

Parents and Our Community

Our school actively encourages community participation and involvement in school activities. The Parents and Citizens Association is the formal structure through which involvement in school activities is organised. It is a very dynamic and supportive group that works in the best educational interests of children and staff of Penshurst West. The Penshurst West School Council is an elected body of parents, community members and staff. The school council has an important decision-making and governance role. Penshurst West encourages all parents to share in their child's education.

Interested parents are also welcome to assist with various class activities – reading, Count Me In Too, sports, library and other areas of school organisation. The canteen is always looking for more volunteers and this is an excellent way to make a positive contribution to the school while providing an important service for students.

Participation is also encouraged in the following school activities that are arranged during the year:

- Parent/Teacher evenings
- Book / Education Week
- Anzac Day Commemoration / Special Assemblies
- Presentations
- Sporting Carnivals
- Social Events
- Fund Raising Activities Classroom assistance

P&C Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Library at 7.30p.m.

Role of Parents and Citizens Association

- Advisory in nature - Key advisory body to School Council and Principal - decisions need not necessarily be implemented.
- Staff support is encouraged - they may become members of the P & C.
- Members present at a meeting elect P&C executive/committees.
- Small groups may make decisions without consultation of other parents or staff.
- Forum for information gathering, reflecting school ethos; guiding Council priorities and dissemination of Council policy directions and decisions.
- School management/day to day matters are the responsibility of the Principal and staff.
- Meeting structure varies its degree of formality to suit the school community.
- Manages its own finances and holds its own bank account.
 - President and office bearers are parents; Principal is an ex-officio member.