P&F Open Day Newsletter

Nov 2011

P&F EXECUTIVE:
President—Mr Richard Cheney
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From the President—Richard Cheney

We hope that the information within this newsletter will help explain some of the many functions and activities of the P&F and how you can use your P&F to support the education of our students.

BOARDING FAMILIES
The P&F executive is very mindful that boarding parents don’t often have the opportunity to attend P&F meetings. You are encouraged to contact myself should you have any items to discuss.

Head of Boarding Mr Simon Shepherd presents a boarding report each meeting to keep us informed of what is happening within our boarding community and we find this a valuable link within the P&F.

GOT A QUESTION?
Principal Mr Brian Kennelly and Head of Prep Mr Rob M‘Lean attend each meeting, present their reports and provide the opportunity for parents to ask questions.

MINUTES & AGENDAS
These are available on the KWS website on the P&F page and are a great way to keep in touch with what is happening and being discussed within the school. I encourage you all at sometime to attend a meeting, it is a great way to meet staff and other parents. Meetings run to a 2 hour time limit.

Instructions on how to find the P&F webpage are on the following page.

Richard Cheney

2011 KWS FAIR
Our 2011 fair will be a Festa Italiano!! Not to be missed. Organisation is well underway. Our Co-ordinators Mim Pratten and Sally Wilson continue to inspire us all with their enthusiasm and creativity.

2010 MEETING DATES:
10 November
9 December

2011 MEETING DATES:
9 Feb
9 March - & AGM
11 May
8 June
10 August
14 September
12 October
9 November

2011 ART FAIR
Our 2010 Art Fair was a great success and the P&F were pleased to be able to pass on a profit of approx. $4000 to the Art Department for enhancement of resources and equipment.

The P&F looks forward to working with and supporting the school on this project and look forward to the support of the KWS community as we take aim!

CURRENT PROJECTS
- Shade sails for the Prep Prep sandpit - $2300
- $3500 towards construction of Bar B Q area at the PLC site.
- Coloured canvas prints of all 2010 Prep Art for the Prep computer lab.

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A SHELTER IN OUR SIGHTS
A shelter at the bus bay area outside the gym will be the focus of our fundraising efforts for the 2011 fair. Parents who have dropped off or picked up their child for excursions or camps, would be aware that the current area provides no protection to our students from the various elements of Orange’s weather.

The P&F see a shelter as a priority amenity for our students and the P&F have taken on this as its sole focus for the 2011 Fair fundraising efforts.

It is envisaged that a modest sized shelter will be installed initially that allows for future addition and expansions as more funds become available. The initial installation will cost in the vicinity of $40,000.

P&F Meetings
Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month during school term. 7.30pm to 9.30pm room 81, upstairs in the Anderson Centre (above the pool).

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CHANGE OF INFORMATION

2nd Hand Text Book Sale
As a service to KWS parents & students, the P&F co-ordinates the sale of second hand text books. All books are sold at $10 per book.
Canteen Information

The KWS Canteen is run under the auspices of the KWS P&F Association.

Information and menus can be found by choosing the "KWS Communities" tab on the KWS homepage or using the canteen link on the P&F page.

In 2011 the P&F aims to continue to improve canteen services to our students using the day student survey as a guide - the survey results link can be found on the web pages.

Mrs Rebecca Jorquera is our fulltime canteen supervisor and appreciates any time you can spare to help out in the canteen during the year. Once a term, once a month or once a week - if you can spare some time please call Rebecca on 6392 0387.

About the P&F

While there is a core of members who attend meetings each month, being part of the P&F does not mean you have to attend meetings. Many hands make light work and the P&F enjoys a dedicated team of volunteers that are willing to put up their hands when they can.

Ways you can help:
Helping out doesn’t mean attending meetings or long term commitments. Just an hour or two when you can, goes a long way.
- Spare a day for the Canteen
- Help with the Art Show
- Have fun helping at the Fair
- Help with the Careers Night
- Help out at the 2nd hand textbook sale

We already have coordinators for various activities so you won’t be thrown in the deep end. You can choose to get involved as little or as much as you like. So if you would like to meet new friends, have a positive involvement with the school or have any ideas please let us know.

Wish List 2010
Again in 2010 the P&F maintained its commitment to support learning enhancement for our students via the "Wish List" scheme, funded through proceeds from the 2010 Fair. Through this scheme the P&F aims to enhance resources by providing items beyond core items provided for in the school budget. In 2010 this scheme made $30,000 of funds available for:
- Replacement stoves units in the commercial kitchen classrooms
- Software/DVD's
- Languages-reference books & publication.
- Display stand for library
- Secondhand piano and sound systems
- Digital cameras
- Science equipment and resources.
- Display window/notice board.
- Industrial Technology tools and equipment.
- Classroom boards and play equipment for the Prep School.

AGM - 9 March 2011
Our AGM is held in March each year with executive positions and sub committee members elected at this time.

P&F Membership
Please contact Richard Cheney to organise membership should you require this.

Feedback
Your feedback and questions are always welcome. You can do this by emailing Richard or contacting him via the school on: 63920300 or email him at: richard.cheney@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

To find the KWS P&F Webpage go to: www.kws.nsw.edu.au
From the main menu bar click on "KWS Communities" and from the drop down menu choose "Parents and Friends"
Below is a screen shot of the KWS website. The arrows indicate the main menu and the drop down menu as seen on the webpage.