

12th March 2009

**Next meeting:  
Wednesday 1st April  
7pm in the Library**

**Meet the Team:****President:**

Nominations Open

**Vice President:**

Rebecca Williams

**Secretary:**

Andrea Kowald

**Treasurer:**

Kathy Lamph

**Vice Treasurer:**

Jane Watson

**School Council:**

Debbie Carson

Kim Sutherland - O'Brien

**Uniform Shop:**

Melinda Grant

**Canteen President:**

Andrea Kowald

**School Magazine:**

Lyndal Barry

**Next Month's  
Agenda**

SpelloDrome- can we include this in class timetables?

Family Movie Night- details to be set.

Grade Packs & Voluntary Contributions

Fundraising

To add items to the April agenda, please contact any member of the executive (directly or via the school office) before March 23.

The agenda will be published in the newsletter one week before the meeting. Items not on the agenda will be carried over to the May meeting.

# Hunter St Happenings

*Your P&C at work.***Big things on the Horizon !****School Makeover!**

The school is excited to announce that we will be receiving funding from the Federal Government's stimulus package somewhere in the vicinity of **\$3.2 million!!** The school is proposing an absolutely amazing outdoor learning area behind the library which will include a COLA to replace the existing shade cloth, an outdoor 'gym' area, an outdoor kitchen/BBQ space, *fully covered walkways all the way from the library to the parsonage*, enclosed verandahs on the top floor of the library building, an amphitheatre and more!

We are also asking for a *new special unit* which will be in the *completely re-furnished and extended parsonage!* The administration offices will then move back to the original administration building which will also be *refurbished and have a mezzanine floor added.* Added to all this will be a *new building replacing the demountables* between the original school and the parsonage! We have to apply for this funding by March 16 which didn't give us much notice, but the staff were able to get some great ideas together very quickly for us to discuss at P & C. What an amazing year ahead for the school.

**Grounds & Technology**

Our water tank, guttering and pumps are nearing completion and we should have a great, usable supply of rain water for a long time to come.

We have had a couple of technical hitches with portable smart boards, but we are getting help

**AGM Complete**

Our first mission of the evening was to hold the AGM. With many of our executive retiring or completing their two year terms we had several positions to fill. We welcomed in most of the new executive, with only the President's role to fill. This will be filled at the next meeting.

We have to say a huge **thank you** to the dedicated team who have stepped down from committee positions: Jo Watkins, Natalie Moore, Jane Watson, Tara Hungerford, Debbie Carson & Lyndal Barry. All of these people and many more have gone out of their way to ensure that our school provides the best facilities possible for our children and families, and we appreciate their efforts.

with these and are finalising the order for the permanent ones to be installed- watch this space!

**Canteen**

Helen and Andrea ventured to a School Canteen Expo in Sydney to gather ideas and information. The canteen has some new projects underway to help further boost both our income and the good health of our students and staff. The senior classes will be involved in the design, marketing and production of some new healthy snack options for canteen.

**Band**

The bands have filled their calendars already and are setting forth for another busy year under new guidance from the Upper Hunter Conservatorium.

**March Meeting Outcomes**

The *school* will be paying for our kids to continue with Athletics *at no cost to parents*, which is fantastic news!

P & C voted to invest in a **School Accident Insurance Policy** for every child in the school.

This will be funded using your P&C Fundraising Levy money. More info on this policy will be published in a future newsletter.

The P&C Committee asked the school to provide quotes for the installation of more efficient **air conditioners in the upstairs classrooms** and the library. Unfortunately our old units are dying and it has fallen on our shoulders to replace them. Thankfully we are able to access funds from our Fundraising Levy to rectify the situation.

Continuing in their roles are Jenny Marshall as parent co-ordinator for the bands and Tracey Holloway heading up the grounds and technology committees. Lyndal Barry is again producing a quality school magazine for 2009.

If there are any parents, grandparents or community members out there who have just a small amount of time to help us, we would appreciate it, even if it is just to come to a meeting every now and then to provide us with your valued opinion. Reading about it is one thing, but the best way to find out what is going on with your child's education is to come and see for yourself!

See you next month.