From the President of School Council

Presidents Report 2011

In 2011 we saw a number of achievements for our school. We started the year with an enrolment of 575 students which consisted of 23 classes. We had 52 staff that included teachers, management and support staff.

The year commenced for the students with the Jump Start Program which is designed to get the students engaged and ready for the school. It also provides the students and teachers an opportunity to develop a good working relationship. The Parent Teacher Meetings happened early in February which is the first step in the school reporting. This gives parent and teachers an opportunity to meet each other and setup a good relationship to ensure students achieve the best they can. Further reporting for parents included the sending home of reports along with the Student Led Conferences.

We saw a number of excursions and camps throughout the year. These included the Grade 6 camp to Melbourne, the prep excursion to Kyabram Fauna Park, Grade 4 Camp to Anglesea and excursions for Grade 1 & 2 to Fairy Park. The Grade 3 and Grade 5 students had their camp at Weekaway. These programs continue to further develop the students learning and social skills.

In 2011, we saw our school enter in the Easter Procession. This was because 2011 was the school’s Centenary. As part of the Centenary a number of events to celebrate such a special occasion in our school’s history were held, for both current and past members of our school community. At the end of Term 1, we had our Twilight Fair, which is one of the major fundraising events for the school. We enjoyed the continued success of an active Parents & Friends Association. This group provides many fundraising events throughout the year.

Kennington Primary School continued to run a number of extra curricular activities and programs throughout the year. In Term 4 we commenced a Breakfast Club which was very popular with the students. The P.E & Sports Program continued throughout 2011 with the school being represented at a number of different sports. Among many highlights was the Kennington Primary School Kanga 8’s team winning the State Championships.

During Term 3, we were finally able to move into the new BER building which made for an exciting time for Grade 3 and 4 students. With the new building came landscaping and a new playground. This new building gives our students a 21st Century way of learning with the number of flexible learning spaces.

The year concluded with the traditional end of year grade functions along with the Carols at Kennington. This is always a great way to finish the year. We continue to gain support from the school community through the P & F, School Council and the wider community. After a successful 2011 we look forward to another successful year in 2012.

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