This is my fourth 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 lower than in previous years, averaging 11 attendees at each meeting. These numbers also include school representation (2).

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.

- We have this year provided $48 000.00 to the school for the construction of a new bus shelter for Alamby Rd. This is currently under construction.
- We have continued our membership of the NSW Parent Council Awards and this year were excited for Aileen Priest who was nominated for an excellence award. Even though Aileen was not the winner of this award the NSW Parent Council were very impressed with her nomination and supported an Acknowledgement of her achievements which was held in Orange.
- We coordinated another successful careers evening in the DPA with special thanks Darryn Marjoram for his organisation of this event
- We worked in collaboration with the NSW Parents Council to run Gonski Forum at the school. This was the only rural forum in NSW to be run.
- We ran a highly successful text book sale well organised, with particular thanks to coordinator Janelle Brunner.
- We have also run another wonderful P and F Fair for the school coordinated by Gillian Coleman and Kym Bryant their efforts saw us raise about $30 000.00 to contribute immediately to school projects.
- We have now rolled out the Flexischools ordering system to the senior school.

In addition to these outcomes we have reviewed the P and F meeting structure, with the Principal Brian Kennelly and Head of Prep, Rob McLean. The changes that we have put into place are:
• Promoting P&F meetings as a forum for discussion. This includes advertising items coming up for discussion in the bulletins to allow everyone opportunity to attend.

• Establishment of P&F meeting/forum etiquette for those who wish to contribute to discussions. This includes asking everyone to keep to the point, be succinct, limit the time (suggested 2 minutes), and to ensure that any discussion does not become personal.

• Change the time that the Principal and Head of Prep attend the meeting. Both will attend from 8.15pm, with the meeting commencing at 7.30pm (allowing for free flowing discussion by the parents prior to school representation attended).

• P&F general business is conducted prior to the arrival of the school representatives.

• The Principal or Head of Prep attend to present their reports, take questions on their reports.

• Information on items that have been advertised on the agenda is then presented by the Principal/Head of Prep.

• The aim is to establish that the role of the P&F is not just about fundraising.

• That the P&F role is not to advocate issues on parents behalf or to take side on any issue but to provide a timely forum for discussion and dissemination of information.

There is much that we need to keep progressing. We are reviewing the canteen menu and seeking new volunteers, we are interested in pursuing the Art Fair for this year and wanting to expand the Careers evening that is offered in term 3.

The issue that we face though is that for the last 4 years we have had a small group of very committed P and F volunteers who have coordinated the P and F activities. These parents will be finishing their time in these roles at this meeting and without successors much of what the P and F has been achieving will simply cease. My wish is that there will be new P and F members coming forward for the executive positions for 2013/14, I know that every support will be offered to them.

I wish to formally thank the Executive team for 2012/13 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 2012/2013