



**Greenslopes**  
STATE SCHOOL

Parents and Citizens'  
Association

## **Greenslopes State School P&C information**

*“The more parents support their children by being involved in their education, the more they cultivate their child’s love of learning and their chances to succeed.”*

*A Flying Start for Queensland Children, Department of Education and Training, 2010*

# Greenslopes State School Parents & Citizens' Association

Working in partnership with their school principal and community, P&C's work to promote the interests of the school, and improve facilities and opportunities, to achieve the best possible outcomes for the students. P&C objectives are focused on the needs of their school, and they operate under a constitution.

The Greenslopes State School (GSS) P&C Association is a group of mums, dads, carers and teachers. We are busy people who provide a small amount of time to support the school in whatever way we can to help our children reach their potential through a supportive and prosperous school community.

## Our P&C

Our P&C is about people – people just like you – parents, care givers and community minded people who want to help their school. We work very closely with the school, building a stronger school community so all children can benefit.

We consist of an executive committee that is comprised of a President, Vice-President, Vice-President (OSCA), Treasurer and Secretary. We also have several sub-committee positions for the areas of fundraising, events, tuckshop, building fund and grants. We also have a working group to assist our outside of school hours care service that is run by the P&C.

There is also general membership available. While not holding official committee positions, these members provide crucial support, ideas and advice to our P&C community.

P&C meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm in the Library.

The Annual General Meeting is held at the March meeting, in the OSCA building.

## What we do

Each year our P&C supports the school by providing funds for a variety of educational activities, facilities and equipment, as well as assisting with the purchase of resources such as technology equipment. Our P&C aligns these contributions with our four-year strategic plan, and annual operational plan.

Our P&C has achieved a number of beneficial contributions for the school over recent years, including:

- air-conditioning of A block and the tuckshop
- renovations of the tuckshop
- a successful OSCA (Outside School Hours Care) service
- installation of pool heating to support learn to swim lessons
- creation of the 125 Outdoor Learning Space
- upgrade of the sandpit
- successful grant for shade shelter in the pool area
- ongoing financial assistance to support classroom excursions and camps
- funding to expand the school IT and robotics program
- expansion of the Spanish language program

## Joining our P&C

Participating in our P&C gives you an opportunity to share in the decision-making processes and shape the future for our school. Your contribution to the P&C can be as large or small as you can manage, and your ongoing support is invaluable.

Our P&C needs people from all walks of life, with a range of talents, to enable us to continue to work in partnership with the school to improve the opportunities for our children. The more people involved, the more exciting and successful it will be. In return for your support you receive:

### **Information**

We encourage P&C members to attend our monthly meetings, however we understand that is not always possible. All P&C members receive emails of P&C meeting minutes, as well as information regarding events and activities at school.

The P&C newsletter *The Buzz* is produced each term and we also have a Facebook page to keep all parents updated regarding P&C activities.

### **A voice**

P&C membership is voluntary. Membership gives you voting rights and the opportunity to be involved in the future direction of the school. The P&C ratifies school policies, funding and strategic planning documents.

### **Friendship and community**

The P&C monthly meetings are a friendly gathering of people who care about our school.

Refreshments are served, and it is a great opportunity to get to know other parents. Volunteering at our events is lots of fun, and provides another great way to meet other parents.

Joining the P&C is as simple as filling out the application form. You can get the form at the Welcome BBQ (usually held in March), from the P&C table near the school office, or download it from the school website. You then just need to return the form to the P&C Secretary before the AGM in March, or bring it along to any monthly meeting and you're officially part of our P&C. Further information is available on the school website.

## **Our key activities**

### **Fundraising and events**

Fundraising is an important part of the P&C's work as the funds raised enable us to purchase new equipment and services for the school.

Our P&C organises fundraising and other school events throughout the year. The fundraising program varies each year, with previous activities including:

- Welcome BBQ
- Mother's day & Father's day stalls
- High tea
- School fun run
- Raffles and auctions
- Trivia night
- Spellathon
- Cake stalls
- Car boot sale
- Bunnings BBQ

### **Our fundraising partners**

Another way that we raise funds is through a number of businesses who give benefits back to our P&C when our families use their services. These include:

**IGA Greenslopes** – pick up a My IGA card at the store and register it online ticking Greenslopes State School as the community group you wish to support. Then, every time you use your card when shopping in the store you receive member only pricing while helping to raise funds for our school. We use this money to expand the school robotics program.

**Rebel Sport** – register for a Rebel Sport loyalty card and you can choose to have your points accrue to the school.

**The Athletes Foot** – register for a loyalty card and you can choose to have your points accrue to the school.

## Volunteering

Getting involved in the school community is a great way to meet other parents and to make a valuable contribution to your child's school experience. Throughout the year there are many opportunities for you to get involved including:

- helping in your child's classroom or during sport lessons
- volunteering in the tuckshop
- helping at fundraising events
- baking for an event or Café Dunellan
- supporting the Spanish Group's activities & events

*\*\* Child Protection Legislation in Queensland mandates that volunteers who are not parents of students attending our school must undergo a "Working with Children" check and receive a Suitability (Blue) Card.*

We use **[www.signup.zone/greenslopes-state-school](http://www.signup.zone/greenslopes-state-school)** for all our volunteering sign-ups.

A reminder to follow the school's volunteering process by signing in at the office before volunteering.

## Student banking

In 2009 our school became part of the Commonwealth Bank Student Banking program. By encouraging children to bank regularly, we hope to teach our children money management skills for their future. With every new account opened and each deposit, the Commonwealth Bank pays the P&C a small commission as an added bonus.

Students are able to bank at the tuckshop every Friday between 8:30am and 9:00am.

Applications for student banking are available at **[www.commbank.com.au/banking/school-banking](http://www.commbank.com.au/banking/school-banking)**

## Building fund

Our P&C is proud to contribute to the long-term planning of the school. To assist with this vision, the P&C Building fund was created to allow school and community members an avenue to provide tax-deductible financial contributions. Voluntary contributions are sought throughout the year, and further information is available on the school website.

If you would like to donate at any time, the GSS Building fund details are BSB 064128, Account number 10340729.

## Our services

### Outside School Hours Care

The Greenslopes State School Outside School Hours Care Association, known as **OSCA**, provides quality care before and after school, during vacations and on pupil free days. Children can attend on a permanent or casual basis. Our P&C is proud to provide this service.

Our OSCA service has been granted Provider Approval and Service Approval by the Office for Early Childhood Education & Care, Department of Education under the National Quality Framework, and OSCA has been committed to the principles of quality improvement.

Our OSCA service has been rated overall Exceeding National Quality Standard with processes focusing on aspects such as educational program and practice, health and safety, physical environment, staff arrangement, relationship with children, partnership with families and communities, leadership and service management.

The OSCA building is located next to the multi-purpose court on the school grounds. It is open Monday to Friday for before school care between 6.45am and 8.45am and for after school care from 3.00pm to 6.00pm. During vacations and on pupil free days, the service is available from 7:00am to 6:00pm.

Prep children are picked up directly from the classroom for after school care. Before school, these children are also walked to their classrooms by one of the OSCA educators.

OSCA provides a range of supervised activities catering for all interests and age groups, including sport and games, art and craft, cooking, computer club, and swimming. Breakfast (before school) and afternoon tea (after school) are provided. Quiet time is also available for homework or reading activities. Excursions and visits from special interest groups are often organised during vacation care.

You must enroll your child at OSCA before using the service for both casual and permanent bookings. Child Care Subsidy is paid directly to OSCA to be passed on to families as a fee reduction.

An increasing demand for OSCA may require us to introduce a waiting list for this service in the future.

Enrolment forms and current fees are available on the OSCA website – [www.oscacare.com](http://www.oscacare.com). You can also contact OSCA directly on **(07) 3394 1609** or [osca1@iinet.net.au](mailto:osca1@iinet.net.au) if you require any further information.

### Tuckshop

Our P&C is also proud to run our tuckshop, which is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays during school terms. Our tuckshop convenor, Tanya Hansen, has compiled a great menu that is Smart Choices compliant to encourage healthy eating for our children.

All tuckshop orders are done online through Flexischools, either via the website or their mobile app. Once you are registered for Flexischools at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au), you can load funds to your account for use. You can top-up your account using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal (with a fee of \$0.15+1%). A fee free option is available via direct deposit, though funds do take longer to clear.

Ordering is as simple as selecting from the range of options made available and then proceeding to payment for the order listed in your order pad. You can review orders placed by logging back in to your Flexischools account, where you can also set recurring orders, view your transaction history or cancel orders. A separate order is required if ordering for both breaks on the same day.

The tuckshop menu changes each term, with weekly specials available. All orders must be placed by 8:00am on the day of tuckshop, with some specific items having an earlier cut off time for ordering. Refer to Flexischools for the current menu, and cut off times for specific items.

If your child is unwell, you are able to cancel orders online before 8:00am on the day of tuckshop.

Tuckshop is only successful with volunteers to assist in preparing the meals for our students. There is an online volunteer register on Flexischools. Please consider volunteering when you are able.

## Uniforms

All Greenslopes State School uniforms are available from Hosikozi Clothing Company, located at 349 Riding Road, Balmoral. They supply the current school uniforms and other Greenslopes State School specific items including a non-compulsory school backpack. They are open Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm, and Saturday from 9am to 2pm.

Hosikozi also has an online store at [www.hosikozi.com.au](http://www.hosikozi.com.au) - click on the Greenslopes State School link to purchase uniform items online.

Major department stores stock non-logo (generic) bottle green polo shirts, shorts and culottes. Please refer to the Greenslopes State School Student Dress Code for further information.

You may wish to contact Hosikozi first to ensure they have your required stock prior to your visit. You can contact Kane and his team on **(07) 3899 3000**.

## Café Dunellan

Friday mornings are a hive of activity at Greenslopes State School with our weekly school assembly well attended by parents and family members.

Café Dunellan operates every Friday morning (8:15 – 9:00am) out of tuckshop providing coffee, tea, hot chocolate and some food for the school community before school. We also sell Greenslopes State School Keep Cups at Café Dunellan, and provide discounts for byo cups. Please note that the café closes by 9am before assembly starts.

Drop by and have a chat with our volunteer parents – it's a great way to meet people and become part of our community.

## Our community

### Spanish Group

¡Hola! The Spanish Group is a sub-group of the P&C that works alongside the school to celebrate and extend the immersion of Spanish and Latin American language and culture within our school community. The group meets once a month at the school to discuss, plan and implement activities. Parents and carers are encouraged to join this friendly and enthusiastic group – everyone is welcome! Keep an eye out in the school newsletters for the dates of meetings or email us at [greenslopespandc@gmail.com](mailto:greenslopespandc@gmail.com) for more information.

### Containers for Change

Our P&C participates in the Containers for Change Queensland recycling scheme which raises additional funds for our school community. The scheme is organised by a subcommittee of P&C members in partnership with P&C QLD and Return-it.

There is a purple wheelie bin at the school gate each school morning where you can donate eligible containers from home. Small green tubs are also placed around the school to collect any containers students might have at break time.

Alternatively you can take containers directly to any depot and use the school scheme ID to donate funds to the P&C. The Greenslopes State School Scheme ID is C10028875 and can be used across Queensland, so any family members further afield can also contribute.

For more information on what containers are eligible see [www.containersforchange.com.au](http://www.containersforchange.com.au)

## Active School Travel

Active School Travel is a Brisbane City Council initiative, which encourages active travel to school in order to promote a healthy lifestyle and minimise traffic around our school. By minimising traffic around the school during drop off and pick up times we are also increasing wellbeing and safety for our whole local community.

This great initiative helps;

- reduce congestion outside our school gate
- improve road safety
- increase the number of our students who can walk, cycle, carpool and use public transport to and from school; either some or all of the way; at least one day a week.

We promote Active School Travel every Wednesday. There are also special events held throughout the year to encourage students and their families to travel actively to school.

## Parking

There are three different parking zones outside the school, along Dunellan Street. These zones operate between 8:30 – 9:30am and 2:30 – 3:30pm.

**Zone 1:** Pedestrian crossing to school oval driveway  
2 min Drop-off and Pick-up Zone – *do not leave your car.*

**Zone 2:** School oval driveway to Henry Street - Combination Zone  
Morning: 15 min Parking Zone  
Afternoon: 2 min Pick-up Zone – *do not leave your car*

**Zone 3:** Pedestrian crossing to Logan Road  
15 min Parking Zone

For our children's' safety and our community's sanity, ***please*** read the signs and obey the times. It should also be noted that there is no right turn allowed from Newdegate Street onto Dunellan Street during school pick-up and drop-off times.

We ask that you set a good example for your child and others by using the pedestrian crossing outside the school each time you cross over Dunellan Street.

There is a bike rack on the footpath outside the school for anyone dropping off or picking up by bike. Kids can park their scooters in the rack at the front of the early years classroom as you enter the school. If they are riding a bike, the racks are beside the tennis courts.

## Our communication

### The Buzz

We publish a printed newsletter once a term for all of our school community that contains information about upcoming events and activities. *The Buzz* is distributed to the eldest child in each family via the class teachers.

### Facebook

Our P&C is on Facebook as **#GreenslopesStateSchoolPandC**. This is a great source of P&C and school news, events and other information. Make sure you follow us to get all the latest news and updates in between issues of *The Buzz*.

### Contact us

You can contact us at **greenslopespandc@gmail.com** or send us a message via our Facebook page.

Alternatively, there is a communication box located on the P&C table near the school office.



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