

P & C Funded Projects, Activities and Resources

The Murray Farm Public School P & C is responsible for managing funds raised through voluntary contributions and various fundraising activities, such as the Cracker Carnival and the Art, Craft and Pottery Exhibition.

Throughout the school year, the P & C makes decisions about how these funds should be spent. This decision-making process typically involves comprehensive discussion by all meeting participants and careful consideration of the benefits and associated costs. In some cases Government-approved contractors (who provide good quality work at competitive rates) can be used to facilitate the completion of projects.

All parents are welcome to attend meetings and participate in the decision-making process.

Each year the MFPS P & C contributes \$45,000 to the school's Key Learning Area budget. These funds are used to make up for the shortfall that exists in Government funding. The funds are typically used for English and Mathematics teaching resources; provision of a Learning Support Teacher 2 days per week; professional development opportunities for teachers within the Key Learning areas.

In recent years the MFPS P & C has funded a range of projects, activities and resources, including:

- Classroom resources, such as dictionaries, atlases, whiteboards and digital cameras
- Musical equipment for the school bands, such as music stands and instruments
- School educational resources, such as a library of audio-visual resource aids (eg. educational DVDs), Stands for Count-Me-In Too resources, Aboriginal Education resources (big books, teachers resources and children's books)
- Sporting equipment for various sports such as netball, cricket, tennis and soccer
- Upgrade of sporting facilities, including a major refurbishment of the multipurpose court in 2007/08
- Window tinting for classrooms, the library, and other rooms affected by glare
- Beautification and improvement of the school grounds, such as installation and expansion of gardens, turfing and installation of irrigation on playground areas, and the installation and refurbishment of school signage
- Seating in the infants area, at the front of the school, and next to the multipurpose court
- Resurfacing of the infants area with an all-weather surface material
- Development of an informative and user-friendly MFPS website
- Computing equipment for teachers
- Materials to support the archiving of the school's history.