

# Hawker School

## Parents and Citizens Association Newsletter

Week 3, Term 1 2021 — Tuesday 16th February

President: Lisa Elliston



### Canteen

Wed, Thurs & Fri  
(online only)



### Uniform Shop

Mon, Tues & Wed  
3:00pm-3:15pm

### Useful Links and emails

- ◆ [General P&C Information and email](#)
- ◆ [Canteen email](#)
- ◆ [Chess email](#)
- ◆ [Music and Drama Scheme email](#)
- ◆ [School Board Elections 2021](#)
- ◆ [School Board Nomination form 2021](#)

## President's message

It was great to see so many people at the COVID-safe welcome barbeque last Wednesday evening. Some families brought picnic blankets and everyone spaced themselves out to enjoy a free sausage sandwich and catch up. The weather was perfect. It was great to be able to visit the school and see families and teachers that we didn't see very much last year because of the pandemic, as well as welcoming newcomers to our school. I'd like to thank all the P&C volunteers who pitched in to organise the event. A special thank you to staff member, Robert, who set everything up after school and cooked all the sausages for us. Also, than you to Baker's Delight who donated the bread.

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held at the school this Thursday evening at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to contribute ideas about what we can do in 2021. Last year was an unusual year, with many of our usual activities cancelled or affected by the pandemic. We will need to be creative this year to ensure community events are COVID-safe. For this reason the P&C decided at the end of last year that there would not be an autumn fete this year. It is not currently possible to host events with more than 500 people without applying for an exemption and the requirements to make the event COVID-safe would also be challenging. Uncertainty about whether it would be cancelled at the last minute was also a factor given the considerable effort required from many volunteers to organise a successful fete.

The fete is an important way to raise funds that cover the cost of P&C activities including the running of the canteen and the administration of the music and drama scheme. It is also a way for us to contribute funds to the school that can be used to upgrade equipment and resources. We will monitor COVID developments and decide later in the year whether or not to hold a fete in the second half of the year or explore other community building and fundraising events.

All positions (President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Officer) are declared vacant every year and new office bearers are voted in at the AGM. Please consider whether you would like a formal role in the P&C. We welcome newcomers to these positions and also encourage people to simply attend to hear what is happening around the school, ask questions of the principal and contribute their thoughts and suggestions. I look forward to seeing you there.

Cheers,  
Lisa  
P&C President

## Notice of AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C is this week!  
Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the school staffroom.



Office bearers are elected on the night and there are a number of positions to suit different skills and strengths with varying time commitments. Some roles only taking up an hour or so a term.

New ideas are always welcome and attending is a good chance to meet other parents in a friendly environment.

**We hope to see you there!**

### How to connect with the P&C

To find out more about your P&C [click here](#) or send us an [email](#).

The P&C also has an email distribution list which we use to send information and occasional calls for help. To join the list please send us an email.

More information about what P&Cs do can also be found from the ACT Council of P&C Associations (the peak body of P&Cs in the ACT) or see [www.actparents.org.au](http://www.actparents.org.au).

## Hawker School Board Elections 2021

### Have you thought about being on the school board?

We want **YOU** for the Hawker School Board! If you're keen to contribute to the governance of Hawker school, able to think strategically and in the best interest of the whole school and are enthusiastic about public education, you should nominate for a position on the Hawker School Board. No prior experience is necessary. Please [click here](#) for more details and a [nomination form](#).

If you have any questions please contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Delys Lloyd on 6142 2661 send an email to [delys.lloyd@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:delys.lloyd@ed.act.edu.au).

