



Paterson Public School

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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C/- Paterson Primary School, Webbers Creek Rd, Paterson NSW 2421

Dear Families

The main objectives of the P & C within our school are to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation and assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.

The P & C meets on the third Monday of the month in the school library at 7.00pm. The meeting usually only runs for an hour. These meetings are a great way to get up dates on the fundraising efforts happening within the school and also thanks to the Principal giving a report at each meeting, there is an insight into the day to day running of the school.

These meetings are very relaxed and we would love to see as many parents at these meetings as possible to ensure that the P & C is able to represent the needs of all within the school community.

The next meeting is due to be held on Monday 15th February 2016 in the school library at 7pm.

CANTEEN NEWS

ORDERING RECESS

To minimise wastage in the canteen we have decided to not only pre-order lunch but also recess. Recess is to be pre-ordered in the same terms as lunch is done either on a paper bag or in a reusable lunch bag and these orders are to be handed into the yellow boxes in their classrooms along with their lunch orders. The money to pay for recess and lunch orders can be in each bag separately or provided in one bag only. Any change to be given will be wrapped and placed in the child's lunch order bag to be given to the child at lunch time.

By ordering recess it will also ensure that your child gets what they want for recess instead of missing out because they were at the back of the line.

There will be limited items for sale at recess and lunch over the counter that are freshly made on the day. There will be chips, fresh fruit, biscuits, etc available at both recess and lunch.

Please note: Lunch and recess orders are to be in separate bags. Recess orders will be handed out from the canteen at recess.

MENU

Attached is a new menu for 2016. You will note some items no longer are available such as fandangles (once existing stock is sold) and icy cups. There is still a large stock of frozen items available which can be eaten within the timeframes available for lunch and recess. Ice blocks can be purchased at recess and lunch.

Please note the price changes for some products. We do endeavour to keep prices as low as possible to ensure that it is affordable for everyone but we also need to cover our running costs and allow for ever increasing supplier costs and make some money to cover upgrades to items within the canteen.

MEAL DEAL DAYS

There will be a Hot Dog and Milo Cup Meal Deal on 24 February. Order forms are attached. Please return these as soon as possible. Please note that on this day recess will still be available from the canteen and a recess order can be handed in that morning as normal. If you have any questions about this meal deal or special dietary needs please do not hesitate to contact me.

There will be a Thick shake Day to be held on Wednesday 23 March at lunchtime. These will need to be pre-ordered and forms will be sent out closer to the date. Normal canteen will run for lunch and recess on this day.

I also hope to do a "*Fresh Fruit Salad Friday*" sometime within the term and shall keep you posted.

CANTEEN SUGGESTIONS, QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION

If at any time you have any suggestions for the canteen please do not hesitate to talk to Amy Merchant 0428 641 427 or send an email to amymerchant@bigpnd.com

TOTAL FIELD DAYS

After the devastating news that Total was cancelled last year we are pleased to advise that Total will go ahead this year and will form our major P & C Fundraiser. The P & C holds a cake and hot food stand at Total Field Days each year which is held on 29th April to 1 May. This stand is run by a Total Committee and we ask for volunteers to help with a range of things from preparing sandwiches, a shift or two in the cake or hot food tent, pack up or set down of the stalls, etc.

There will be more information about Total coming out in the next few weeks. We ask that in the meantime you have a think about how you might be able to help out. **The more volunteers we get the less work everyone has to do.**

We do want to stress though, that as full on as the Total Field Days are it is a great opportunity to get out and meet other parents, to socialise and to raise a great deal of funds for the school. In previous years our stalls at Total Field Days have raised in excess of \$10,000. If you would like to join the Total Committee please let us know as soon as possible.

There will also be a raffle held and tickets will go on sale shortly. We will also need volunteers to help sell raffle tickets at numerous events to be held in the months leading up to Total Field Days.

FUNDRAISING

TEA TOWELS

The children will be busy drawing their self-portraits at school in the next few weeks and these will be collated and printed on tea-towels to be sold toward the end of the term. More information for this will be sent out in the next few weeks.

HOT CROSS BUN ORDER

We will again hold a Hot Cross Bun Drive before Easter. Keep an eye out for order forms a week or two before the Easter Long Weekend. Be sure to ask family and friends if they would like to order some.

NEW UNIFORMS

We are pleased to advise that we have some of the new uniform items in stock. There are hats, shorts and skirts all printed with the Paterson Public School Emblem. We should have the new shirts available by Term 2 and will advise when we have them in stock. We also have some old shirts available for \$12.50 and some second hand school jackets available for \$5.00.

Linda will be selling uniforms from the Canteen on Wednesday 3rd February from 3-4pm.

Uniforms are now to be ordered by using the attached order forms. All order forms and money are then to be given to the office and will be collected and collated **once a week** by our uniform committee and delivered to your child's classroom on Monday mornings. Uniforms will not be available for purchase over the counter through the office. They will only be available by using the attached order form.

Feel free to place your pre-order for the new shirts at any time and these will be filled and made available when they are in stock.