

Since 2009 we have had parents/ carers and school staff volunteer their time, skills and abilities. Meetings are generally held once a month during the school term, and working bees in the garden are organised as the need arises. All parents are welcome to join us and be part of creating and maintaining this exciting project. Our Eco Food Garden always needs people to help in the garden, cook with the kids or help with the animals.

Our garden now has raised vegetable gardens, compost bins, a worm farm, a bush tucker garden, fruit trees, outdoor kitchen and our lovely chooks! You are welcome to share the joy of planting, growing and cooking fresh food with the children at our school. It is amazing what vegetables they will try when they have grown and cooked them!

For any further information or enquiries, please contact the hhpsecogarden@gmail.com or the school office.

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