

Woonona Public School P&C Association

2020 TERM 1 WEEK 2 NEWSLETTER



Dear Woonona Public School community,

Welcome to 2020 from your P&C, and a special welcome to all new families! We are looking forward to a great year working together to advance the best interests of our children, staff and community!

Over the coming weeks and months, we welcome you to get involved as we set goals for 2020 and plan a range of upcoming activities and opportunities together.

The P&C is way more than just the school canteen! However in this edition it dominates, as there are a few things we need to bring to your attention:

School Canteen – when will it reopen?

The canteen will be closed this week (3-7 February) and will remain closed until a canteen coordinator or team of coordinators are appointed.

The canteen is a much-loved service to the students and staff at Woonona Public School, so we will seek to reopen as soon as possible.

SHORT TERM: Volunteer canteen co-ordinating Team needed for Term 1

Woonona PS has been very fortunate to have Vanessa, Shanti and others volunteer their time to coordinate our Canteen in 2019, however they are no longer able to continue.

We are seeking an individual or preferably a team of co-ordinators/assistant co-ordinators to oversee the running of the canteen.

- Do you have a passion for healthy food?
- Do you want to be directly involved with our students and the school community?
- Do you want to get to know other Woonona Parents?

Responsibilities involve food ordering, rostering, menu design (optional), overseeing the general running of the canteen and troubleshooting. These roles do not require being present in the canteen every day. More detailed information about these tasks is available on request.

If you are interested in helping coordinate, or finding out more, please contact one of the P&C committee listed below. We would love to have a chat.

Until a team of canteen co-ordinators are in place, the canteen will remain closed (or until an alternative solution is in place – see page 2).



Canteen volunteers needed (probably)

Once a coordinating team is in place, we will need lots of wonderful canteen volunteers, old and new to prepare and serve great food to the children each day. If you are new, or have never done it before, don't worry – an experienced volunteer will be there to help.

So please keep a lookout in upcoming issues of the school newsletter and Woonona Parents facebook page so when the online roster is ready for you to SignUp you can on a day that suits you, and with friends if you wish! You can also send an expression of interest now to canteen@wppc.com.au



MEDIUM TERM - Review of canteen model underway

Paid co-ordinator, volunteer co-ordinator or outsource the canteen???

Toward the end of 2019, the P&C started to evaluate the different ways school canteens can be run, as it had become increasingly clear that some things must change. Amongst a range of challenges has been filling the roster which at times has placed unfair burden on the coordinators and volunteers, and created uncertainty for families and staff. As a P&C we want to look after our volunteers and school community!

A lot of good but small potential ideas have been investigated (eg students helping in the canteen, swapping recess and lunch breaks, reducing the number of days open), however while these may help, a fundamentally larger change is required.

Consequently a review into the viability, advantages and disadvantages of a range of options is currently underway and will be discussed at upcoming P&C meetings and shared in P&C newsletters. These include:

- Continuing the **current model**, with improvements where possible
- Employing a **paid canteen co-ordinator**
- Outsourcing** the canteen to an external provider

In all decisions, we will endeavour to put first the best interest of our students, families, staff and all in our school community.

If you would like to contribute your ideas to this review, we welcome your feedback! Please come along to the upcoming P&C meetings, or contact Marg Nichols or any P&C member (details below).





P&C Meeting – Wed 12 February

Our goal in 2020 is to build attendance at these highly informative and valuable meetings. The first meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday 12 February at 6:30pm in the Administration Building.

We hope to see you there!

DID YOU KNOW????

Centrelink Registered Volunteers



The Woonona Public School P&C Association has recently been approved as a registered Centrelink volunteer organisation.

Some Centrelink clients from within our school community may be eligible to elect to volunteer in the canteen to meet their Mutual Obligation Requirements. An individual's eligibility to volunteer as part of their activity requirements will depend on that particular individual's Mutual Obligation Requirements.

Please speak with a member of the P&C if you might be interested in this or would like to find out more. More information about the program can be found here <https://www.volunteering.com.au/volunteers-and-centrelink/>

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Opening Hours 2020

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- Fridays 8:30-9:15am during term

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- www.quickcliq.com.au
- Orders due 8pm Thursdays to be filled on Fridays

About Woonona Public School P&C Association

WPS P&C are a diverse group of parent and community volunteers who work with the school to support the programs and activities the School is involved with. All parents are invited to participate in the activities of the P&C. Together we support and encourage the school to provide a positive learning environment.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm. All welcome!

OFFICE-BEARERS

President: Marg Nichols 0408468710

Vice President: Andromeda Lembo 0431438360

Vice President: Justin Dixon 0434978778

Secretary: Tania Van Der Water

Treasurer: Terri Toneguzzo 0433335538

Committees: uniform, canteen, fundraising, school banking, scholastic, working bee, grants, social.

Minutes from previous meetings, including reports presented are available on the school website:

<https://woonona-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/supporting-our-students/parents--carers-and-the-community/parents-and-citizens--association--p-c-/meeting-minutes.html>

Email: enquiries@wppc.com.au

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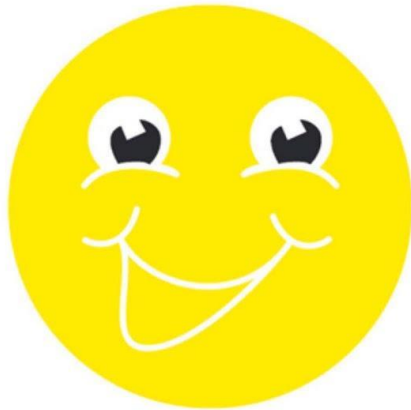
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