Our Parent Club

Our Parent Club is made up of parents who use their talents, interests and energies to help enrich and diversify the life and wellbeing of the school’s students. It provides an ongoing forum for the discussion and development of parent views on the wide range of issues relating to children’s education and welfare, and maximises parental consultation and participation in decision making in the school. It essentially raises funds for the benefit of all students and the school, and provides for additional resources not provided for by current school funding. It strongly believes in open and honest communication, and is built on the foundations of respect, trust and shared values.

Parents are invited to participate in various ways. They may join the committee, which includes fundraising and running the canteen and uniform shop, or they may help in the canteen or with fundraisers and working bees. We provide weekly updates in the school newsletter and always ensure we give thanks and praise to our helpers and supporters, and we recently created a canteen newsletter, “The Canteen Chatterbox”, to continue to keep parents informed and involved. Regular contact is made via email to members, and we love creating and presenting certificates of appreciation.

All parents are welcome to attend our AGM and Parent Club general meetings, which are often enjoyed over cake and coffee in the school staffroom, and all contributions and suggestions are welcomed. Our Parent Club members are friendly and approachable, and in 2008 we recognised two parents with over 17 years membership between them, and welcomed two new mums with children just starting school. Our Parent Club embraces all of its members and all of the skills, knowledge and enthusiasm they have to offer to the association, and to the school and its students.

Effective management of school canteen with an emphasis on health and safety

The school canteen is run by the Parent Club, and is overseen by a voluntary canteen manager who is assisted by volunteer helpers. It is open for lunch orders every Monday, snacks on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Meal Deals are offered every fortnight. It also caters for staff morning teas and lunches, working bees, special occasions (Cupcake Day for the RSPCA, Footy Day, Book Week) and the school’s popular Welcome Breakfast at the beginning of each year.

The profit made from our canteen goes directly towards helping fund our children’s school camps, excursions and skiing program, and any other projects or events that need extra assistance, be it monetary (coach hire, Year 6 graduation t-shirts) or catering (supplying fruit muffins for an excursion, a BBQ for Footy Day, refreshments for a working bee).
In the past five years the canteen has made a huge effort to offer its students a fun and healthy menu which allows them to actively make good food choices which will hopefully establish good eating habits that will continue throughout their lives, and tries to provide foods with high nutritional value that some children may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience.

We make every effort to ensure the canteen falls within the “Go for Your Life” food guidelines for canteens, and encourage and promote “green foods” as the main choice in our canteen, always looking for ways to present them in different and appetising ways. We also follow good hygiene, maintenance and cleaning procedures, as well as adhere to correct food handling, preparation and storage standards, and assist volunteers in acquiring their Safe Food Handling certificates.

To reduce waste, students are asked to bring a cup or bowl whenever possible, and as part of our initiative to treat our school like “a national park”, we promote “rubbish free lunches.”