KWS President’s report 2010/2011

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

The KWS P and F Association has met a total of 9 times over the past year, with participant numbers consistently between 10 and 15 (see table). Even though the numbers at the meetings are small and include school representation (3), they in no way reflect the commitment and enthusiasm of the wider parent body to assist in P and F activities when they are run.

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.

**The 2010 Art Fair**, coordinated by Helen Gray and Cheryl Hansen was an outstanding success. The introduction of three dimensional art works – garden sculpture, glass and mosaics led to overall sales of $20 000.00 worth of works and the P and F were able to make a donation of $5000.00 to the KWS Art Department. Special thanks go to Mr Peter Jackson who made 20 new plinths for the display of art works and these have been donated to the school. The silent auction Prep art works were also photographed. Large canvas prints were then made and these were donated back to Prep for the computer room for permanent display.

**The 2010 Book Fair** – coordinated by Janelle Brunner, Sarah Passey and many other parents, was an enormous effort and a tremendous achievement in terms of high level organisation and parent satisfaction with the event. High text book costs are a burden to many parents and this non fundraising P and F service is greatly appreciated.

**The 2011 Fair** – the P and F Fair continues to improve and reach new heights and under the leadership of Melanie Pratten and Sally Wilson – this years Fair was as a wonderful event. Full financials are yet to be finalised. However, irrespective of the money made, the coming together of the school community in such a positive, enjoyable and friendly way was a significant outcome in itself. Money raised from the Fair will go directly to support the construction of the Bus Shelter, to which P and F have committed $41 000.00.

**Other significant KWS P and F achievements have been:**

- We provided cards and gifts to staff celebrating world teachers day and Christmas
- We have improved financial accountability and tracking systems now in place for requests made to the P and F for funding consideration.
We have made changes to the canteen (significantly those made by Kim Rossi) – a huge increase in volunteers, new rostering processes, more order regarding the students in lines, Prefect Orientation to Canteen roledé.

- We have purchased additional playground equipment and sun shade over the sand pit area in the Preparatory School.
- We have (finally) tidied the P and F store room and had a major throw out.
- We have continued to advocate on behalf of the parents of the school locally and nationally,
- We were involved in the book launch of Myra Lim -Hunt's book. All that I amò
- We have committed to 50% of the cost of a new BBQ area at PLC site. (estimated commitment is $4000.00)
- We continue to support the Principals discretionary Fund.
- We are now recognising P and F volunteers who left the school community for their outstanding effort and service.

These are just a few examples to indicate that the KWS P and F does not want to simply repeat previous years events, but wants to constantly review, and improve upon them. In 2011 Robyn Hicks will take on the new look careers evening for the school and I ask that you all support her in the preparation for this event.

This report contains just a few of the highlights of the 2010 /2011 P and F year. None of this work is possible though without significant support from each and everyone on the P and F executive and its membership, My sincere thanks especially to Theresa Cassimatis, Kim Brown, Jenny Glastonbury, Eileen Holtz, Robyn Hicks, Helen Gray, Mim Pratten, Sally Wilson, Cheryl Hansen, Janelle Brunner and Sarah Passey for your colossal contribution over this past year. I know that you give significant amounts of personal time to the P and F and it is very much appreciated. I wish to also formally acknowledge the commitment to the KWS P and F by our Principal, Head of Preparatory and Head of Boarding. I thank you for your reports, encouragement and support of our endeavours.

I know that the P and F is in a position to achieve great things through 2011 and I wish the incoming executive team well in their endeavours.

Richard Cheney
KWS P and F president 2010/2011