FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Governing Council AGM Report

It is with great pleasure that I provide a brief report from the Governing Council Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, February 13th. The attendance was very encouraging. It was most pleasing to see some new faces at the meeting. The AGM provides families opportunities to further hear and learn about our school.

A number of reports were tabled from the extremely active committees such as Finance, Sports, Canteen, Fundraising and OSHC. The reports clearly demonstrate a well structured, forward thinking and resilient school.

Our achievements and successes in 2007 came from all areas of the school:

- Ongoing rich learning programmes in all classrooms
- 8th year in a row National Championships Trophy for our Pedal Prix Teams
- Silver medal in the state finals of the Wakakirri dance competition
- Outstanding SAPSASA participation and results
- Increased participation in the Premiers Reading Challenge
- Ongoing improvements to the learning environments - Early Years Cottage Garden and Environmental Centre
- Healthy foods menu in the canteen
- Solid financial planning from the Finance group
- Successful fundraising activities
- Entertaining and informative student led assemblies
- A range of excursions / incursions / camps and extra-curricular activities for students to engage in
- Music programmes - choir, recorder, instrumental tuition
- Improved yard behaviour
- Quality training and development for all staff
- Consistent achievement with LaN results (Literacy and Numeracy tests)

Together we will continue to ensure that our school is highly regarded as a quality educational facility within our community.

In closing, I would like to welcome the current and new members of our 2008 Governing Council who will attend their first meeting on Wednesday, 20th February, and to thank the school community for the support shown so far.

Julie Gallaher
Principal

NOTICES THIS TERM

- Materials and Services Invoices - 29/1/08
- Christian Pastoral Support Worker Consent Form - Week 1
- Parent Consents and Acknowledgments Form - Week 1
- AHS Computer/Internet Acceptable Use Policy - Week 1
- Head Lice Notice (Rm 17 only) - 30/1/08
- Registration forms for Cricket & Basketball - 4/2/08
- 2008 R-7 Acquaintance Night Note - 11/2/08
- AHS Community Centre Newsletter - 12/2/08

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

EARLY YEARS

Confidence: Joel B & Shania G
Organization: Rebecca C & Robbie M
Persistence: Kaia S & Kasey D
Resilience: Jamie H
Music: Jackson P
Spanish: Angus M, Caitlin M, Keziah P & Zak L

PRIMARY YEARS

Confidence: Chelsea H & Sam W
Getting Along: Chloe B, Daniel C & Jai F
Organization: Alicia M, Emma C, Jake H, Max F, Samantha F & Tom C
Persistence: Brianna C
Spanish: Chelsea H, Christopher C, Jonathan P & Renee C

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Confidence: Alana M, Erin H, Junheon J, Laura K, Maine L, Michelle H, Samara V & Sean W
Getting Along: Adam W, Dylan T, Mikey K & Roma S
Organization: Aaron N, Kyle E, Lachie C, Max C, Rachael Mc & Sam L
Persistence: Craig G, Jasmine W, Kiara F, Lauren S & Nick R
Resilience: Brad H, Erin S, Jake F & Soo In C
Music: Flynn S & Brad L Spanish: Aleisha L & Dylan Z
HUB GRUB NEWS: NOW AVAILABLE: Apple and Black Currant Juice $1.50

SCHOOL CALENDARS: We still have some lovely 2008 school calendars for sale. If you’d like a calendar with beautiful artwork reflecting Hub Highlights, bring $7 (discounted price) to the Book Room.

INTEGRATED PLAY

When you get a new piece of technology…do you read the instruction book from cover to cover to find out how to use it before you unpack it or, do you rip the box apart and start pressing buttons to see what happens? If you do the latter, then you are playing to learn!

Play is an important part of children’s learning at all ages. Children are able to practise concepts learnt in structured lessons in an informal and real setting as well as develop their social skills.

Classes throughout the Early Years provide opportunities for children to play, explore and practise the skills necessary for being successful. On Wednesday afternoons all classes are engaged in play at the same time and children are encouraged to visit neighbouring classes and develop new friendships or renew old ones. Our Room 12 children are also involved in this play session, with each going to a different class to play and build friendships. This provides an opportunity for children to play with others who have a range of abilities and builds the understanding that we are all different, have different needs and skills, but that together we can create wonderful things.

Let us all celebrate and value play as the learning experience it truly is!

OSHC NEWS

In 2008 the Australian Government is introducing a new management system for funding the Child Care Benefit. The national Child Care Management System (CCMS) is a process for transferring information between child care services and government over the internet. Our OSHC service is required to submit information about children in our care (including details of children enrolled in the service and their attendance at the service). This process also requires the date of birth of the enrolling parent to ensure that CCB is paid correctly.

Can all parents using OSHC this year provide your date of birth to OSHC staff to enter onto our database. Our OSHC Advisory Meeting is Monday, 25th February at 7pm in the Staff Room. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Input from families is important in planning and evaluating the service. Please consider donating your time once/twice a term to help our service provide the best possible care for your children.

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SPORT NEWS
Thank you to those parents/caregivers who are coordinating, coaching or managing summer sports. Information re schedules, team members, practice times and contact numbers has been sent to all players. Please contact school if you’ve not yet received this information.

BASKETBALL RESULTS: Yr 3/4 12/2/08 Hub Hawks (36) def St Martins (2). Great start to 2008! Well done to new player, Shania G.

CONGRATULATIONS
An outstanding effort by Jennifer O who, as the youngest girl competing, won the U-16 Girls Skateboarding Australia Competition last month! Jen will travel to Sydney for the national competitions, determined to take the top spot. Good luck Jen. Well done Torben S for participating in the ‘Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave’ fundraising event.

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