

Prep Families

New to the school? We get it!
It is not just your child who things are new for!

The PFA arrange a small get-together for prep families on the first day of school – it is a chance to mingle with other parents, carers and the PFA.

Depending on stock, we may also have second-hand uniforms available for purchase.

Keep an eye on the newsletter and Facebook page for further details.



Join our Facebook Group

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Gisborne Primary School – Parents & Friends



We look forward to meeting and working with you! If you are keen to make a difference and contribute to making our school and community the best it can be, in whatever way suits you best, please fill out the below form and return it to the office or a PFA member.

GPS Parents and Friends Association

Name:	
Eldest child at school:	Grade:
Email contact:	

<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to join the PFA
Best times for meetings for me:

<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to join the HELPING HANDS	
I am interested in:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Organising Events/Fundraisers	<input type="checkbox"/> Helping on stalls or at events
<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening/works in school grounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Donating items (e.g. baked items for stalls or events)
<input type="checkbox"/> Canteen Duty (This doesn't fall under the PFA at Gisborne Primary, but they are regularly in need of volunteers on Wednesdays and Fridays between 9:00-11:30am and 12:30-2:30pm so we thought we'd mention it here)!	

We would love to hear if you have a skill that you would be willing to share! Expertise in any school friendly area is valued!

Other skills you might like to offer:	
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Gisborne Primary School



PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Gisborne Primary School
Parents and Friends Association (PFA)
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The PFA would like to welcome you to Gisborne Primary School!

The Parents and Friends Association (PFA) is a group of volunteers who work in cooperation with the Principal and School Council. The PFA objectives are to:

Contribute to the well-being of the school community

Encourage the participation of all parents in the life of the school and the education of their children

Provide opportunities for parents to get to know each other and to be informed about school

Provide opportunities for parents to extend their understanding of school operations

Contribute to proposals on school policy and other educational issues

Raise funds for the benefit of the school (optional)

Should I join the PFA or Helping Hands?

If you join the PFA and become a registered member, you are entitled to vote on decisions when in attendance at our monthly meeting.

If you join our group of Helping Hands, you do not need to regularly attend meetings and we will contact you when the PFA needs assistance.



Why does the PFA need to raise funds?

Schools have their own budgets —but invariably they need more than the budget allows. That is where the PFA becomes a valuable partner.

Fundraising is a powerful way in which to help our school get much-wanted additional resources.

School fundraising can take many forms and the PFA seeks to have a good blend of dedicated fundraising activities, services, social events, and experiences.

Some of our regulars include:

Parent Services:

Second-Hand Uniform Shop
Community Voice & Representation

School Services:

Mothers' & Fathers' Day Stalls
Easter Raffle/Chocolate Drive

Student experiences:

Easter Bunny Visit
Premier Reading Challenge
Scholastics Book Club

Student Social Events:

School Discos

Parent/Family Social Events:

Tea & Tissues
Trivia Night
Picnics & BBQs

Community Events:

Bunnings BBQ
Election Day Stall

The School Council must approve our events and all money raised by the PFA must be used for the benefit of the school. As a member, you get to vote on how funds are used!

When and how often do you meet?

Meetings are currently held during school terms on the third Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the staff room. But we will review this day and time in Term 1 each year to capture new parents and friends and to find a time that suits the majority of volunteers.

You don't need to attend every meeting, but it's a great way to hear what's going on at the school and to build relationships with the whole community.

How long do meetings go for?

We try to keep meetings to 1-1.5 hours depending on agenda items.

In Term 3 we have a longer planning meeting to discuss our goals for the next 6-9 months, review wish list requests, review ways we can enhance the school community and work out financially how much we need to raise and what events we can hold to achieve this for our children and our school.

Our longer planning meeting helps us keep monthly meetings shorter and focussed.

Will PFA listen to new ideas?

The PFA is made up of parents just like you and we do what we can because we enjoy making a difference to our children's school.

The PFA has a big focus on community inclusion and involvement. We are always seeking ideas and people who would love to try and help develop our community culture and bring these events and fundraisers to life.

We appreciate and encourage people to let us know their availability and skill sets. Every single minute of your time is valuable to us. Even one hour will make a difference!