2016 has begun and we are all hoping it will be a great year, with aims to raise lots of money for our wonderful school and to provide our kids with all the support they need. With an ever growing population and so many new families to our area we look forward to more parents and families getting involved with the P&C because we can’t do anything without our wonderful volunteers.

We had our first meeting yesterday afternoon and what a great catch up and brain storming meeting it was. With some wonderful things planned for the year we need to start it off with our AGM – Annual General Meeting. This is our yearly meeting for all the parents and family members to join the P&C for the year ahead. It’s a great time to discuss idea of what we want our committee to achieve for the year whilst also getting all of the formal stuff done like electing our office bearers and executive committee and signing up to our different sub-committees such as the Fundraising committee or the Grounds committee. Just a quick note to everyone, especially the new people that would like to get involved that in order to be a financial member of the P&C there is a $1 fee that is payable at this meeting, you will need to be a financial member of the committee if you would like your vote to count when the P&C need to make decisions.

The existing committee has decided to hold this year’s P&C AGM on Monday the 29th February, at the public park, located at the end of Coast Road, from 5pm. When you have paid your committee fee there will be a sausage sizzle available, however you will be required to bring your own drinks. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Working in with the student councillors plans, the P&C will be requesting students wear an Easter bonnet or Easter themed hat to school on Thursday the 24th March in exchange for a gold coin donation. 50% of the funds raised from this particular event will be donated to charity, of which will be decided at a later date by the P&C.

Due to the incredibly hot weather continuing throughout the term we will be selling icy poles from the canteen every Friday from 1pm. Icy poles cost 50c and if any parents would like to volunteer half an hour of their time to help sell these the extra help would be greatly appreciated; please feel free to email us or send us a private message on our Facebook page to confirm your involvement.

The sausage sizzles and salad rolls will be returning this year and will be sold every third Wednesday starting on the 17th of February, so get your orders in!! Again volunteers are needed in order to make these happen so if you can spare 2 hours on a Wednesday morning let us know, some new faces would be greatly appreciated.

Whilst we have planned our events for the year, they are not set in stone and we are always open to other suggestions. The P&C is made up of local parents so we know how hard it is financially to be constantly donating goods/services and money and whilst we don’t expect everyone to participate with every event, it would be great if you could get involved and support these events as much as possible.

**Term 1** – Easter event (bonnet or hat) and an end of term event (not yet confirmed)
**Term 2** – Mother’s Day raffle (which we have already received some lovely donations for but require many more) and the always successful Lapathon.
**Term 3** – Father’s day raffle (requiring many donations from our lovely families with businesses) and an end of term event (movie night – with 2 different movie options).
**Term 4** – Halloween event (specifics to be confirmed) and a Christmas raffle (again requiring donations).
Please note, in August (Term 3) we do hold the **Book Fair** through Scholastic which is a really great way to get masses of free books for our library. Last year we sold more than $1200 worth of books and stationary items which meant we received $300 worth of books for the school.

In November (Term 4) we will be holding a Ladies Lunch (but gents are also welcome) for the **Melbourne Cup**. This will be an adult’s lunch and details and numbers will need to be confirmed early due to the massively popular nature of the day, so specifics will be available by the end of Term 1.

Every month the P&C would like to **promote a business** that is owned or run by one of our Caversham families. Please email your business details, logo etc to cavershampandc@gmail.com and we will do our best to share it in the newsletter.

We would like to encourage all of our families to join our **Friends of Caversham Primary** Facebook page. It is a useful way to share information and to stay informed of the upcoming events. Please note, any posts that are aggressive or negative will be deleted and repeat offenders will be removed from the group as we are trying to keep this page as helpful, informative and as friendly as possible. Request to join by using the “Join Group” option on our homepage. This is a closed group for Caversham Primary families only. Please check your inbox (or others folder) for a message from the P&C admin team.

On a more personal note I would like to thank all of our committee members and families that supported the P&C efforts in 2015! We are all new to this and still have much to learn but I am so thankful to be part of such a supportive and caring team. Our P&C Committee was newly appointed in 2015, with quite a few of us being completely new to school (including myself) and without the support and guidance of previous committee members and the amazing school staff we wouldn’t have been able to achieve so much. I would like to urge you all to consider joining our wonderful committee, I can speak from personal experience that we are all very friendly and enthusiastic and contrary to what you may have heard we don’t bite..... But I can Bark Very loudly 😊

Candice Parkes  
P&C President

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**LUNCH ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY the 17th FEBRUARY 2016**

Please complete the order form and return it to either the uniform shop or reception by 3pm on Monday the 15th. A roll and juice box combo costs $5.00 each and payment must be included with your order forms. There will not be any lunches available for sale on the day and no late orders will be accepted. Please tick the roll preference your child is ordering.

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