West End State School
Parents and Citizens Association

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What is the P&C?

The West End State School P&C supports our school community by:

- Operating six businesses employing over 25 staff with an annual turnover of over $500,000
- Raising funds to further improve student education and facilities
- Collaborating with the School Council on community partnerships and sponsorships
- Submitting numerous grant applications for big and small projects e.g. active school travel, tennis court upgrades, tuckshop refurbishment
- Participating in the development and further improvement of the school e.g. Master Planning, Workplace Health and Safety and Communications
- Fostering relationships between parents, students, staff and the wider community e.g. through the Fiesta

......This is all achieved by a team of dedicated volunteers.
Achievements

From 2012 to 2015, the P&C provided:

- **$147,000** to refurbish the school tuckshop
- **$128,000** towards Interactive Whiteboards and other IT equipment
- **$58,000** towards the cost of new home readers
- **$32,000** in addition to a grant to refurbish the tennis courts
- **$18,500** to upgrade the Junior playground
- **$15,000** for additional internal cladding of the hall
- **$15,000** for supervision of the STOP DROP GO area
- **$11,000** for a shade structure over the pool
- **$5,000** towards Active School Travel promotions, events and signage
- **$4,000** towards musical instruments
Achievements continued..

Since 2006 the P&C has been paying $23,000 annually towards a loan taken out for the Hall. Final payment will be April 2016.

Recent IT projects include:
- Connecting the P&C’s businesses to wifi
- Implementing the Flexischools online ordering and payment system
- Upgrading the P&C website

.... and we aren’t finished!
Tuckshop

- Numerous awards, including 5 Star rating by QAST, placing it in the top ten Tuckshops in Queensland
- Complete refurbishment 2013/14 including induction cooking, combi speed ovens and air con
- Special occasion menus e.g. sports day
- Catering for the school and P&C functions
- Moved from making a loss/breaking even to making a profit that will pay for the refurbishment loan
- Passionate staff producing culturally diverse, high quality, healthy food
OSHCG Outside School Hours Care

WESS OSHC provides care for primary school aged children before and after school and during school vacations.

- Student and staff numbers have doubled over the past four years and are still increasing. Vacation care has almost reached capacity.
- Currently, more than 10% of the school’s families actively use OSHC, with over 60% registered with the service.
- Staff to student ratios are better than standard.
- Vacation care includes incursions and excursions e.g. Underwater World, Legoland, Alice in Wonderland.
- Program has an increasing focus on nature play and the environment.
- Staff began supervising the STOP DROP & GO zones in late 2015.

Hours of Operation – Monday to Friday

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Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop stocks the compulsory unisex school uniform, library/chair bags, school bags and swimming gear.

- The winter uniform is currently under review for 2016
- Introduction of Flexischools and EFTPOS has significantly improved efficiency and consistency
- Originally staffed purely with volunteers. Since 2013 one paid staff member supported by volunteers (we need more!)

**Hours of Operation** during the school term
- Mondays 8.30-9.30am
- Thursdays 2.30-3.30pm.

The shop is closed on Public Holidays but will open the following day at the same time e.g.
- Tuesday 8.30am-9.30am instead of Monday;
- Friday 2.30pm-3.30pm instead of Thursday.
Water Rats - Swim Club

The Swim Club provides swimming lessons and squad training to support sporting activities and maximise the use of the swimming pool.

- P&C leases the pool from the school and contributes towards maintenance
- Purchased and installed shade sail in 2012
- Holds Swim Club every Thursday night, including races and bbq
- Swimming lessons cater for all swimming abilities, from pre-prep to adults
- In 2014:
  - Adult Lap Swimming was introduced
  - Adult swimming lessons were introduced
  - Sub-Leasing agreements with other users were established
Tennis Court Hire

The P&C rents the two school tennis courts to the wider community for personal and coaching use.

- Gained grant funding contributing to court and lighting upgrades
- Students’ extracurricular activities
- Regular and casual hire
Fundraising

Did you know the fiesta raised over $50,000 this year!

- Annual Fiesta – revenue has doubled since 2012
- Art Show catering
- Movie nights – towards the Green Green Grass project
- Mothers’ & Fathers’ Day Stalls
- Student Banking
- Introducing a Christmas Car Boot Sale in Nov
Volunteering

We depend on volunteers to support the P&C, which in turn supports the students at WESS. Ways in which you can help:

- Prepare lunches in the tuckshop once a week/fortnight
- Sell uniforms in the uniform shop, an hour a week
- Become a Committee/Executive member
  - Fundraising sub committee
  - Corporate sponsorship coordinator
  - IT working party including website and IT support
- Help with fundraising activities
  - Set up and pull down of events once a year
  - Preparation and cooking of food two or three times a year
  - Wrapping gifts twice a year
- School banking reconciliation once a week

... with the added bonus of making new friends!
Joining the P&C is a great way to:

- Support your children’s education
- Connect with the school
- Meet new people
- Be an active part of the school and West End community
- Make this school an even better place to learn
- Learn about what happens in the school

Our members and executive are unpaid parents, carers and community members who give their time and talents to strengthen the West End State School community.
Thank You!

The WESS P&C office is located on the oval side of the school hall, beside the OSHC kitchen.

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