

14th May 2009

**Next meeting:  
Wednesday 3rd June  
7pm in the Library**

### **Meet the Team:**

**President:**

Rebecca Williams

**Vice President:**

Sarah Johnstone

**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**

- Final Stages of Heavy Vehicle Action Plan
- P&C Social Evening

To add items to the June agenda, please contact any member of the executive (directly or via the school office) before May 22.

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

# Hunter St Happenings

*Your P&C at work.*

## **New Air Conditioners For Library, 4S & 2M !**

### **Air Conditioners On The Way**

Having exhausted every avenue with the DET, it was decided on Wednesday night to begin purchasing new air conditioners for all upstairs classrooms and the library. Suppliers have told us that the old a/c's are not salvageable and need to be retired. They have been around for some 15 years and are no longer efficient or adequate for our needs. The total cost, for 17 units will be in excess of \$30,000. We have agreed to begin with the classrooms in most urgent need which are the Library (3 units), 4S and 2M. This initial purchase will be around \$18 000. Children in these classrooms should expect to be cosy again within a fortnight.

Owing to the large amount of funds needed for this project it is vital that we raise as much money this year as possible so that we don't have any hot classrooms when we return in February 2010. One way *you* can help is to contribute as much as you can to your class's fete stall. Last year's fete raised \$7,500. In past years we have seen fetes that generated close to \$10,000 in revenue. If we all pull together and aim high then we can have our kids comfortably cool and better able to concentrate by the time the November heat hits. If you haven't already paid your fund raising levy, perhaps this is the time to do so. Remember that any contribution you can make is appreciated and there is no obligation to pay the full amount or only the requested amount. Any fantastic ideas for fete can be discussed with any P&C member, at a meeting or with Mrs Lauenders.

## **Heavy Traffic Update**

Last Friday was an interesting day! On Thursday, despite the discussions that we are currently having with Singleton Council, the RTA erected a sign outside KFC that directed traffic to access Singleton Town Centre via Hunter St. We found this distressing because, as Hunter St is not a *light traffic thoroughfare* (there are no load limits on the road) any truck looking for John St now had a big shiny sign directing them straight past our school.

The RTA's timing was poetic considering the fabulous article that the Argus wrote which drew attention to the issue. Needless to say our Executive were a little floored and Singleton Council staff were very quick to remove themselves from the

### **\$5,000 For Library Books**

Also on Wednesday night we officially channelled the \$5,000 dedicated for KLA's to the library. The P&C puts this money aside annually for the school to use for extra resources in areas that are in need of a boost. In recent years we have spent money on classroom resources such as big books and book stands and math resources. This year it has been decided that this money should be spent on some new books for the library; books merely for the pleasure of reading. We have no doubt that Mrs Forbes and Mrs Hungerford will delight in filling the shelves with well written, imaginative and inviting books for the enjoyment of Hunter St children for years to come. What a wonderful escape the library will be for winter lunchtimes- toasty warm with new air conditioners and fabulous new books to curl up with!

### **Farewell Mr Black!**

John Black has been a friend to Hunter St students and parents for 13 years and it is with sadness that we lose him to the benefit of East Maitland! A BBQ Sunday lunch is being planned for June 14th. Watch the newsletter for this announcement next week. Every student will contribute to a very personal gift that is being coordinated by Lyndal Barry.

situation! Thanks to the mum who found us the department responsible at the RTA. While some of us were rallying the troops for a letter writing campaign, others hit the phone and by 3pm Council and RTA had made a joint decision to pull the sign down! Amazing!

Thanks to everyone who showed us such support and who have offered encouragement in our fight. Remember that you are all rate payers and have a right to raise your own objections to this, although we would ask that you consider the greater good of the school in your approach. Watch our soon to be erected P&C notice board for updates and keep the texting campaigns going when you can.