President's Report 2010

Welcome to everybody attending, and especially those attending for the first time.

2009 was a year for consolidation after 2008 with all effort going towards the verandah appeal.

For 2009 a number of class reunions 5/10/20 and 30 year were held with very good attendance, (All were very successful), in most cases the headmaster Mr B Kennelly giving a brief overview of the school.

It's important that we maintain the personal contact with that of the Ex Students and we foster the Relationships between Ex Students and current students of the school, examples of this have been Reid Walker speaking at assembly, Ray Edmondson, (1952) who attended Wolaroi for 1 year, as an 8 yr old. (He has sent in his old blazer and cap). Friend Kini (1971) a Papua New Guinean, made contact with the school, and has now enrolled his son, Junior who commenced this week in year eleven.

As most of you are aware I am stepping down as President, and in doing so would like make special mention, the most important aspect of a being a president, who is only as good as the committee. To the past and present committee a special thanks to all for their hard work and support over the 10 years. It has been very much appreciate all the hard work – working bees, special projects, meeting and greeting at the reunions.

Special thanks past patrons and to Dinah and Robin being the 2009 Patrons, and their close involvement with not only with the association but also the school.

To Paul having settled right in and bringing us up to speed with all the cyber communication Face Book, Twitter, Web Site, etc Paul we very much appreciate your effort and support, to the association, and the energy that you bring.

If I reflect on the past ten years there have been so many projects that have been added to the school, Lights on the drive way, The PLC Garden beds, Score boards, Trees, Pavers, (just to name a few) and this past year has seen the completion of the verandah refurbishment.

I am proud that we have the Ex students on a strong financial footing with our preserved funds (app) $200,000, this in turn gives the association more funds to spend on or at the School, and personally I wouldn’t like to see any changes in the preservation of funds and the current format that the association use.

Looking forward I will still be involved with the ex students, as we have the Teachers and Staff / Ex-Staff function 2011.

A thank you to Mr. Brian Kennelly and the school for the ongoing support of the Ex Students Association, and I mention every year app 20/25% of current students are the sons and daughters of ex students.

In closing once again a special thank you to all the committee members for their help and support Mary, Roley, Martin, Wendy, Fran, Walter, Colin, Andrew, Jarrod, Ann, Nelson, and again Dinah and Robin for being the Patrons of the association.

Rob Fuller