# **TOP 10 TIPS** For more P&C volunteers!

# WELCOME PARENTS

Give something before you ask for something! It could be just a hello, a welcome event, handy info for parents, a small welcome gesture or gift.

#### **PROMOTE YOUR P&C**

Make sure parents know who you are & what you do! Be clear about your aims, boast about achievements and show how be involved.





## **KEEP IT REAL!**

Sound warm and human, not bureaucratic! Have a real 'face' to your P&C - chat to parents. Run your meetings well (no snoring!) & make newbies welcome.

### **CLEAR, SHARED GOALS**

Say what you are trying to achieve and make sure this lines up with what parents want. Do this for each event & fundraiser - what are the funds for?





## START EARLY

Plan events - and ask for help - a long way out. People are more likely to help if it's not last minute!

## **SPREAD THE LOAD**

Break activities & roles into smaller jobs - people are more likely to volunteer. A coordinator can keep track of it all, not do the work (another small job!).





#### **BE SPECIFIC**

Ask your community for specific skills, define specific roles & include a time frame. Make it clear you're not asking for a lifetime commitment!

# LOOK AFTER VOLUNTEERS

Make it fun & worthwhile! Show new volunteers the ropes & don't ask for more than was offered. At large events roster an extra just to look after others!





#### **TELL VOLUNTEER STORIES**

Personal stories connect & show what the P&C is like. Introduce your committee - say why you help. Share pics of volunteers in the wild & what it is they enjoy.

# **CELEBRATE** !

Boast about what you've done - resources bought, funds made, the fun had. Thank everyone - volunteer prize draw, morning tea or personal 'thank you' note.



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