KWS P&F President’s report 2011 /2012

This is my third report as the president of the KWS P and F.

The KWS P and F Association has met a total of 8 times over the past year, with participant numbers consistently between 10 and 20 (see table). Even though the numbers at the meetings are small and include school representation (2), they in no way reflect the ongoing commitment and enthusiasm of the wider parent body to assist in P and F activities when they are run.

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The P and F have been active throughout the entire year and I would like to be demonstrable regarding our outcomes, with some of these achievements briefly outlined in this report.

This year has seen a considerable amount of work by the KWS P&F into the school canteen. We have developed updated position descriptions for the Canteen Manager and Canteen Assistant roles, established Food Safety and Volunteer Manuals. We have installed a new on line ordering system for the Preparatory school, with new touch screen technology within the canteen itself as we move to a completely cash less system. At the end of 2011 we farewelled Rebecca Jorquera as the canteen manager and this year we welcomed Justine Peters into this role.

The KWS P and F have been highly motivated in the school community, both in a fundraising sense and more importantly in our collaborations with the KWS school community and management team.

Significant events for the KWS P&F over the 2011 / 2012 year were: a very successful Art Fair raising $1800.00 for the KWS Art Department. The very popular careers evening exceeded all expectations. The involvement of the P&F in the 125 year celebrations, particularly the family Picnic was so successful that many have requested this be considered as a regular event in the calendar. The last major event was, of course the P and F Fair and although wet the whole school community came together for a great day with a profit result of just over $18 000.00.

In each of these events, there have been many parents who have contributed greatly however I wish to single out a few for special mention. The work of the P & F has been support greatly by Kim Fulmer, Peter Worsley, Robyn Hicks, Janelle Brunner, Jenny Glastonbury, Sarah Passey, Helen Gray, Cheryl Hanson, Michelle Szrich, Darryn Marjoram, Kim Bryant, Kim Brown and Gillian Coleman.
We have made a real difference in the school community this year:

Financially we have contributed, for example:

- $38 500.00 to the new Bus Shelter
- $3 000.00 to the Pedal Prix
- $4 000.00 to Computers for the boarding House offices
- $10 000.00 to the new school choir rises
- $1 700.00 to staff gifts of appreciation
- $1 500.00 to support the KWS Guest Speaker (Maggie Hamilton)
- $ 4 000.00 was also paid to the Art Department (from the last 2 years Art Fair fund raising)

That is $62 700.00 in financial contributions to the school for 2011.

From a parent advocacy role we have represented parent issues at P&F meetings and in formal correspondence to the KWS Senior Management Team, and external to the school, for example in relation to NAPLAN costs and access to free TVET programs for KWS students.

We have re established this year, a KWS P&F supported guest speaker program, with Maggie Hamilton presenting to students, staff and parents in September 2011. This again was highly popular and the P and F will consider the ongoing support of high calibre speakers in future years.

What we as a P&F have put in, as volunteers, I know that we have all received back ten fold. We have developed long lasting friendships for ourselves, as well as watching our children and school grow and develop. Having said that however, we have built up a high profile P&F, without the necessary support base to sustain this level of activity. This year we had significant difficulty in attracting a Fair Coordinator, we had effective, but limited support in the Art Fair and as a result this will now be a biannual event, we have difficulty in attracting volunteers for the Canteen and in P&F office bearing positions.

How to resolve this? Well, the KWS P&F needs to be more demonstrable in its achievements and outcomes and it is hoped that through the dissemination of the practical achievements made through the P&F that more parents might consider active participation in 2012 / 13 in a highly active P and F!

I wish to formally thank the Executive team for 2011 on a job very well done indeed and wish the incoming executive as much fun, learning opportunities and great friendships as we have all had.

Richard Cheney
KWS P and F president 2011/2012