



Term 1, Edition 1

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Welcome to 2018!

2018 is going to be an important year for public education and P&C Federation as the peak parent advocacy group in NSW, will continue focusing on lobbying the Federal and the State Governments to ensure our public schools offer an equitable education system, where all children have access to a school system that provides the resources to meet their learning needs in a safe and welcoming learning environment.



Advocacy

The Federal Government's decision to upend the Gonski Agreement in 2017 was a bitter blow to NSW Public Schools. In 2018, P&C Federation, will continue to advocate that funding our public schools is the top priority of all governments.

P&C Federation Elections

2018 is also an election year for the P&C Federation. One Councillor and two Delegates will be elected from each of the 16 electorates. The thirty-two Delegates who are elected will attend and participate in the Annual General Meeting for 2018 and 2019. The election process will be conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission and is an opportunity for P&C Associations to choose their representatives to P&C Federation. For more information, please click [Here](#).

Please remember, P&C Associations need to ensure they are financial members of P&C Federation. Roll of affiliated P&C Associations close on 16 February 2018. Affiliated P&C Association also need to provide to P&C Federation the name, number and email address of the President (or the Secretary or another member nominated by the P&C Association, if the President will be a candidate in the election). For Nomination Form, please click [Here](#).

Membership

Remember, if your P&C Association is incorporated under The Parents and Citizens Associations Incorporation Act 1976 No 50, it will operate under the Prescribed Constitution and hence your P&C Association is required to maintain membership with P&C Federation. If your P&C Association ceases to be a member of the P&C Federation, the Minister for Education may cancel the incorporation. P&C Federation's current insurance policy period is 1 August 2017 through to 31 July 2018.

Reminder! Have you renewed your Student Injury Insurance yet?

Student Injury Insurance taken with P&C Federation expires on 31 January 2018.

We all know accidents can happen, when you least expect them especially with active adventurous children. Wouldn't it be reassuring to think you could have some protection from the unexpected expenses of unplanned out of pocket medical costs incurred by your child's injuries? P&C Federation encourages P&C Association to consider Student Injury Insurance which provides medical and monetary relief for parents in the event of an accident.

Renew your insurance for the policy period starting 1st February 2018 to 31st January 2019, to ensure every student enrolled in your school is covered against accident, injury or death 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To Renew, please click [Here](#).

For more information, please contact Ela on 1300885982 or email insurance@pandc.org.au.

Upcoming P&C Federation Information Sessions

P&C Federation is continuing to deliver more Information Sessions in 2018. Information Sessions are friendly and interactive and will address roles, responsibilities and activities of a P&C Association. It's a great opportunity to network and ask questions. To register, please click [Here](#).



P&C Federation will be at:

- **Ulladulla Public School** (241 Green St, Ulladulla NSW 2539) on **Wednesday, 21 February 2018 at 6pm**, to talk about the roles and responsibilities of a P&C Association.
- **Narrandera Public School** (Adams Street, Narrandera NSW 2700) on **Thursday, 6 March 2018 at 10 am and 6pm**, to talk about the roles and responsibilities of a P&C Association.
- **Birchgrove Public School** (Birchgrove Rd, Balmain NSW 2041) on **Thursday, 8 March 2018 at 6pm**, to talk about the roles and responsibilities of a P&C Association.
- **Emu Plains Public School** (13-17 Emerald Street, Emu Plains NSW 2750) on **Wednesday, 28 March 2018 at 6pm**, to talk about the roles and responsibilities of a P&C Association.

P&C Federation 2018 Conference: Share Learn Network

The conference will run over 2 days, Friday 2 & Saturday 3 March 2018, Novotel, Parramatta Registrations Close 15th Feb 2018.

The P&C Federation Conference is being held for its members across NSW to attend regardless of their location whether it be in metro, regional or rural areas. P&C Federation Board has reduced the registration cost for attending the P&C Federation 2018 Conference. The goal of the P&C Federation 2018 Conference is to celebrate P&C Associations and enable as many as possible to attend.

2018 Conference Proud Community Partner



P&C Federation would like to extend the opportunity for P&C Associations to send more than 2 representatives from their P&C Association to attend the P&C Federation 2018 Conference. Places are limited, please register early to avoid disappointment. For more information, please click [P&C Federation 2018 Conference](#).

It is a great opportunity for P&C Associations to Share, Learn and Network. The conference will include guest speakers, exhibitors and workshops for attendees to participate in. Registration for workshops now available when registering for the Conference. To view workshop options, please click [Here](#).

If your P&C Association is yet to decide on who they'd like to send to attend the P&C Federation 2018 Conference, please write To Be Advised (TBA) in the details field and advise us the details of the attendees by 15th Feb 2018 at the latest. Don't miss out! Register Now. To complete your registration online, please click [Here](#).

If you require travel assistance or hardship consideration, please contact Debbie on 1300 885 982 or email projects@pandc.org.au

We look forward to seeing you at the P&C Federation 2018 Conference!

Active Kids Rebate

Commencing 31 January 2018

From 31 January 2018, parents and carers of school-aged children enrolled in an approved sport or fitness activity can receive a \$100 voucher to cover registration and participation costs for that calendar year. Parents will be able to apply for and download their vouchers from the Service NSW website from the end of January. For more details, click [Here](#).



Changes to the Retail Award

The changes apply to employers and employees who get their employment entitlements from the General Retail Industry Award 2010 (MA000004). The changes apply from the first full pay period starting on or after 1 January 2018.

The Fair Work Commission has introduced changes to overtime entitlements for casual employees working in the retail industry. Casual employees will now be entitled to overtime pay when they work:

- over 38 hours per week, (averaged over a roster cycle)
- outside the spread of ordinary hours (see clause 27.2)
- over 11 hours on one day of the week and more than 9 hours on any of the other days.

For more information, please click [Here](#).



Changes to the Fast Food Award

The changes apply to employers and employees who get their entitlements from the Fast Food Industry Award 2010 (MA000003). The changes apply from the first full pay period starting on or after 1 January 2018.

The Fair Work Commission has introduced changes to overtime entitlements for casual employees working in the fast food industry. Casual employees will now be entitled to overtime pay when they work:

- over 38 hours per week, or more than 38 hours a week averaged over a roster cycle
- more than 11 hours in a day.

For more information, please click [Here](#).

FACS Scholarships 2018 for Students from Disadvantaged Families

FACS Scholarships are now open

Family and Community Services (FACS) is offering Scholarships to help students enrolled in education or training to complete their studies. Successful applicants will receive \$1,000 to help with school expenses. For more information, please click [Here](#).



Affiliate (Office 365) 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 (Office 365) email account? P&C Federation offers this free affiliate email account to all its member P&C Associations.

Benefits:

- Designated e-mail account for your P&C Association Business
- Consistent e-mail account for correspondence
- A place to store all communication and important documents e.g. audit reports
- A change of password can be requested when new Office Bearers take office.
- No loss of information when Office Bearers change
- Free account/s (up to 5 per P&C Association) available to P&C Federation members only.

To request an affiliate email to be setup, email Debbie at mail@pandc.org.au or call 1300 885 982.

Share Your Story with Us and Fellow Public School Communities.

The P&C Journal is published once a Term and is a great way to showcase what your P&C Association and school community is up to. If your School, Students or P&C Association is doing something special this year, send us your photos and a few words (up to 600 words) at journal@pandc.org.au. If you need assistance putting words together, please email Hetaal at journal@pandc.org.au or call on 1300 885 982.

What's more? P&C Journal has lots of information, great stories and tips for your P&C Association and is also easily accessible electronically via our website: www.pandc.org.au.

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