

P&C NEWS – WEEK 6, TERM 1

Welcome to another week of news and information. Week 6...we are over half way already!!

SIMPLY P&C!

What does PRSS P&C Do.

Our Motto – “Helping families to navigate primary school at Payne Road”. Our P&C runs many subcommittees that supports our families at PRSS. These subcommittees have a mixture of paid convenors/coordinators to volunteer coordinators in which the President is responsible for. PRSS P&C manages OSHC, Tuckshop, Uniform Shop, Book Shop, Facilities Hire, Music Supporters Group, Fundraising & Events, Grants & Infrastructure, and our Chaplaincy. We have a new Health and Wellbeing Subcommittee starting from March. We also look after Book Club and the Entertainment Book Fundraising Program and we support School Banking and the Environment Club. All these services are to help support our families and raise funds for our school.

DID YOU KNOW?

P&C MEETINGS

During the first year of opening PRSS (1970) there were regularly 70-80 people at the P&C meetings - this is a record for a school of barely 60 families.

PRSS SONG

The P&C ran a competition in 1971 for a School Song. The winner was a parent at the school and was awarded \$20. The song was sung to the tune of “The Old Bark Hut” and sung regularly.

WHO WE ARE?



CLOTIDE BELANGER
Secretary

How are you connected to PRSS?

My son Gabriel is in 2M this year, and my son Rémi starts prep in 2019.

What is your role at PRSS?

I am the P&C minutes secretary, so I email all members the agendas and advanced reports and the draft minutes. As a member of the exec I approve the weekly banking and help update our Facebook page. Last year I also coordinated the cookbook.

What do you love about PRSS?

I love the strong community feeling and dedication of our parents who volunteer. Everyone is so nice that volunteering at events is actually a really fun social activity!

What do you do for a living?

I work full-time in the city as a regulatory economist, preventing coal transport infrastructure monopolies from abusing their monopoly powers (!). In other words, I am a senior analyst at the Queensland Competition Authority.

What are your passions?

Planning activities and holidays for our family and organising the family timetable. I really like the outdoors and hope to get back into hiking and snorkelling now that the kids are a bit bigger. My pre-kids passion was mountain biking.

Scary fact about you!

I can be very decisive and in my optimism, can make life changing decisions quickly. This is how we emigrated to Australia from Canada without having ever left North America and without me realising that I was emigrating (I simply thought of it as "moving"). In a similar fashion, we bought a new house on our street "by accident" just before Gabriel started Prep. Luckily, I usually don't have regrets!

P&C ACHIEVEMENTS!

FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL.



The P&C has just handed over **\$79,718.00** to the school for Semester 1 of 2017. This has paid for the Environment Club Program, Byte Minded Project, Library Recourses, IT Infrastructure including Ipads, Laptops and Technicians, the Chaplaincy Program, Hear and Say Testing (2016) and Prep equipment. A massive achievement for a small school.

SCHOOL BANKING.



Well done to all our school bankers. The school was handed a big cheque with the amount we raised for school by banking in 2016. Thanks to Helen, our parent banking volunteer and Tina from the Commonwealth Bank for coming to Assembly on Wednesday last week to hand our commission over. If you are interested in school banking please go to <http://payneroadpandc.com.au/services/school-banking/>. A small percentage of each banker's amount goes back to the school.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome PhoebeK to our team, Phoebe has volunteered to run our Entertainment Books Fundraising Program. We also welcome DaphneE as our P&C Operations Coordinator.

SUPPORT INFORMATION

- **President's Reports and P&C News** is now on our website to pull up at any time. Go to our home page and click on the grey buttons below the header image to pull up the information. <http://payneroadpandc.com.au/>.
- **If you are on Facebook**, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/PayneRoadPandC> and Like the P&C Facebook Page. We keep you up to date with events and important information.
- **Check out our Website** payneroadpandc.com.au. We have mountains of information on how we can support you.

SNAP SHOT OF EVENTS



Leadership Investiture

I would like to thank PRSS school for inviting me as a special guest to award badges to our Library and Chaplaincy Captains. It was a “hot” but a lovely Ceremony and yummie morning tea. All our leaders spoke beautifully and looked very smart in their senior shirts. Thanks to our Uniform Shop Convenor LeeM for organising the senior shirts so quickly, and thanks to our parent and teacher helpers that packed all the senior shirts ready for handing out.

P&C Meeting

Thank you to everyone that turned up to our first meeting for 2017. It has been the biggest meeting I have attended in my 5 years at PRSS. There were around 35 people or more with a big group of the community turning up to discuss the Town House Development going in next door to PRSS. While P&C meetings are not a public forum, we did allow StephenR talk about the Schools dealings with the developers and then Cr StevenT talk about the development so far. We then had time for Questions and Answers. This did take up 1 hour of our meeting before we finished Q&A time. After the community left, we continued with our meeting discussing what we are all about, which is supporting our school so our children get the best primary school education they can.

Music Supporters Meeting

The first Music Supporters Group Meeting for the year was held last week. If you have a student attending any of the music programs at PRSS or if you are a keen on the music program, then please join the Group. Contact KerrieM if you are interested at kerrie.miles@me.com

P&C Strategic Planning Workshop

Thursday Night last week we had our P&C Strategic Planning Workshop. Thanks to those that attended the evening. A lot was discussed about our objectives, mission and events. A great night of brain storming. Thanks ClotideB for hosting the evening.

Tuckshop Meal Deal

Our first Meal Deal for the year. Thank you so much to Kirsty and her Meal Deal Dream Team for pulling out an amazing Meal Deal last Friday. It was very popular with 113 orders. That is a lot of Sausage Rolls, Brownies and Drinks. Lots of great feedback - amazing job team!

P&C UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 6

- Friday 3rd March – Clean up Australia Day for Schools.

WEEK 8

- **Thursday 16 March – P&C AGM, Library, 7pm – All Welcome**
- Friday 17 March – National Day against Bullying.
- Friday 17 March – St Patricks Day
- **Friday 17 March – Treat Time, Tuckshop, 2.50pm**

SCHOOL EVENTS

- Don't forget the Parent Information Night (for Prep & Pre-Prep) is this Thursday Night – 2nd March, 6-8pm in the Library.
- Bring your gloves on Friday 3rd March for Clean Up Australia Day Activities.
- We hope all the students and parents enjoy the Life Education Van next week.

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Thanks for reading.
PRSS President
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