

Dear Families,

On behalf of the Wingello Public School Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association we would like to warmly welcome you, and your child, to Wingello Public School.

The P&C is a fantastic way to meet other parents, share ideas and become part of our small school community. For the miniscule annual fee of \$2, you can become a member of the P&C, which enables you to vote on some of the big decisions that are discussed and made at our general meetings.

Being a small school, we rely heavily on the help provided by parents and other family members throughout the year. P&C meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 3:15 pm, and we welcome (and encourage) all parents to attend and contribute to the positive development of our school.

Our current P&C office bearers are:

President – Bridget Hooper (Parent)
Vice President – Richard Norton (Citizen)
Secretary – Karen Eason (Parent)
Treasurer – Hayley Walsh (Parent)

Office bearers hold these positions for a period of 2 years. The above will change during the P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) in 2021.

Our school uniform shop is also managed and run by the P&C. Current Uniform shop opening times are **Mondays 2:45pm** and **Fridays 2:45pm**. We strongly advise that all uniforms purchased are clearly labelled with your child's name. This enables easy identification when uniforms are misplaced, or left behind in class.

Payment for uniforms can be made by cash or EFT to our P&C bank account:

BSB: 032-723
Account number: 101725

We look forward to you joining our small school community in 2020.

Warm Regards,

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What is the P&C Association?

A Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) is a group of community minded people — parents and citizens — who take on a more formal role to assist the school in providing:

- Feedback on school policies and activities
- Additional resources to be used to enhance student learning
- Parents with opportunities to be involved in their child's education.

Role of the P&C Association?

The principal is the site manager for the school and acts as the representative for the Minister of Education.

The P&C Association is there to work with the principal and the school community in a productive partnership, to achieve the best possible outcomes for students of the institution.

It is not the role of the P&C Association to interfere in the daily running of the school, which is the responsibility of the principal.

Functions of the P&C Association (from the P&C Model Constitution)

- To foster community interest in educational matters.
- To encourage closer cooperation between the parents of students attending the school, other members of the community, staff and students of the school.
- To provide advice and recommendations to the principal of the school on issues and concerns in respect of students and the general operation and management of the school.
- To provide or assist in the provision of financial or other resources or services for the benefit of students of the school.

Schools have their own budgets — but invariably they need more than the budget allows. That's where the P&C becomes a really valuable partner.

One of the major functions of the P&C is to raise money through various fundraising events held throughout the school year. Whether that be a good old fashioned sausage sizzle or cake sale, or our well known major fundraising event the "Wingello Spring Fling".

Fundraising is a powerful way in which to help our school get much-wanted additional resources — from extra library books, playground improvement and development, to assist in funding extra classes such as music lessons.

All money raised by the P&C is used for the benefit of the school. But as a member, you get to vote on how funds are used — and ultimately, that can benefit your child too.

All and any input in helping to organise, manage and run our fundraising events is very welcomed and appreciated. Because we're a small school any help makes a BIG difference.

If you have any further questions about the P&C, please do not hesitate to speak to one of our office bearers directly.

Alternatively, further information can be gained through the P&C federation official website <https://www.pandc.org.au/>.