



WHAT IS THE P&C?

The object of the South Coogee P&C is to promote the interests of the school by bringing together parents, citizens, pupils, teachers and staff into close co-operation. The strength of this co-operation is largely determined by the level of participation and commitment displayed by all those associated with the P&C.

Recent research has shown that the vital ingredient for a student's learning is parental participation. All members of the community are welcome and encouraged to participate at all levels in the P&C. The South Coogee P&C is an extension of the school community and therefore it is the school community that sets the P&C's agenda, rules and processes. As the school grows the P&C acts as an avenue in assisting the school to set aims and goals which are responsive to the needs of both parents and students. To this extent the P&C is looked upon by the school as an important body to turn to for input, suggestions and consultation.

WHAT DOES THE P&C DO?

One of the main aims of the P&C is to *provide a forum* for parents and carers to discuss issues which concern them about the general education and welfare of the students who attend South Coogee Public School. The way we try to do this is by *holding monthly P&C meetings on the third Wednesday of each month in school term*. The School Principal and a number of Assistant Principals attend these meetings so that areas under discussion can be immediately addressed or referred for further consideration. We welcome and encourage all parents to attend.

Another major area of involvement is the *raising of funds* to supplement the budget allocated to South Coogee Public School by the Department of Education. A key facet of this process is the discussion which centres on the identification and subsequent prioritising of the range of areas which will be targeted for fundraising.

The capacity of the P&C to direct resources into these various areas is determined by the level of participation of the school community in supporting the fundraising initiatives. It may not be possible for parents and carers to physically attend meetings or to support every fundraising project, however any assistance is gratefully accepted and appreciated.

Everybody associated with the school has a viewpoint as to areas of need and improvement. Therefore the P&C considers that it is vital that a broad range of people participate in setting the agenda for fundraising and allocation of monies.

As well as the elected P&C Committee there are also a number of subcommittee's. These allow parents the opportunity to support the P&C in areas of their interest and/or expertise. Such committee's include: Fundraising, Uniform Shop, Grants, Greening/Environmental, Covering Books, Home Readers, Cake Stalls, Gardening, Communications and Scholastic Book Club.

We strongly encourage parents to help out wherever they can, hence enhancing the school community.

FUNDRAISING TARGETS

Over the last few years the South Coogee P&C Association has donated to the school over \$150,000 to fund Literacy, Numeracy, Band, Library and General Works Programs.

2008 will see fundraising efforts being directed to Literacy. We hope to raise \$10,000 (this will go towards purchasing PM Texts, Home Readers and Literacy Games). We hope to raise \$10,000 also for Numeracy (Maths Games, 3D Solid Shapes, Measuring Beakers and Scales), \$5,000 for improvements to the Art Spaces and \$5,000 for the completion of the Sandpit.

In **2007** the P&C donated \$10,000 to Literacy, \$10,000 to Numeracy, \$32,250 for Shade cloths over the Outdoor Play Equipment and the Outdoor Classroom. Recreation kits were provided for each Stage to use at Recess and Lunchtime. Pavement Art was completed in 3 areas of the school. The fantastic effort of the school community was demonstrated by many fundraising events including the most successful Fiesta yet, this biannual event raised \$57,091.85.

In **2006** new play equipment worth \$40,000 was established in the top playground for all grades from K to 6 and Literacy and Numeracy programs were boosted by \$15,000. These funds were raised by holding a Chocolate Drive, a Walk-a-thon, a Sunscreen Drive, Disco and Mother's Day Stall.

In **2005** fundraising activities such as Fiesta, Mother's Day Stall, Father's Day Stall, and Disco's raised over \$40,000. This money was used to fund Literacy Programs, Reading Room Upgrades, Library Purchases and Leadership Team Initiatives.

The South Coogee P&C Association functions because of the committed involvement of its members and the school community.

Always remember a school is only as good as the support it receives from its parents. The more support, the better the school programs that can be offered.

Come and be involved in your child's education - participate in the P&C!