



Term 1, Edition 4

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## All aboard for Gonski

Education needs your support, in supporting Gonski you are supporting our children's future for an equitable education system. The Gonski review recommended that schools be funded according to the needs of their students and what is required to educate each one of them to a high standard. It removes students being denied an education due to a lack of resources.

P&C Federation is calling upon its members to lobby your Local and Federal members of parliament to make sure the commitment of full Gonski funding is implemented. Every child deserves a level playing field when it comes to education and without Gonski funding some children will be mere spectators. Your success stories because of Gonski funding are invaluable in proving to our politicians there is no question, the full funding of Gonski must be upheld. Please as your principal to tell your Gonski success story, click [here](#).



## NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority)

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) is releasing final drafts of the Stage 6 Mathematics Advanced, Extension 1, and Extension 2 syllabuses for further, targeted consultation. The Mathematics Standard and Life Skills syllabuses have been released for familiarisation and planning ahead of implementation for Year 11 students in 2018. For more information and to provide feedback click [here](#), survey closes 14 Mar 2017



## Schools Plus

**Schools Plus opened applications on Monday, March 6 for the 2017 round of the Fair Education program.**

Schools Plus

Under this innovative program, NSW schools in disadvantaged communities can receive up to \$250,000 in funding and expert leadership coaching for projects that improve how families and communities engage in student learning.

For more information or to apply go [here](#), applications close on April 7.

## Harmony Day - 21 March 2017

The message of Harmony Day is '*everyone belongs*', the Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster sense of belonging for everyone.

**How to celebrate?** Let's come together with friends and family and through schools, workplaces and our wider communities to celebrate our diversity. To read more click on [Harmony](#)



## Upcoming P&C Federation Information forum sessions

### **Far West Electorate**

**When:** Tuesday 4 April 2017

**Time:** 10.30am- 1.30pm

**Where:** Henry Lawson High School,  
49 South St, Grenfell NSW 2810

**Topics:** Roles and Responsibilities of a P&C Association

**Hosted** by Henry Lawson High School P&C Association. Light lunch provided

If your P&C Association is interested in hosting a forum email Debbie at: [projects@pandc.org.au](mailto:projects@pandc.org.au)

[To subscribe go to www.pandc.org.au](http://www.pandc.org.au)

## ACNC - Helping P&C Associations

The ACNC is running a special free webinar on 21 March 2017 designed for school P&C associations. As you are a representative body for school P&C associations, we would like to send you the details of the webinar and ask that you pass them on as an invitation to your member associations.

The webinar will begin at noon on Tuesday 21 March 2017 and will run for approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour. It is aimed at helping school P&C associations understand what it means to be registered as a charity with the ACNC.

### **P&C Federation highly recommends P&C Associations participate.**

The webinar will cover:

- why a P&C association may be registered as a charity with the ACNC
- the benefits of being registered
- what a registered P&C association has to do

Attendees will be able to ask questions of ACNC staff throughout the webinar.

If you're unsure about P&C associations being registered with the ACNC and want to know more about it, don't miss this webinar. Sign up for free at [acnc.gov.au/webinars](http://acnc.gov.au/webinars).

## Is your P&C Association complying with the ATO?

P&C Associations should take care to ensure they are complying with their tax and super obligations as not-for-profit (NFP) organisations.



**Australian Government**  
**Australian Taxation Office**

Penalties for non-compliance may include revoking entitlement to tax concessions, raising tax liabilities or applying interest to unpaid liabilities.

### **Some activities that may result in penalties include:**

1. Late lodgment of annual return
2. Applying P&C income and assets to individuals.
3. Incorrectly advertising that donations are tax deductible when your P&C Association is not endorsed as a deductible gift recipient.
4. Incorrectly self-assessing income tax exempt status or not meeting the requirements of an exempt category 5.
5. Incorrectly claiming Fringe benefits tax rebates and exemptions that don't meet the requirements of the law 6.
6. Incorrectly classifying member and non-member income and expenses which may result in an understatement of assessable income

If a mistake was made when giving the ATO information about tax affairs, your P&C Association can make a voluntary disclosure. If you find a mistake, a voluntary disclosure should be made as soon as possible.

More information can be found at <https://www.ato.gov.au/Non-profit/Your-organisation/In-detail/Building-confidence-in-the-NFP-sector/>

### **Is Your P&C Association interested in hosting a P&C Federation Forum in 2017?**

P&C Federation would like to invite P&C Associations to host a forum in 2017

Is there a specific topic your P&C would like to hear more about or would you like the roles, responsibilities and activities of a P&C clarified?

P&C Federation forums are friendly and interactive and there is always time to ask questions.

If your P&C would like to host a forum email Debbie at: [projects@pandc.org.au](mailto:projects@pandc.org.au)

Make sure you include your schools name, your name and contact details.

## Affiliate Email Account

Is your P&C Association a member of P&C Federation? If you said yes, does your P&C Association have an affiliate email account?

This is a free account available to P&C Federation members, it enables a consistent email account so you won't miss information sent to your P&C Association, you can save files and important documents and when office bearers change that information isn't lost. The new office bearers simply change the password or if they don't know the password just contact P&C Federation for it to be reset.

To ask further questions, reset your password or request an affiliate email to be setup, email Debbie at [mail@pandc.org.au](mailto:mail@pandc.org.au)

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