

SAMSON PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY...

Our school canteen will be closed for Term 1!

Read on why...

In the past, the School Canteen, Uniform Shop and other community aspects of the school have been run by the Samson PS P&C.

P&C's are run by **volunteers!** Parents and Citizens who volunteer their time to help out in various capacities. The P&C are governed by WACSSO (West Australian Council of State School Organisations) which influence the direction of public education for the benefit of students. The Samson P&C have achieved many fabulous things in the last many years!

Samson PS P&C meet once a term, and at each meeting minutes are taken, community/financial matters decided upon and the goals for the year tracked.

There needs to be a minimum of eight active members present for a meeting to be viable. Office bearer positions within the P&C also need to be filled and active for the P&C to be viable. These positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Executive Members.

....IF these positions are not filled, the P&C will not run....

The next AGM will be held on **25 Feb 2022, 3pm**

This will be where all the office bearer positions and of the P&C for 2022 will be voted and agreed upon.

As of the end of 2021, our Canteen Manager and two regular volunteers retired.

We also have P&C members 'retiring' due to kids leaving, work commitments, etc.

- **WE NEED PARENTS and CITIZENS!!**
- **If there is no P&C, we cannot run the Canteen or Uniform Shop.** These vacancies will have to go out to 'tender', which means they are run outside of the school.

If the positions do not get filled:

- × There will not be a P&C;
- × There will not be a P&C run canteen;
- × There will not be a uniform shop on site;
- × There will not be P&C funding for school gardens and animals;
- × There will not be community events;
- × There will not be fundraising for school projects/equipment, such as ipads and school readers!

...WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU??

One of the biggest roles of our P&C in the past has been running our awesome school canteen. The school canteen is run as a small business, with wages and superannuation paid (Treasurer), food handling, hygiene and healthy eating guidelines all adhered to. The aim of the canteen is not to make profit, but **it must not run at a loss**. The aim of our canteen is to serve healthy and affordable 'home-made' style food.

As we are an approved Centrelink volunteer provider, we have been lucky enough in the past to have regular volunteers who come in on one or both days. However, at the end of last year, our **regular volunteer retired**.

Over the last year it has **been difficult to obtain any other regular volunteers**. We are advertised through Melville Volunteer Centre, Cockburn Volunteer Centre and have posted several times on various community pages.

If the P&C get up and running in 2022, and one of the aims is to run a P&C canteen, we will be looking to recruit a Manager and an additional person who is committed to help run and promote the canteen in a fun, healthy and affordable manner. And we will need regular volunteers!

We need some new direction and a canteen PERSON and other major positions on the P&C!

Please consider if you would like to be a positive part of the school community and contribute your ideas and motivation for the benefit of the students...for your child, for the community.

BE A PART OF YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY...

BE A PART OF YOUR P&C....

COME TO THE MEETING

February 25, 2022

Your Samson PS P&C

We welcome ALL new members and ideas!!