2008 Annual Report for the Ex Students Association

2008 was a busy year for the Association with the main focus being the Wolaroi Verandah Appeal (Refurbishment). For 2008 a total of $26,775 was donated to the appeal bringing the total donation from the Ex Students to $34,275 (including the $7,500 donated in 2007).

Reunions for 2008:
The 40 year (1967) Luncheon at Fair Day, The 20 year and 30 year combined reunion in March, The Inaugural Vintage Lunch in May (pre 1958), also in May the 5 year and 10 year reunions. In November a further two reunions classes of 1958 and 1968 were held.

PLC Birthday Celebrations:
A number of class reunions were held in conjunction with the birthday celebrations, classes 1958, 1968, 1962, 1964 and 1969 plus a number of other past students also attended.

All were very successful with good numbers attending and a good time had by all, in most cases the Headmaster Mr B Kennelly giving a brief overview of the School.

Special donations received for 2008 – 1927 Blazer (which involved a donation ($100) to the MS Society), a special service to commemorate the donation of a Lone Pine tree from Ian Richardson (KWS 1980) were received on behalf of the School.

The Ex Students contributed towards a PLC Birthday Gift being a Golden Elm, and the ongoing improvement and development of the PLC Garden, with retaining rock wall and seating around the Golden Elm.

One of the highlights was the meeting turned farewell for Janet, who at one stage we didn’t think would make it, it was good to see so many ex students and committee members attend and was a sign of the high esteem in which Janet was held.

Plans/ideas for 2009 (very open to suggestions and ideas), maybe a get together at some stage in Sydney (Sunday brunch – Spring), a reunion for ex staff.

Would like to have a survey of the number of Ex Student children and grandchildren attending the School (2005 was 23%).

In closing I would like to thank all the committee members for their help and support - Mary, Roley, Martin, Wendy, Fran, Walter, Colin and especially Dinah and Robin for being the Patrons.

A thankyou to Mr Brian Kennelly and the School for the ongoing support of the Ex Students Association.
On behalf of the committee I welcome Paul and appreciate his effort and support so far, with the introduction of new ideas, I might have to join Facebook???

Rob Fuller
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