

## **7: EDUCATION**

### **7.1 Principal's Report**

**7.1.1:** Building program – has ground to a halt – finished with some minor exceptions. Architect not happy with lay of pavers near doorways – this has been rectified by builder. The other delay has been computer benches – delayed because company making them has gone into receivership. Builder has put in an order elsewhere but @ this time of year, it will be early December before benches arrive. In the meantime we will set up a very temporary setup of desks and trestles so that the computers can be set up and installed, and the students get at least a couple of weeks with them this year. Change over to benches when they finally arrive will be a minimal inconvenience.

**7.1.2:** Enrolments for 2008 – on track for just over 270 @ this stage.

**7.1.3:** School Magazine – should be with print shop by time of Council meeting – has been a big effort. Currently burning Upper primary concert CD for uppers and a class disc for Reception to Year 3.

**7.1.4:** Stages 2 and 3 of Building Program. Have had discussions with AISSSA and our architect. We can save time if we don't go to tender but adopt an open book tender process. This will comply with BGA requirements, the architect is happy to work with that and Ivan Schmocker has also indicated his willingness to work under this process. The expectation is that costs will be very close to estimates (as in QS estimates).

By adopting this process, we should be looking @ foundations going done for building C in March, and hopefully the messy brickwork and associated during the holidays in April. Once this project has been completed, we can move classes around. This would include moving Angela Seeliger's class, so that her classroom will be freed up as thru' traffic for kids to the toilet. This is because when work starts on classroom A, regular access to the student toilets will be cut off. This would have required additional costs through the building of an access bridge, etc etc By staging the project it will allow Ivan greater control and our staff and students will have greater flexibility. If we go both projects concurrently the amount of school space that becomes unavailable may be too great.

If we go ahead, realistically application before TTG Council in January, approval by end of February, and start building by March.

I recommend that Council agrees to go to open book tender process, that Ivan Schmocker Constructions be retained to build both C and A, in a staged process, so as to minimise disruption to operation of the school.

**7.1.5:** Still aim to put up shade in January on oval.

**7.1.6:** Opening of Computer Suite – apart from the fact that there has been a delay with the computer benches, Canberra can't provide any politicians this year – so the official opening will have to be deferred til early next year. I have informed Daryl Trigg, and since he enjoys a parade, this won't be an issue.

**7.1.7:** Prayer Garden – have had another meeting – invited other staff to attend – we have agreed on a concept that involves paving, mass plantings, a water feature and park benches. The brief and the design and the paving will take up most of the \$5,000 earmarked for this project. Hoping that once this gets done, people from the church and other individuals may take up the cause. Am leaving it with Anna, Graeme and Tania to see the project through to completion – albeit next year.

**7.1.8:** Finally, after thirteen years, a chapter in the life of the school closes. My time is almost up. There have been some frustrations with the job, but there have been many joys and achievements. One of those achievements is to have been here to see the council develop from a rubber stamp to a governing body. It has been an experience to see the council grow in its maturity and capacity to set direction for the school. I commend you for your leadership, and I appreciate your friendship. It has been my privilege to serve as your principal these last thirteen years, and I leave satisfied, knowing that the school is in good shape, in good hands, and will remain so. May God continue to protect, to guide and give you wisdom in your very important role as Council members. God bless. Rainer

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## **7.2: R-12 Schooling (LENS) Report**

**7.2.1:** No meeting since last Council meeting.

**7.2.2:** Mike Leske has announced his resignation, effective end of Term 2 2008.

## **7.3: Joint Campus Report**

**7.3.1:** No meeting since last Council meeting

## **7.4 GGosh Report**

*GGOSH will be a thriving "grace place" with a reputation for providing "quality" Christian care for its students.*

**7.4.1:** Vac Care almost made budget

**7.4.2:** Vac Care loss offset to some degree by small profit during before and after school care

**7.4.3:** Debtors has been reduced, which is a step in the right direction, but more required.

**7.4.4:** Committee asked why school finished at 2pm @ the end of term, and earlier @ the end of the year. Principal replied because it has always been like that.

## ***7.5: Monitor of Policies Principal's Responsibility***

### ***7.5.10: Outdoor Education***

Seniors have made enquiries for aquatics camp – as far as we can be, we have been assured that it is still on for 2008, and we have been booked in – although @ this stage we are waiting to hear if it is term 4 again, or whether we have worked our way up the list.

After amendments to the policy concerning behaviour and consequences on camp, it is pleasing to note that the senior camp went very well indeed.

## ***8: ANCILLARY BODIES***

### ***8.2: Parents & Friends Association***

**8.2.1:** P&F meeting will be held early in Term 4. P&F looking to provide Soundfield systems, and provide financial support for the 2008 playground.

**8.2.2:** P&F AGM will be held evening before School Council – uncertain as to how many positions will be filled.

## ***9: BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES***

Risk management – Council was going to look @ paperwork to date. I mentioned that while I was hoping to complete this, it would appear that it will be an unfinished work.

I also mentioned that this area was being considered by the LSA and I have had conversations with the LSA in regard to this, encouraging them, indicating this was high priority for many schools.

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