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TOGETHER, WE CAN SUPPORT AND  
EMPOWER OUR SCHOOL, ENSURING  
THAT IT CONTINUES TO THRIVE.



WPS P&C Journal is published once a year and is a great way to showcase what our P&C Association and school community is up to.... It celebrates the year's achievements and highlights the P&C's activities.

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# What is P&C

And why it is vital for our school



The Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) brings together parents, citizens, and teachers in a productive partnership to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students. The P&C helps foster community interest in educational matters at the school, ensuring all parents and carers have a voice in the school community.

The P&C plays an important role in generating additional funds\* to help our school improve the facilities and resources that fall outside the allocated school budget. All funds raised go back into making the school a wonderful place for our children.



Over the years, the P&C at Wakehurst Public School has assisted the school in co-funding many school-led projects and initiatives to ensure students have access to quality learning materials & equipment. E.g. new playground equipment and upgrades, interactive whiteboards, iPads, classroom air-conditioning, literacy and numeracy resources, flexible learning space furniture and library materials.

\*The P&C is a not for profit entity and all money raised is spent on school equipment, facilities or programs. Money raised beyond an existing goal is held in trust for future expenditure.



# What is P&C

continued

It's not all about fundraising...

**The P&C is also responsible for managing:**

- Uniform shop
- Canteen
- Ground maintenance including vegetable garden
- Band
- Fundraising and events
- Community and social events
- Communications (Facebook, Website, Sentral and Billboard)
- Accounts (All funds go back into our services and the school environment for our children)



**These services rely heavily on volunteers.**

This year there was very low participation from the school community with many tasks falling on just a small handful of people. In order for services mentioned above and certain events to continue, we need more parent engagement. Without YOUR help, we might lose some of them.

**As a parent, carer or grandparent, there are many opportunities for you to become involved in activities at your child's school.**





# What is P&C

continued

The WPS P&C get together every Tuesday at 7pm in week 3 and 8 during the school term. Week 3 meetings are via Zoom and week 8 meetings are in person at the school staffroom. Details of the upcoming meetings are posted in the school newsletter.



**We would love to see YOU there and welcome new faces!**

Attending a P&C meeting is a great way to find out what is coming up at the school and everyone is welcome to join. You do not have to join the committee or hold an official position. **JUST COME ALONG** to hear about, or contribute to, what is happening at our school. Being a member keeps you informed, gives you a voice, and gives you an opportunity to help with even just the one thing if you **CHOOSE**.



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME !**



If everyone helps a little, in their area of “expertise or passion”, the children and the school community will benefit and grow. Building stronger communities through networks and knowledge starts with us!



# Did You Know?

## IF YOU DECIDE TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE P&C:

**YOU CAN CHOOSE HOW AND TO WHAT EXTENT YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED**

**YOU GET TO FIND OUT FIRSTHAND WHAT IS COMING UP AT THE SCHOOL**

**YOU WILL GET TO KNOW THE TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF**

**CAN GAIN NEW SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES**

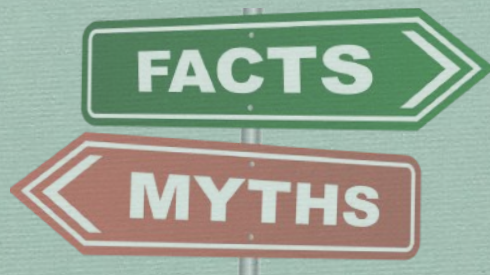
**YOU GET TO BE PART OF A TEAM OF LIKE-MINDED INDIVIDUALS**

**YOU WILL MEET LOTS OF OTHER FAMILIES FROM THE SCHOOL**

**YOU GET TO BE PART OF THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS ON WHERE P&C FUNDS GO**

**YOU WILL GET A GREAT SENSE OF SATISFACTION THROUGH VOLUNTEERING**

**YOU WILL BE CONTRIBUTING TO YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & SCHOOL**



It's a big school, I'm sure there are lot of helpers.

One hour will not make a difference.

I would love to help, but I work full time.

If I join I will be made to help at lots of events

In reality, less than 10% of WPS families currently help.

It absolutely will. One hour can make a huge difference to the P&C and school.

Most of our committee members also work. Plus, meetings are not compulsory, there are other ways to help.

The P&C is not a one-way ticket to endless drudgery. You can choose to help at one event, all events or no events.



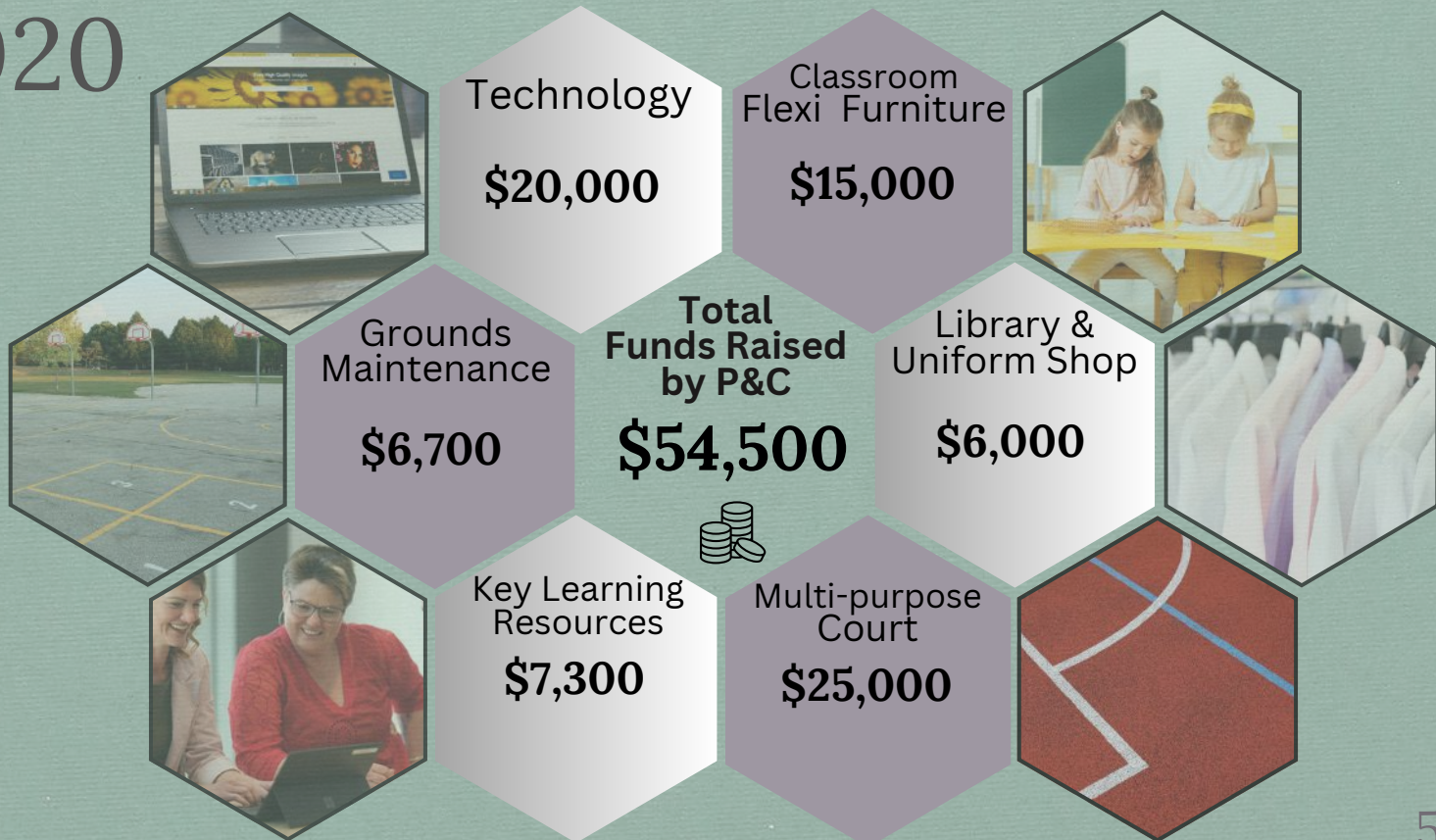
# P&C co-funded projects in 2019 & 2020

The P&C have contributed to & supported many school projects with funds raised throughout the past few years.

## 2019



## 2020



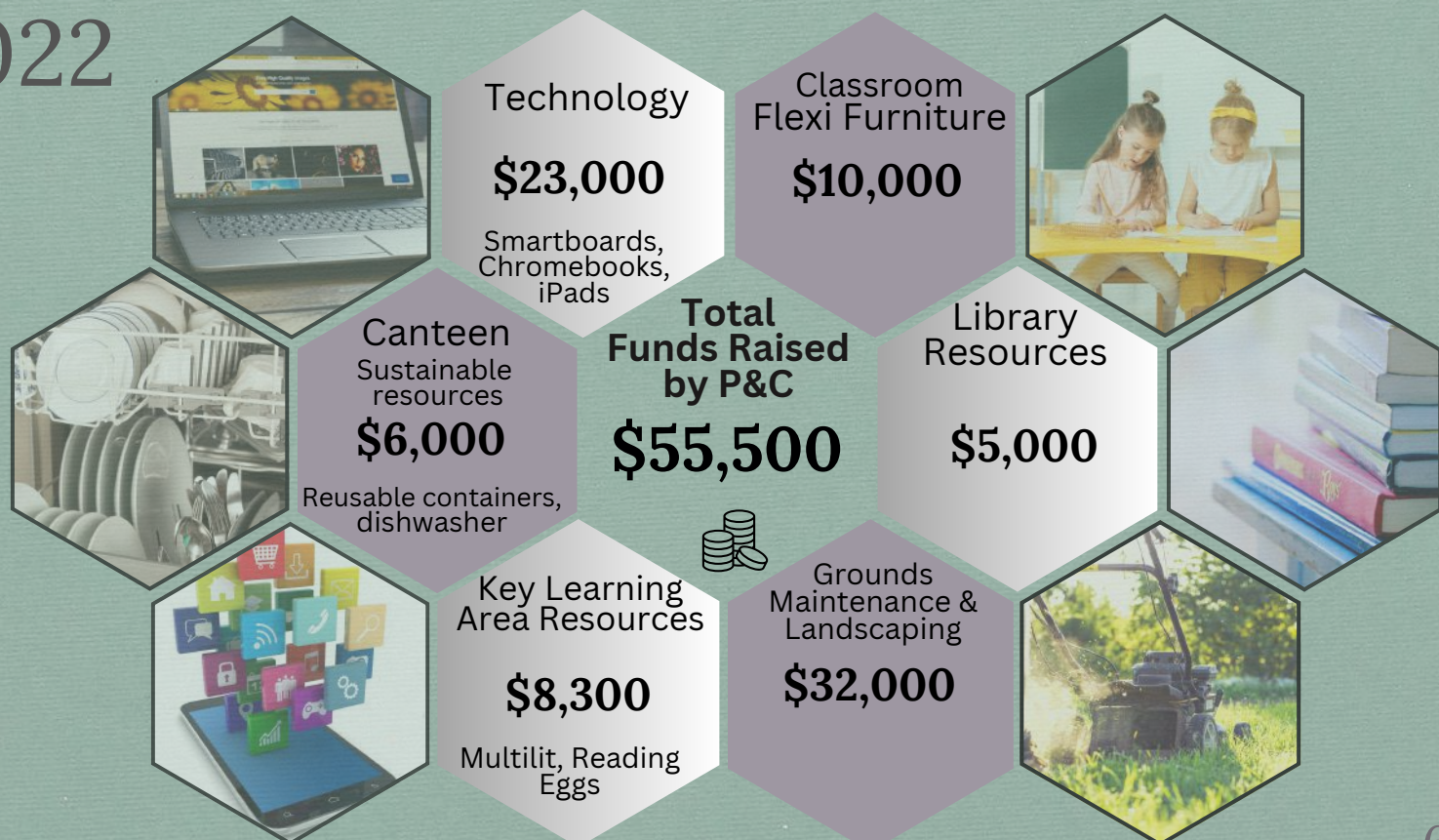


# P&C co-funded projects 2021 & 2022

## 2021



## 2022





# Fundraising, events & P&C funded projects in 2023

Throughout the year, the P&C organises various social events and fundraising activities for families and students. In 2023, the Fundraising Committee & our amazing parent volunteers ran the following events:

- Election Day BBQ & cake stall
- Referendum Day BBQ & cake stall
- Mother's Day & Father's Day stall
- Mother's Day & Father's Day breakfast
- Grandparents morning tea
- World Teachers Day morning tea
- Year 2 event Bogan Bingo
- Cookie dough
- Band - Sip & Sizzle

In 2023, \$56,000 was fundraised to help our school co-funding the projects, programs and equipment bellow:

2023





# Projects in need of funding

There are many school projects for the P&C to support for the benefit of our children and we welcome your involvement, no matter how big or small, to make these a reality.

- **OOSH**

**Supporting the school to fund a new build for the community and before/after school care**

- **UNIFORM SHOP**

**Refurbishment of Uniform Shop**

- **GROUNDS**

**Cold water bubbler closer to oval and/or playgrounds**

Currently there is one cold water bubbler, next to the canteen/hall. It sounds like there are queues for it in summer. It would be great to have one or two more closer to the oval or play equipment.

**Shed or roof over bike racks**

To protect bikes on hot days or in heavy rain. Especially as e-bikes etc become more popular.

**Stainless steel hot plates and covers for P&C BBQ**

The current BBQ needs a cleanup. Stainless plates would stay much cleaner and last longer with covers / lids.

**Artwork or ground paintings in playground areas**

Perhaps a world map, planets, hopscotch options, any other educational artworks?





# Projects in need of funding

continued

## **Line marking on main oval**

The kids would like this however it would take some regular maintenance, estimate would be monthly in warmer months and every 2-3 months in cooler months.

## **Real basketball hoop in k-2 quad play area**

It would be great for the kids to have their own real hoop. There is currently only the play bucket in this area.

## **Nets on big soccer goals for yr4-6 kids**

Kids are constantly chasing balls through the goals.

## **2x small fold up goals for yrs 1-3**

Year 1-3 students often play soccer on the upper oval grass area and currently use the sand pit posts as makeshift goals. Having dedicated small goals will encourage more participation in ball sports amongst the younger children.

## **Footy posts on top of soccer goal at east end of oval**

A great option for students who are keen to practice kicking for rugby league or union.

## **Long jump pit**

Just an idea to add a new sport option to the oval.





# Fundraising & Events plan 2024

In order to raise funds for the projects mentioned on previous pages, the P&C Fundraising committee is planning to run these fundraisers and events:

- Mother's Day Stall
- Father's Day stall
- Trivia Night
- Decorate Your Plate
- Sip & Sizzle
- Tim tam for Jim Jams

and more to be announced throughout the year ...



These events are crucial for raising funds to support new and existing school projects, programs and equipment that benefit all students, teachers and families.

In 2024 we are very keen to increase parent involvement in the P&C so we can continue to support the school and provide important services to the community.

Let us work together as a community in 2024 and get more parents to contribute their time or knowledge so we can enhance our children's educational experience.



# WAYS TO VOLUNTEER



- Helping out in the canteen for couple of hours (the kids love seeing their parents at recess or lunch)
- **Working bees**
- Veggie patch maintenance
- **Baking donations for school events**
- Volunteer to help with a P&C event or fundraiser - this could mean planning and organisation, contribution of goods for sale, or help set up, run and pack down
- **Donate your time running the BBQ**
- Contribute your skill (painting, creating, catering, organising, marketing, grant writing)
- **Come along to P&C meetings to share ideas**

While we rely on some fabulous individuals who help with almost every P&C activity year in, year out ... but the contribution of those who just volunteer once or twice a year is just as important and valued.

## In 2023 we had:



402 students

17 P&C members

7 P&C fundraising events, 4 P&C community events.

If every parent/carer gave just an hour of their time each year we would have roughly over 600 hours of support.

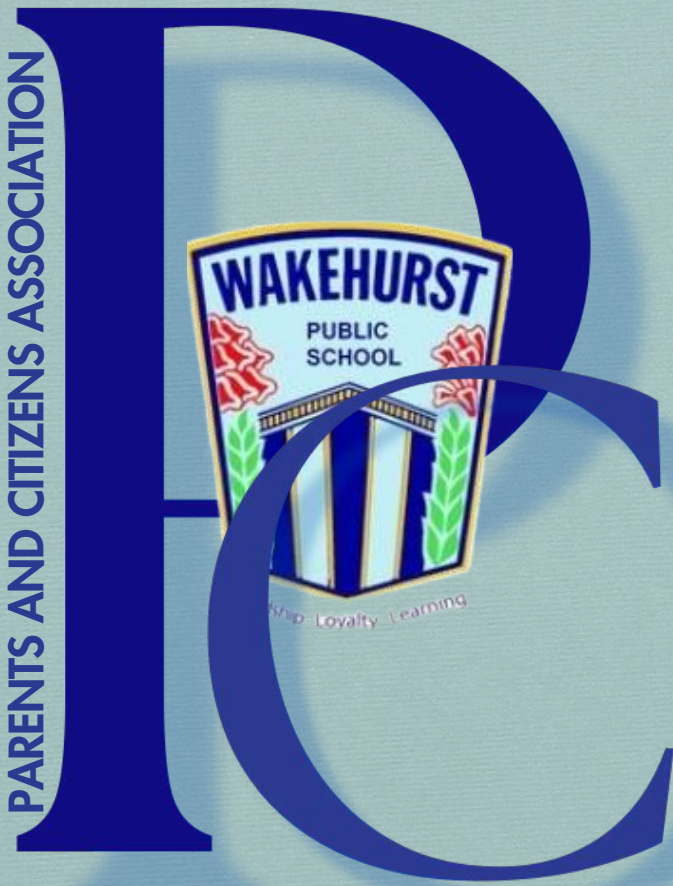
## Time Poor Parents

We understand that not everyone can contribute their time to a P&C. We are also set up to take direct donations. If you prefer to make a financial commitment to the school, please follow the link bellow:

<https://wpspandc.com/products/5-wakehurst-public-school-p-c-donation>



# WPS P&C EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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## WANT TO KNOW MORE?



### **JOIN OUR P&C MEETING:**

every 3rd week of the term at 7pm via Zoom call,  
every 8th week of the term at 7pm in the school staffroom.



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