



Message from the P&C

Welcome to the first edition of the MGHS P&C Association Newsletter.

The 2009 MGHS P&C Office Bearers are:

- President:** Lindsay Moxey
- Secretary:** Kim Rogers
- Treasurer:** Liz Porter
- Canteen:** Tracey Holz
- Fundraising:** Jenny Davies
Lisa Ellicott

What an exciting year for the MGHS P&C Office Bearers to take on their roles with our school celebrating its 125th Anniversary, enrolments are at a record level and parents and carers continue to be actively involved in many aspects of the school community.

The P&C and its associated committees is one of the ways in which the school is supported by a number of dedicated parents and community members. The P&C meets monthly and is open to all who are interested in contributing to and participating in the life of the school. It provides a forum in which to hear about what is happening in the school, share ideas, raise issues and ask questions.

Our principal Dr Di Soltau provides a detailed update each month in her principal's report and also a variety of teachers give generously of their time to talk to parents about programs and other topics of interest.

Sub Committees of the P&C include the Canteen Committee and the Fundraising Committee. The P&C has a full calendar of very effective fundraising activities involving the whole school community raising funds to enable our school to be well resourced beyond the basics.

There are many areas where funds raised by the P&C are used such as supporting students representing MGHS (including funding the recent purchase of blazers for the school debating team), end-of-year prizes and generally supporting the funding of school projects.

At the P&C meetings we are asked to fund various projects within the school and to prioritise

the allocation of such funds raised. We therefore require a good representation of parents to help make these important decisions

This year we are working towards establishing specific fundraising goals and one area that is being considered is the provision of additional classroom air conditioning.

But the P&C isn't just about fundraising and there are opportunities to contribute to other decisions, such as the recent design of the 125th anniversary sports shirts.

While the number of members currently attending meetings is relatively small, we hope to involve more parents through our communication with this newsletter and the website, so please look out for updates on the P&C page of the MGHS website. Here you will find details of meetings, the agenda, minutes, newsletters and other items of interest.

We meet in the Library at 7pm on the first Thursday of every month within the school term and the meetings usually finish by 9pm.

If you can spare just over an hour or so a few times a year to attend the meetings we will have a better representation of what parents would like in their student's school.

Please join us at the next meeting (see dates below).

In addition, the P&C can now be contacted via email, so if you can't attend a meeting, but would like to contribute or find out more information, please contact us by email at the following address:

mghspandc@gmail.com

We look forward to meeting you or hearing from you throughout 2009.

Lindsay Moxey
President

Term 2 P&C Meetings

Thursday - 7th May - 4th June - 2nd July

at 7pm
in the School Library

All are welcome

P&C Meetings / Website / Email

P&C meetings are held at 7pm in the School Library on the first Thursday of each month during school terms.

Meetings follow a set agenda and include a Guest Speaker, and reports from the SRC, Treasurer, Canteen and Principal.

P&C Meetings are a great way to meet other parents and teachers, ask questions and be informed about what is happening at MGHS.

The P&C page on the MGHS website has a link to general information for 2009, the meeting agenda, plus minutes of the previous meetings, newsletters and other items of interest.

To access the MGHS website, go to

www.mghs.com.au

and follow the link to the P&C page on the left hand side

The P&C can now be contacted via email.

Ideas, suggestions, questions and feedback for the P&C are always welcome, so let us know what you think.

P&C Email Address

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Canteen

- The new healthy menu is very popular, but has resulted in a reduction in Canteen takings
- A new freezer has been delivered
- Commercial cleaning of the canteen will be carried out each term
- \$15,000 cheque given to the P&C

Fundraising

Our enthusiastic 2009 fundraising team, Jen and Lisa, are busy organising activities for the year.

In Term 1 our fundraiser was Garden Express Bulbs. Due to limited time available to organise the fundraiser in Term 1, it was offered to Year 7 students only. Orders were placed at the end of Term 1 and the bulbs were delivered early in Term 2, ready for planting. This proved a very worthwhile fundraising activity as 50% of the profit went directly to the P&C, resulting in a total of \$687 being raised.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Garden Express Bulb fundraiser.

Our Term 2 fundraiser is the sale of the 2009-2010 Entertainment Books. The books were sent home with Years 7 and 8 students in the first week of Term 2, and some additional books were also available for purchase. The cost of the book was \$60, with \$12 from every book sold contributing to our fundraising goals for 2009.

The date for finalising the purchase of the Entertainment Books was 15th May. Thank you to those who purchased Entertainment Books.

Look out for the exciting fundraising activities we have planned for the 125th Anniversary in Term 3.

P&C Activities for Term 2

- Entertainment Books