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MESSAGE TO MEMBERS



Welcome to 2016!

2016 is going to be an important year for public education. As the Federal election moves closer, your P&C Federation will be focusing on making sure that support for the proper funding of education is a key issue in the minds of our politicians.

Members

You will be aware that the Federal Labor Party has now promised to fully fund the Gonski needs-based funding reforms as well as reversing the cuts to public education from the now infamous 2104 Abbott/Hockey budget. Education funding is too important to be a political football, so the P&C Federation is actively seeking to ensure that the Liberal/National government takes a similar position to the election.

A strong public education system is the best investment we can make in our country's future. Every child deserves the opportunity to be their best, and the independently determined Gonski model is what our education system needs. Please look for opportunities to raise the importance of changing the government's mind at every opportunity. The igiveagonski website has lots of information, please have a look [Click here](#)

It is also an election year for the P&C Federation. You should, by now, have received notification from the P&C Federation to your P&C to make sure we have the correct details for our election roll. Please contact our office immediately if you did not receive that notification.

Please think about getting involved in P&C. You can make a difference

P&C Federation Election 2016

Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of New South Wales 2016 election of Councillors and Delegates will be conducted by the New South Wales Electoral Commission.

Monday 8 February 2016, all associations were advised by email that in order for P&C Association to be eligible to vote, the P&C Association **must be a member of P&C Federation as at Friday 19 February 2016**.

Should you need to confirm your membership you can call [1300 885 982](tel:1300885982) or email: mail@pandc.org.au

In order for P&C Association to be eligible to vote, they must provide the name of its President, their contact telephone number and email address to the P&C Federation **no later than 12.00 Noon, Tuesday 8 March 2016** as follows.

To be eligible to vote your P&C Association is to submit the contact details of the President (or the Secretary or another member nominated by the Association if the President will be a candidate in the election) of your P&C Association to the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW. To be eligible, the name of the President (or the Secretary or another member nominated by the Association if the President will be a candidate in the election) must be submitted so that it is received by the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW by **no later than 12.00 Noon, Tuesday 8 March 2016**. The President (or the Secretary or another member nominated by the Association if the President will be a candidate in the election) of your P&C Association will be responsible for submitting your P&C Association's vote.

In the event that your President details change after March 8, 2016, you can update the details by [clicking here](#)

P&C DAY IS ON WED 2nd OF MARCH - LET'S CELEBRATE!!!!

P&C Day is a day for school communities to officially recognise and celebrate the many contributions made by their P&C Association. You can use this opportunity to promote the work of the P&C Association at this time as a way to engage your members and increase parent engagement. For our P&C Association's focused on fundraising you might be interested in holding a specific fundraiser for example, a Trivia Night, raffle or boot sale, while your P&C Association is in the limelight.

Some ideas for your community - Hold a special assembly • Teachers or staff can host a morning tea • Award Life-Memberships • Share highlights from the past year in a newsletter • Start a membership drive • Invite out a local MP for a chat & a photo op • Hold a gathering where parents can meet P&C Association members.

2016 STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE RENEWAL



It is time to renew Student Injury Insurance. All P&C Federation member P&C Associations are welcome to purchase Student Injury Insurance. Your P&C Association should discuss if Student Injury Insurance is suitable for your community. Accidents can happen at any time to students so why not offer parents and carers reassurance. P&C Federation offers an incredible Student Injury Insurance policy, this product covers students 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

2016-2017 renewal documents [Click here](#). For more information regarding our Student Injury Product, please visit our P&C Federation website [Click here](#) where you can access the Financial Service Guide, Product Disclosure Statement and Policy Wording.

P&C FEDERATION 2016 STATEWIDE FORUMS

Express Engage and Enlighten State-wide Forums "Building Capacity in Our P&Cs"



P&C Federation forums are continuing in 2016. Our goal is to build capacity in our P&Cs, sharing knowledge, resources and discussions to enable successful and compliant P&Cs. South Coast and Macarthur electorates will be the first of many to come, so please keep an eye out for a forum in your electorate. Forum details in your electorate will be emailed (so please make sure your P&C contact and email details are current with P&C Federation). Details for upcoming forums will also be advertised via [P&C Federation website](#) and Facebook page.

South Coast Electorate Forum: Figtree Public School, Gibsons Road, Figtree 2525 (In the School Hall)
Thursday 17th March 2016 - Time: 6pm – 9pm Registration from 5.30pm

Macarthur Electorate Forum: Camden Public School, John Street, Camden 2570 (In the School Library)
Wednesday 23rd March 2016 - Time: 6pm – 9pm Registration from 5.30pm

Southern Central Tablelands & Far West Forum: Cowra High School, Dowell St, Cowra NSW 2794 (In the School Hall), Thursday 7th April 2016 – Time: 10am – 2pm Registration from 9.30am

Riverina Forum: South Wagga Public School, 140 Edward St, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 (In the School Hall)
Thursday 7th April 2016 - Time: 6pm – 9pm Registration from 5.30pm

To Register for either forum go online now: <http://www.pandc.org.au/index.php/forumrego>

For Further information call, Debbie: 1300 885 982 or email projects@pandc.org.au

BOARD OF STUDIES NSW - BOSTES

Amendments have been made to the Year 7-10 Personal Development Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) syllabus to content relating to domestic violence. To read more go to [BOSTES - news](#)

AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT- FOR- PROFIT COMMISION: ACNC

P&C Federation has received a number of calls from P&Cs who have been notified by ACNC that their registration has been revoked. To ensure your registration is current please go to [ACNC](#)

PARENT AND CITIZEN JOURNAL TERM 1, 2016 VOL. 68 NO. 1



The Parent and Citizen journal has been sent out first week of Term to your P&C Association, make sure you have a read and share it around. There is lots of useful information, great stories and tips for your P&C Association's. If you prefer to read the publication electronically [click here](#). If your P&C Association is doing something interesting this year be sure to submit an article for consideration. Email journal@pandc.org.au for more information.

2016 SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR



Applications are now open for the 2016 [Schools Spectacular](#), being held at [Allphones Arena](#), Australia's largest indoor venue!

For more information, or to apply, visit www.schoolsspectacular.com.au/auditions.

You can also [click here to download our Nomination Guidelines](#).

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK: WWCC

Exemptions: Extract from WWCC website

"There are specified exemptions from the Working With Children Check. People covered by these exemptions are not required to have a Working With Children Check.

The exemptions are:

Children (under the age of 18)

Volunteering by a parent or close relative (except where the work is part of a formal mentoring program or involves intimate, personal care of children with a disability):

with the child's school, early education centre or other educational institution

with a team, program or other activity in which the child usually participates or is a team member"

Office of the Childrens Guardian will be phasing in the need for WWCC for Volunteers who do not fit into these categories, for more information and phase in periods go to [Fact sheet](#)

P&C FEDERATION FACEBOOK PAGE



P&C Federation's Facebook is always looking for more likes! Facebook is a quick way to keep up to date with information, events and what is happening at your P&C Federation, be sure to "[like](#)" P&C Federation's page.