

## Celebrating P&C Day

Today marks P&C Day, a time to celebrate the contributions of P&C Associations to school communities across the state. The contributions of P&Cs are often unacknowledged but considerable, raising over \$54 million a year.

The NSW P&C Federation Board thank all P&C Volunteers who give so much of their time and energy towards their local schools. As well as fundraising, P&C's are the opportunity for parents to advocate for their school as a combined community voice.

Advocacy for public schools is becoming increasingly important especially at a time when the funding for our school system is under attack. The gap between the 'haves' and 'have nots' is getting wider each year and we need the Federal government to support our children and our schools through Needs Based Funding!

"The value of volunteer work P&C members put in to support public school communities is immense, with many exhausted parents working 90 hour weeks to complete their volunteer and regular work activities". If we received the Gonski Funding, it would allow parents to dial it back to manageable hours.

P&Cs will celebrate the day and their partnerships with their schools - in many ways, including morning teas, suppers, special assemblies and fundraiser events. Thank you to the schools who are celebrating their parent and community workforce.

P&Cs will also take advantage of the day to initiate membership drives by raising awareness of the positive services P&Cs bring to their school communities.

"We hope P&C's across the state feel well-earned pride in what they do."

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