PARENTS’ CLUB AT ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL

What is Parents’ Club?

An organisation formed to provide opportunities for all parents of students at the school to:

- Discuss issues concerned with the welfare and the general education policy of the school and to assist in the development of a shared parent view
- Contribute to proposals on school policy and other educational issues to the School Council via an elected representative
- Get to know each other and to be informed about their child’s school
- Work in cooperation with the School Council and the Principal
- Raise funds for the benefit of the school

Really, it is a group of parents who enjoy getting together to organise “extras” for the school that aren’t covered by the school budget or curriculum.

These extras have included in the last few years:

- working with students to design the “spider” in the monkey bar playground and raising the funds to buy it and have it installed
- contributing $10,000 towards the resurfacing of the playground
- erecting a bike shed
- purchasing shelving for the library
- school discos twice each year
- group bookings for theatre shows with a bus to and from the school
- Friday night football on a big screen at the school for all families
- Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls
- Movie night on the big oval
- Small fundraisers including wine orders, pasta orders, pie orders, jewellery sale
- Whole school afternoon teas hosted by a different grade each month
- Dance-a-thons and Obstacle-a-thons
- Shopping bus tours
- And many, many more...

As everyone on the committee is a parent or grandparent, everyone understands that time availability changes during the year and can be unpredictable, so everyone does what they can manage when they can manage it – there is no pressure to be at every event or to organise events. Also, pre-schoolers are very welcome, and everyone understands that some days this will work and some days this won’t work! You’re not obliged to stay at a meeting or help at an event if that’s not what your pre-schooler wants to be doing on that day!