



## 2017 PARENT SURVEY – SUMMARY

- 145 total responses

### RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- **84.3%** female / **84.5%** mother of child(ren)
- **58.6%** aged 35-44 / **21.4%** aged 45-54 / **12.1%** aged 26-34 = **92.1%** between 26-54
- **74.3%** currently married/defacto relationship / **11.1%** prefer not to say / **8.3%** single
- **34%** respondents working full time in job / **9%** working full time in own business
- **25%** respondents working part time in job / **9%** working part time in own business
- **14%** stay at home parent
- **70%** of respondent's partners working full time in job / **25%** of partners working in own business

### KEY INSIGHTS

#### Understanding of the P&C

- **40.7%** "have a fairly good understanding"
- **32.4%** "have a very good understanding"
- **23.4%** "have some idea what it's about"
- **3.4%** "have no idea what it's about"

#### P&C meeting attendance

- **40.8%** "I'd like to but I can't"
- **25.4%** "have no desire to attend"
- **16.2%** "attended once / infrequently"
- **12.7%** "attend regularly"

#### For those who answered "no desire to attend" - reasons they don't want to attend

- **34.3%** just too busy
- **28.6%** working
- **25.7%** looking after kids
- **8.6%** couldn't be bothered
- "Other" notable answers:
  - Have been involved in other schools with other children – now involved in other community organisations



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- I've written to the P&C re allergies and options for our allergic kids – the response was very rude. That spoke volume enough not to want to make any efforts.
- Not my thing. Happy to help but not attend meetings.
- I've been involved when younger. Confident in ability of existing leaders to take the school forward
- Health

For those who answered “can't attend” – reasons they can't

- **57.9%** looking after kids
- **49.1%** working
- **26.3%** just too busy
- **19.3%** have other engagements

Change of meeting dates/times

- If meeting times were to change **46.8%** “maybe” / **28.4%** “yes” able to attend
- **52.6%** “any day / no preference” / **17.1%** Monday / **15.8%** Tuesday / **17.1%** Thursday
- **COULD NOT** attend **61.5%** Friday / **48.1%** Wednesday / **38.5%** Monday / **36.5%** Tuesday / **32.7%** Thursday
- Preferred time **35.8%** 9-11am / **32.1%** 3-5pm / **27.2%** 1-3pm / **28.3%** current time
- **COULD NOT** attend **48.5%** current time / **45.6%** 9-11am / **45.6%** 1-3pm / **39.7%** 3-5pm

Ever volunteered at a P&C event?

- **40.5%** No – unable to due to work, kids or other commitments
- **23%** Yes – once or twice
- **14.9%** Yes – several times
- **13.5%** Yes – frequently
- **6.8%** No – but would like to
- Reasons why they haven't yet: new to the school, new baby

### PARENT PRIORITIES / KEY CONCERNS

Most concerned about (“very” answers only - in order of priority)

- Literacy (112)
- Numeracy (110)
- Bullying (104)
- Critical & Creative Thinking (88)
- Personal & Social Capability (85)
- Health & Nutrition (79)
- ICT / Technology (79)



- Science (76)
- Ethical Understanding (71)
- History (53)
- Geography (52)
- Cultural Understanding (51)
- Music & Performing Arts (50)
- Sport (50)
- Creative Arts (45)
- Business (42)
- Religious Understanding (19)

Most concerned about (“very” and “reasonably” answers combined – in order of priority)

- Numeracy (137)
- Literacy (137)
- Bullying (136)
- Critical & Creative Thinking (131)
- Personal & Social Capability (131)
- ICT / Technology (128)
- Science (127)
- Health & Nutrition (124)
- Geography (119)
- History (118)
- Ethical Understanding (118)
- Creative Arts (105)
- Cultural Understanding (101)
- Music & Performing Arts (101)
- Business (99)
- Sport (95)
- Religious Understanding (53)

“Other” notable answers:

- I would like to see the senior children in the school helping the younger children in the playground doing things like umpiring games like soccer
- Was concerned when my child commenced the school no buddy system or process for new students. Concerned about the lack of updates and information or communication from teacher - no matter how hard CPR volunteer tries she hits a brick wall due to the teacher. Our teachers are role models to the students and need to inspire and motivate
- Very concerned about boys before and after school physically rough and kicking other students
- A lot of litter in senior student area
- Growing healthy food (school garden)
- Rules and discipline
- The Environment - recycling and looking after our natural world
- Speech and drama and performing arts



- (2) More education and exposure to IT - Coding and IT foundation / More ICT, better equipment and network, coding lessons
- (2) ASD / Working with children with adhd better. Outside of the classroom activities. More physically active learning. Meditation rather than detention or missing play time.
- Second language
- Socializing, making friends, small play groups that help socially awkward children come together that's not chess or computers but outdoor fun that's not so sporty!
- Early recognition of the need for extra tuition if deemed to be necessary
- Cyber safety and modelling balanced lives
- In primary, main focus should be literacy and numeracy , other areas mostly for parents to tackle or to be taught in a very summarised periodic workshop/class. Weekly religion should be monthly only or not at all with that weekly half hour replaced by general life knowledge: civic duties, talks about inspiring people and their occupation, Australian culture and societal expectations, respect of gender differences, appropriate behaviours, critical appraisal of cultural differences in the world (not restricted to Indigenous Australians), world history, consumerism, recycling and environmental issues. Somewhat qualified person who would submit their program for approval, rather than the current unchecked story telling designed to grow fear of wrongdoing without the essential teaching of understanding the world and what acting well means.
- Bullying and rough play needs to be handled better. The same students are still being bullies year after year.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Most popular ("love it" – in order of priority)

- Christmas Fair (95)
- School Fete (90)
- Mother's & Father's Day stalls (86)
- School Discos (75)
- Colour Run (73)
- Children's Art Show (55)
- Amazing Race style challenge (45)
- Car Boot Sale (36)
- Loose Change Fundraiser (32)
- Entertainment Books (26)
- Chocolate Drive (24)
- Trivia Night (24)
- Fashion Show (11)

Most popular ("love it" + "it's okay" – in order of priority)

- Christmas Fair (137)
- Mother's & Father's Day stalls (136)
- School Discos (135)
- School Fete (133)



- Colour Run (126)
- Children's Art Show (120)
- Loose Change Fundraiser (117)
- Car Boot Sale (112)
- Trivia Night (103)
- Amazing Race style challenge (102)
- Entertainment Books (85)
- Chocolate Drive (80)
- Fashion Show (70)

Most unpopular ("dislike it")

- Chocolate Drive (59)
- Fashion Show (57)
- Entertainment Books (52)
- Trivia Nights (26)
- Loose change fundraiser (24)
- Amazing Race style challenge (21)
- Colour Run (15)
- Car Boot Sale (14)
- Mother's & Father's Day stalls (9)
- School Disco (8)

"Other" notable answers:

- (2) Movie night – under the stars
- Walk a thon
- Working bee
- Open day for school to show extra activities
- Mango tray fundraiser
- Swap-meet for children's / adult's clothing – recycled (gold coin entry)
- Traditional paddy's market – children involved in creating a stall like a little business (e.g. guessing games etc)
- Last day of term sausage sizzle
- Something other than chocolates – greeting cards, herbs etc
- More concerts (Easter / xmas etc)
- Improvements to fete – live music, bake sales, more community engagement
- (2) Option to donate lump sum once per year in lieu of participating in fundraisers
- Fundraiser for any families that may be struggling within the school community
- Fundraising that involves the children and family and community to all come together.
- Dress days for charities eg yellow day daffodil day, red for sids, crazy hair day, let the kids have more fun while getting a better understand of these charities.
- Families camp out on oval
- (2) Lamington or pie drive / cake & slice (bake) sale
- (2) Starsearch (talent show) heats during lunchtimes (20-50c entry) number of categories. Parent or teacher acts for fun at finals.



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- Raffles that include the community buying tickets. Parents already pay for so much, we need to get community involvement
- Weekly low cost yoga/zumba/dance providers for mums/kids on Saturdays.....competition with entry fee for winning suggestions for daily special (recurring weekly) at tuckshop..support local business/parent that offers no artificial colours, flavours and preservatives for tuckshop to encourage sale... weekly pre-order tuckshop: warm enchilladas or home-style strictly warm chunky soup w a bread roll ...provider with multiple instructors using school facilities every evening is a million-dollar turnover business that needs to pay reasonably per day/per hour... afterschool care would be more successful and decrease staff costs (less demanding staff ratio) if all students could be in same spot - office, play areas and tv/crafts room combined
- Raffles that include the community buying tickets – parents already pay too much
- We need to see more team work out into our fundraising and have a fundraising coordinator. So many times people are keen to be involved but many of the people that are involved are very rude and protective of their own ideas and interests and have the wrong information. It turns away new parents from wanting to get involved or put new ideas forward.

### Feelings towards current fundraising

- 47.6% “I love the fundraisers and happy to support”
- 25.5% “I think there are too many fundraisers and it’s overwhelming”
- 15.2% “I don’t really have an opinion”
- “Other” notable answers:
  - It certainly feels busy, perhaps not quite overwhelming, but busy and it's hard to always find volunteers to help ... but I love them and will continue to support them in anyway I can.
  - I think the chocolate drive is bad news. It puts a lot of pressure on families.
  - I personally do not like the set ups, by comparison to others. happy to support, but they certainly have a lot of room to improve.
  - I am ok with the amount of fundraisers however I do choose those events I wish to contribute to those I don't. I believe some families are not always aware of their options to choose to participate or not and may feel there is a lot
  - fundraising w more possible benefits to all, e.g combined car boot and market sale and fetes with mobile food vendors and home style snacks and food (similar to St Vincent's Primary!)
  - Don't particularly like chocolate drive, entertainment books,

## CURRENT SCHOOL STATUS

### Feelings towards current school grounds

- **35.9%** “school looks great”
- **24.8%** “school is looking tired and could use a facelift”
- **22.8%** “looks okay, haven’t really noticed”
- **5.5%** “school looks terrible, desperately needs some upgrades”
- “Other” notable entries
  - (5) Toilets smell bad, leaky taps, need better hygiene & soap



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- (2) New eating areas needed – children shouldn't be sitting on cold concrete or broken seats
- Fences
- Was better before winds & flood – would like more communication about fixes
- Tuckshop could use facelift, too much brown everywhere
- (3) Litter around school – children should do emu parade, learn importance of picking up litter
- (2) Gardens/landscaping, teachers need more parking, review of front carpark area
- Play equipment in all areas needs upgrading

### Feelings towards current school facilities & infrastructure

- **44.1%** “I think the school could use some upgrades in some areas”
- **20.7%** “I think the school has a great range of facilities and infrastructure”
- **13.8%** “I think the school is lacking in some facilities and infrastructure”
- **8.3%** “I think the school facilities and infrastructure are in desperate need of upgrading”
- “Other” notable answers
  - (4) Playground equipment (no slides for prep?) / something for middle & older kids
  - I can't believe there's no pool! There's space
  - Bubblers on oval, amenities and covered seating on the oval
  - (2) Computers
  - Covered walkways from all classrooms to undercover areas
  - Junior toilets

### P&C FUTURE PROJECTS

#### “Urgent” priority

- Air condition CPAC (36)
- CCTV for security (32)
- Water bubblers on oval (29)
- Air condition library (27)
- Upgrade oval playground (23)
- Upgrade senior toilet block (22)
- Raise height of fence on oval (20)
- Upgrade front entrance (20)
- Covered walkways from all classrooms (17)
- Fix umbrella outside prep room (14)
- Replace uneven softfall in prep playground (13)
- Re-paint exterior of buildings (13)
- Upgrade prep playground (13)
- Amenities block on oval (12)





- Tiered covered seating on oval (9)
- Digital sign for front of school (6)

#### “Urgent” + “High” Priority”

- Water bubblers on oval (93)
- Air condition CPAC (92)
- Air condition library (87)
- Upgrade oval playground (66)
- CCTV for security (63)
- Upgrade senior toilet block (58)
- Amenities block on oval (55)
- Upgrade front entrance (54)
- Tiered covered seating on oval (47)
- Covered walkways from all classrooms (44)
- Fix umbrella outside prep room (40)
- Raise height of fence on oval (39)
- Replace uneven softfall in prep playground (36)
- Re-paint exterior of buildings (34)
- Upgrade prep playground (29)
- Digital sign for front of school (25)

#### Lowest priorities (“don’t bother”+ “low priority”)

- Upgrade prep playground (64)
- Digital sign for front of school (62)
- Raise height of fence on oval (52)
- Fix umbrella outside prep room (46)
- Re-paint exterior of buildings (51)
- Replace uneven softfall in prep playground (50)
- Tiered covered seating on oval (46)
- Covered walkways from all classrooms (41)
- CCTV for security (41)
- Amenities block on oval (39)
- Upgrade front entrance (37)
- Upgrade oval playground (27)
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#### “Other” notable answers

- Fix tennis court fencing – dangerous





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- Learning enrichment area for extension classes in literacy & numeracy (similar to Broadbeach & Caningeraba)
- Fans in CPAC instead of air con
- Toilets – filthy, must always have soap, toilet paper and hand dryers / paper towels
- (4) More play equipment for older kids 2-3 and 4-6
- (2) More shade options on the oval – at least double the gazebos
- Area outside 4/5 block
- (2) Upgrade landscaping around school and screen area under raised buildings
- Gifted & talented program
- Remove chains around gardens, remulch gardens – working bee for planting / general tidy up / painting / tidying / water blasting
- (3) More bench seats around school
- (2) Better bag holders (out of weather/some leaking) or covers over top - incl. some for OSHC
- Steps built into the hills edges of oval
- (2) Upgrade / replace computers – better wifi
- Basketball spaces near science block terrible
- Senior area desperate for makeover
- Bike rack cover
- Smart boards in classrooms
- Expand garden club, edible plants throughout school
- Lower grade swimming carnivals
- More sporting opportunities for 1-3
- Directional signage throughout school
- Re-profile oval to remove bumps
- Paths down to the oval instead of a huge winding ramp.
- Better lighting under the grade 4 block, the toilets are dark and hidden.
- Make sure the gates Spring close automatically as some of them can remain open allowing the kids to access the road unaccompanied!
- Would love to see friendship seats placed in each area for those children that feel lonely or in need of a friend or someone to play with.
- Yes, i would like to see and think will be very beneficial for a special programme implemented for children with social and behavioural issues that some may call bullies to teach them to interact positively with their peers in socially acceptable ways, rather than be deemed "bullies" (in which these children are) when they repeatedly hurt other children. I think if a special programme was implemented for these children we will see a reduction in innocent children being physically, mentally and emotionally abused. Some other state schools do have this in place.
- The bus stop out the front of the school could be more enclosed for kids waiting to catch the bus... when it rains its impossible to stay dry without an umbrella when they stand underneath.

### COMMUNICATION

Feeling towards current communication about P&C events

- **50%** “Wonderful – I feel well informed”



- **30.6%** “It’s okay – sometimes I miss information”
- **8.3%** “It’s not great – I rarely get the information”
- **6.3%** “It’s overwhelming”
- “Other” notable answers
  - Sometimes get double ups – one central place would be better
  - Sometimes I miss things because there’s too many emails and I can’t keep up
  - Prefer to use facebook / SMS notifications

#### Preferred method of communication

- 77.1% Email – school newsletter
- 53.5% Email – via CPR’s
- 45.1% Facebook – Robina P&C page
- 40.3% Letters home with child
- 18.1% Website – Robina P&C site
- “Other” notable answers
  - Would be great to see more photos of events on facebook
- An app