

Board Talk February 2011

### **What's Happening at Your School?**

A range of things have, are, and will be happening in YOUR SCHOOL this year:

- **Fundraising (never stops!)**
- **Website Revamp**
- **Strategic Review – March -June**
- **Board Elections – October**
- **Renovations**
- **Vandalism**

**Surf n Turf Fundraising.** The Board and PTA have been busy marshalling and selling BBQ sausages at the Corsair Bay Surf n Turf on Wednesday nights. This is an easy school fundraising event (raising \$800 in 2010), but we need more parents to take their turn. In such a small school, sharing the jobs is really important and a great opportunity to socialize with other families. At events like this we usually have a BBQ and few beverages afterwards.

**Website Revamp.** A much needed revamp of the website is underway. If you have ANY ideas or suggestions please see Andrea Bankier or Rebecca Baynes (school secretary) as soon as possible

### **Strategic Review**

So much more important than you realise!. The Strategic Review will result in the Board and staff focusing their time, effort and school funds on specific areas of the curriculum. You all have a big part to play in these decisions so please get involved. We will be holding a meeting in April for parents and caregivers . Your participation will result in changes to the Strategy, and how the school focuses on your children

### **Board Elections - Coming Up in October 2011**

Several Board members will end their three year terms in October. They have been busy these past three years, but it is time for new views and fresh faces to take over. The Board is there to assist in governing the school, so if you want to have a part in its strategic direction please put your hand up for election.

### **Renovations –**

The Board have been working on developing options for the senior classrooms and toilet blocks - including upgrades to these rooms and a possible addition. Unfortunately, due to the earthquake and the fact that what we are requesting steps outside the guidelines of the Ministry, the process has taken longer than anticipated. Regardless of the outcome of the possible addition, the senior classrooms and toilet blocks will be upgraded throughout this year - with renovations likely to be undertaken during school holidays.

**Vandalism** Over the Christmas holidays, a shade sail was damaged, and eggs were thrown at a car, and buildings on the grounds and a trestle table were destroyed. For the shade sail, it took the efforts of parents, particularly Paul Bankier and Gary Baynes, to rebuild the damaged wall and steel base plate. The cost of the repair work is \$450, and does not include their time or donated materials.

All this repair work makes it harder to keep within the very tight school budget. If you see any people damaging our property please ask them to stop and please let any member of the Board know of the incident.

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