



### Getting involved in the Chevallum P&C

The Chevallum P&C is a group of volunteers working together to improve the facilities and opportunities at the school. Getting involved is an opportunity to learn new skills, gain an understating of how the school operates and share in the school's decision-making process to shape the school's future.

Joining the P&C is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality of education of your children and, it maybe cliché, but make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or as small as you can manage, but your support of the Chevallum P&C is invaluable.

### What is a P&C Association?

The main purpose of a P&C is to work in productive partnership with the school and community to promote the interests of the school. It facilitates development and further improvement to achieve the best possible outcomes and educational experience of each and every student at Chevallum.

### What does the Chevallum P&C do?

The Chevallum P&C directly operates three school-based enterprises in a not-for-profit capacity, returning profits to the school's priorities,

- **Café C** (the tuckshop) which operates on Wed/Thurs/Friday of each week and is capably managed by our Convenor Nic De Marco ([css.cafec@gmail.com](mailto:css.cafec@gmail.com).)
- **The Uniform shop** – open each Tuesday 8:15am – 9:15am managed by Convenor Kelly Frazer ([css.uniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:css.uniformshop@gmail.com))
- **Woosh Kids Club** -offering before and after school care and vacation care with Emily Muller having overall management responsibility as the Director of Woosh Kids Club ([woosh@chevallumsspandc.com.au](mailto:woosh@chevallumsspandc.com.au))

The P&C determine a **fundraising calendar each year** aiming to have one minor fundraising event in each term, and a larger event in 3<sup>rd</sup> Term. The 3<sup>rd</sup> term event alternates with StrawbFest (a renowned Sunshine Coast community event) and another larger event determined at the start of that alternate year. The previous 2 years have included such events as:

- **March Money Madness** – held annually in March with students collecting spare change
- **Carer's stall – May & September** (coinciding with Mother's Day & Father's Day – students are able to purchase items Chevallum parents & volunteers have made or donated
- **StrawbFest** – major event for 2023
- **Colour Run** – major event for 2022
- **Motiv8Sports The GR8 Race** – major event for 2024
- **Family Movie Night** – minor event in March 2024
- **Comedy for a Cause** – held twice in 2<sup>nd</sup> term 2023 & 2024
- **Xmas Markets** -held for the first time in November 2024

The P&C also endeavour to apply for grants when they become available which help our fundraising dollars go so much further.

The P&C have recently been successful in receiving a grant for;

- the installation of marine carpet to the school hall, this facilitates a much easier transition from a hall to a display space using Velcro in place of the difficult task of blu tac or sticky tape.

- The construction of a verandah extension to Woosh kids club as part of Cancer Qld SunSmart program

The **P&C also facilitate other non-fundraising events** such as:

- **1<sup>st</sup> day of Term 1 in each year** – we offer a coffee & chat following drop off of children on the first day of school, this is particularly important for those new parents with children attending school for the first time, a simple event where there is a friendly face, someone new to meet and coffee & cake.
- **World Teachers Day** (coffee and homebake) – an opportunity for the P&C and parents to say thank you to these very important role models in our student's education.

### **Ways to get involved**

- **Become a member** – membership forms can be found on the schools website, ask at the schools Admin Officer or the P&C Operations Manager (usually found in the Uniform Shop or Café C), or email the P&C Secretary [secretary.chevallum@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.chevallum@gmail.com)
- **Attend P&C meetings** (in person or via Zoom) and join in discussions – Generally, two meetings are held in each term in Week 2or3 and Week 7or8 depending on school activities at the time. Meeting dates are tailored to allow for school activities and to enable to Principal or Deputy Principal to be in attendance. Meetings are notified in the school newsletter and for those with facebook via the P&C's facebook page CHIFFS or email the P&C Secretary.
- **Become a Parent Rep** for your child's class. Parent Reps are the important link between the P&C, school and the classroom.
- **Volunteer**
  - o Café C in person or home bake (recipes on school website/Café C or bake your own remembering to keep it nut free and document the ingredients)
  - o Uniform Shop, you might like to help sort donated items for the pre-loved trolley
  - o Fundraising volunteer – many opportunities exist in this space, whether that is your time in person or donations or handmade items for sale on stalls – all contributions are so valued by the organisers of the event at the time.
  - o School based – kitchen garden, library, kids kitchen or reading. Tell us your skill/passion and we can direct you.

### **YOUR CURRENT P&C EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ARE:**

PRESIDENT: Kellie Jarrett [president.chevallum@gmail.com](mailto:president.chevallum@gmail.com)

VICE PRESIDENT: Angela Barnes [vp.chevallum@gmail.com](mailto:vp.chevallum@gmail.com)

VICE PRESIDENT's Parent Rep Coordinator & Communications: Lisa Whiting

VICE PRESIDENT's Media Coordinator: Charmaine Gibson

SECRETARY: D'Arcy Wilson [secretary.chevallum@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.chevallum@gmail.com)

TREASURER: Julia Sillars [treasurer.chevallum@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.chevallum@gmail.com)

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Veronica Underhill

OPERATIONS MANAGER: Di Smith [op@chevallumsspandc.com.au](mailto:op@chevallumsspandc.com.au)

The Chevallum P&C is now also supported by a paid position of Operations Manager, Di Smith [op@chevallumsspandc.com.au](mailto:op@chevallumsspandc.com.au) who is readily available at the school most days of the week working from the office behind the Uniform Shop and Café. The Ops Manager will always be able to assist you in finding the right person to speak with or provide you the information you need on current P&C activities, what happened at a meeting you may have missed. You only need to ask.

Enjoy your journey at Chevallum, it's a unique place, we are a community, and we look forward to meeting you soon.

Warm regards,  
Your Chevallum P & C