Parents and Citizens Association Report 2010

2010 was a great year at Mt Keira Demonstration School. The commitment, loyalty and community spirit is the essence of what we are as a group.

We started with a large group of new families, a new principal and a new P&C committee. Together we enjoyed getting to know each other at the Welcome BBQ at Byrong Park. This event was helped along by generous donations from local business and was a nice relaxing way to start the year. During the year we held P&C meetings every term. The numbers of attendees reduced but each meeting was informative and productive.

Monday Munchies continued throughout the year supported by wonderful individuals who always put a smile on the children’s face when handing out delicious food. Although a review of this process was conducted, we agreed to keep it with the same provider and only minor changes were made.

The uniform pool remained in Janette Meakin’s capable hands. As coordinator, Janette has managed this process for a long time and we are grateful for her commitment to this enormous task. We researched alternative arrangements and agreed it would remain the same. To assist, we ask that everyone orders and pays in a timely manner.

Once again Mt Keira Demonstration School Easter festivities saw the P&C heavily involved. There were raffles, egg hunts, afternoon tea and some good old fashion fun. This is another great example of dedicated people getting together over tea and scones with a passion to make this event special. To everyone who donated eggs, made baskets and the afternoon hosts, thank you. At this time we also said farewell to Mrs Porter and presented her with a parting gift.

We welcomed the completion of building works and were delighted with the new space this created. It was great to see all levels of the school community assist with this transition.

There were two working bees in 2010. Both mornings were productive, fun and this year we were assisted by a local landscape supplier donating product. Thanks to everyone who came along and worked hard to maintain our beautiful grounds. In addition to working bees we had a tree planting afternoon with numerous tress added to our grounds. A large fig was fittingly planted by John Meakin in recognition of past, present and future P&C members. The tree is tenderly referred to as the P&C tree. We trust the tree will be enjoyed by generations to come. A plaque is yet to be laid.

Our commitment to supporting community continued with dedicated fundraisers. For example:- Australia’s Biggest Tea and Girls Nights In with a “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” theme. Both events were enjoyed by all who attended and well organised by hard working individuals and their families.
The 150th anniversary celebrations headed by Jen Sutinen are being put together. Some activities have commenced with the focus increasing in the new year. We look forward to offering a helping hand throughout 2011 culminating in a fabulous weekend come December.

The 33rd annual progressive dinner was held mid year with a Christmas in July theme. It was truly a magical evening and although numbers were considerably lower than previous years the wider community and those attending on the night were extremely generous. We recognise this great contribution. The night was a success thanks to the dedication of the organising committee and donations of food and auction items. We raised more than previous years and this allowed the P&C to contribute funds to the purchase of an interactive whiteboard for Stage 1.

Another traditional event that continued in 2010 was the book stall held at Keiraville shopping village. Despite cold temperatures and blistering winds, it was a success and we raised a record amount. There were a lot of brave volunteers helping on the day not to mention the donation of books and magazines and organising behind the scenes.

Our end of year concerts gave us the opportunity to formally recognise Mt Keira Demonstration School staff for all they do to make our school unique. Each member received gifts as tokens of our appreciation. We also took time to farewell exiting members of our school community and present a small gift to them.

We ended the year in anticipation of our Community Building Partnership grant application and have since had confirmation of our success. This grant will provide us with over $8000 and see the children work with the Aboriginal Arts and Crafts centre to design a mural under the pine tree and work on hand carved dreaming poles. No doubt this will add to the beauty of our environment and also tell the story of Mt Keira.

In conclusion, I would like to recognise Jessica James, 2010 co-president who gave her time and spirit to all the above moments. We wish Artemisia, Cameron and Jess all the best in a new chapter of their lives and hope to see them back one day. I’d also like to thank everyone for their support in my first year at Mt Keira Demonstration School with particular mention to the P&C committee and the teaching staff. Your guidance, expertise and the opportunities you have presented made 2010 a fabulous year. I am very proud of our achievements.

Lili Zlojutro
Co President 2010
2010 Highlights

- New Committee
- Welcome BBQ
- P&C Meetings
- Monday Munchies
- Uniform Pool
- Easter festivities
- New Building
- Working Bees
- Tree Planting
- Community Fundraising
- Anniversary activities
- Progressive Dinner
- Book Stall
- Staff Recognition / farewell gifts
- Community Building Partnership grant
Mt Keira Demonstration School P&C & AGM Minutes

15 Feb 2011 – Term 1

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AGM Opened 19:35

President’s Report

Lili Zlojutro presented, see attachment.
1. Book stall had remaining books donated to Lifeline
2. Rhonda gave special thanks to Lili for extra work involved in the CBP grant
3. New school building was officially opened
4. All old minutes and reports available to school community on school website

Treasurer’s AGM Report

Rod Cummins presented, see attachment.
1. Copy of bank account and books available for viewing at meeting

Election of committee for 2011

1. All positions declared vacant
2. Lili Zlojutro – President
3. Jon Meakin – Vice president
4. Rod Cummins – treasurer
5. Claire Cullen – secretary
6. All positions elected unopposed

AGM closed at 20:02
P&C Meeting opened 20:05

Previous Actions

1. Bunning’s – need to lock in a date for school to have sausage sizzle for fund raising. Elisa aware that if we are willing to take a date at short notice we could get a spot earlier. Elisa and Lili to co-ordinate event and speak with Bunning’s. Will need several groups of 3-4 people to rotate through the day.
2. Pavers – Lili and Jen to look at using pavers as fundraiser. Families can buy and decorate a paver to be laid in pathway. Aim to use for 150 year celebrations in Dec. Former families to be offered pavers also.
3. Progressive dinner – childcare issues most common reason for non-attendance. SCGA provides babysitting on Sat nights or use older siblings as babysitters, ? we can organize a roster. “Winter Wonderland” theme for June 25th. Disco for the children to be arranged in recognition for their help with decorations.
4. Outstanding monies now all in, as per Rod.
5. Anti-bullying policy feedback received by Rhonda, with thanks.
6. Cooking show – not likely that it will happen at the school at this point.
7. School memorabilia – Jen and Kim Christlo continue to sort it all out. Rhonda to organize key to display cabinet.
8. Banners - $800 for tent with complimentary banner. Elisa suggested the camping store tents as a cheaper option, with printing done by printing company. She will check out the price, durability and sun safety of the camping store tent and feedback to P&C.
9. Playground equipment – no further action at this point. Snakes an issue in the gully and toys and sports equipment available for children during the day. Mr. John to acid wash the pavers to prevent slips and falls.
10. Janette to write out envelopes for each family for P&C contribution. Decision made to keep payment at $5. Payment must be made for voting rights at P&C.

Minutes confirmed by Janette Meakin and Veronique Hill

Principal’s Report

Rhonda Morton presented, see attachment
1. Thanks to P&C executive for continued support
2. School report to be uploaded to the school website soon.
3. Focus on literacy, numeracy and Aboriginal studies using the CBP grant. Mural and totem poles planned, Rhonda working closely with custodians of the land on best placement. Firm commitment from the school to foster a positive relationship and involve the Aboriginal community in 150 year celebrations
4. Shade sails will not be purchased as not supported by the Department of Education. Upkeep would be at school’s expense.
5. Maths workshops for parents, EOI in Summit.
6. Coles grant purchased a throw and catch kit and skipping ropes, also provided good teaching tool for Rhonda’s class!
7. Sports shed to be completed once all new equipment has arrived
8. ALDI competition, Rhonda suggested an application from the P&C
9. Thanks to the P&C for the flowers sent to Rhonda’s family and to Jen for organising it.
150th Anniversary Update

Jen Sutinen updated.
1. i98 Radio advertisements ongoing for 150 year celebrations, organized by Jen.
2. Date for celebration Dec 3rd
3. Mar 1st at 1930 in school, working party to convene. All interested parties to attend.

2011 Calendar

1. Welcome BBQ Mar 4th @ 1700-2000, Lili, Sarah, Veronique and Jen to co-ordinate. (Must be alcohol free as per Dept Education policy).
2. Easter fun day Apr 4th
3. Working Bee Mar 26th and Nov 12th
4. Biggest Morning Tea May 26th
5. Children’s disco Jun 24th (to be confirmed)
6. Progressive Dinner Jun 25th
8. 150 years Dec 3rd @ 19:30
9. Book stall TBA
10. Girls Night In TBA

General Business

1. Janette to forward copy of certificate of appreciation for school archive
2. No specific fundraising requested from school this year, prefer to focus on 150 year celebrations.
3. Student injury insurance, vote taken to renew it this year. $4.85 per student. Leanne to investigate it further to see what is available to claim. May develop check list for parents to be given in event of injury at school to simplify process and increase awareness. No claims made to date.
4. Coles land care grant flyer introduced by Lili, will revisit later in the year.
5. Thanks to Lili for excellent muffins!

Closed 21:45
1. Welcome to 2011 and thank you to executive for outstanding efforts in 2010 – they are greatly appreciated by the staff and students.

2. Staffing: Jennifer Porter – relinquished position. Mrs Angela Hay to fill role of teacher librarian, release from face to face (RFF) teacher and School Learning Support Teacher.


4. Sue Bromham’s workshops well-received (12+ parents)

5. Parent library up and running

6. Additional guided readers ordered (middle and top readers) $1300

7. Additional sporting equipment for playground and class use (arriving) using Premiers Sporting Challenge grant money

8. 150th Anniversary – staff will work on ideas for performances at this week’s meeting

9. ALDI competition

10. Illawarra Mercury contact – Robert Kennedy 42212617 rkennedy@illawarramercury.com.au

11. Di Trist – Principal of Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts would like to address P&C meeting in term 2

12. Student activities
   - Swimming carnival (competitors from Stage 2/3), district tomorrow (12 students)
   - Dragon’s visit
   - Athletics lessons for sport
   - Upcoming
     - Clean Up Australia – 4/3
     - Harmony Day – 21/3
     - ANZAC service (after holidays)
     - Earth Hour
     - Scripture Service – Jenny Stoddart – 6/4

13. Professional Development
   - Keep them safe – all staff
   - Mrs Morton – Principal’s update: Regional targets – Aboriginal Education, Leadership at all levels, Moving the middle to the top and Student engagement
   - Mrs Hay – Cybersafety (17/2)
   - Mrs Gescke – School Administrative Manager’s network meeting (17/2)
   - Mrs Lanyon and Mrs Morton – University of Wollongong Leadership Conference (25/2)

Thank you,
Rhonda Morton
Mt Keira Demonstration School  
Parents and Citizens Association  

**Treasurers Report for AGM 15th Feb 2011**

**Profit and Loss A/C for Year Ended 31st December 2010**

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**Uniform Stock value $1,726.00**
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Treasurers Report for meeting held on 15th Feb 2011

Bank Balance as of 15th Feb 2011 $2,274.13

Balance from 31st Dec 2010 $2,245.01

Summary:

Uniforms: (17.11)

Interest 12.01

Uniforms in stock: $1,726.00