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## President's Report

October 2009

Term 4 is now upon us - there are only 8 weeks for this school year, and only 11 weeks to go before Christmas. Sneaks up on us quickly, doesn't it?

We had an interesting discussion at our last meeting about the NAPLAN testing. As this discussion could have gone on for some time, we decided to have a meeting next year to specifically explain NAPLAN, what it is, what it means to the school, and most importantly, what it means for our students.

I have been conscious that the P&F has been quite quiet this year – no fundraising events and little social activities. But we have been busy in the background planning for next year. What a year this will be for our campus! Carramar Campus turns 10 years old next year, and both the school and P&F are planning lots of celebrations. So stay tuned to communications from the school and P&F - come and join us in celebrating our Fabulous School.

**Thank you Karen DeLucia** for helping out at the Blender Gallery last week. Year 11 and 12 Art students displayed some of their work at the Gallery which is located in Central Walk, Joondalup. There were over 50 people visit the exhibition over the two days, and all were impressed with the quality of art work. One teacher from another school commented on the value of inviting students to exhibit in a public gallery, as it adds another dimension to the students' learning. **Thank you Jodie Taylor and Art Students for a fascinating exhibition.**

Last Thursday night I had the pleasure of attending my first Year 12 Graduation dinner. Unfortunately, I never got the opportunity to attend one for my son, and my daughter is only in Year 9 so this was a new experience. What a lovely evening, and how proud I felt of Our School. It was delightful to see Mothers and Fathers proudly sitting with their student enjoying a first class meal at Observation City. The speeches were very poignant yet succinct, and the School's certificates were awarded to the students in an efficient yet considerate manner. **CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE ON A JOB WELL DONE!** Not wishing life away but I am now looking forward to being one of the proud parents sitting with my student, enjoying our dinner together, and watching with pride as she receives her School certificate, then partners her father on the dance floor for the first dance of the night. Sigh.

Whilst the P&F may not have been very active, we have planned an end-of-year social function for all parents, friends, and staff of our School Community - a **Sundowner BBQ with wine tasting**. It is being held on **Saturday 7 November, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm** at the school canteen. Bring your own food and drinks – we will supply the barbecues, utensils tables and chairs. There will be wine tasting of a variety of wines selected for enjoyment during our summer. These wines will be available for purchase from the Clarkson Liquor Store, at a special price for those attending this Sundowner. So come along with some friends, enjoy the peace and quiet of the School after hours, imbibe in some delectable wines and **be a part of Our School Community!**



*Please note, as there will be alcohol at this event, students are not allowed to attend as per school policy.*

Lee Morton, President



## October Guest Speaker – Keith Lehmann, Celebrate Recovery

Keith is a Minister with Celebrate Recovery who runs the Banksia Grove Dinner Club with his lovely wife Vivienne. This fabulous project has a direct association with our school, and Keith joined us as our Special Guest Speaker on our last meeting.



Keith and Vivienne have had a remarkable life journey, relying on their faith in God to guide their way. Their latest venture has been setting up and running the Banksia Grove Dinner Club. They prepare hot, home-cooked meals twice per week for anyone who visits the Banksia Grove Community Centre. Why Banksia Grove? This suburb has the greatest number of single Mums of any in metropolitan Perth, with 20% being Indigenous families.

Join us at our Sundowner BBQ on Saturday 7 November – gold coin donations will be donated to this very worthy program.



Lee Morton (President P&F), Vivienne Lehmann, and Rod Wood discussing Banksia Grove Dinner Club program at the October meeting.

*"Our dreams must be stronger than our memories.  
We must be pulled by our dreams rather than  
pushed by our memories." Jesse Jackson*

## November Guest Speaker

**Luke Simpkins MP** is the Federal Member for Cowan. Luke has introduced a number of local initiatives including a Certificate of Appreciation for volunteers who make a difference. Come along and listen to Luke explain these initiatives, and ask him those 'hard' questions. He is involved in local activities such as Principal for the Day, supporting Jeans for Genes day, is Vice Patron of the WA Assistance Dogs Inc, conducted Parliament Alive program to name a few.

Here is an excerpt of one of the 150 Parliamentary speeches Luke has made since becoming the Member for Cowan in November 2007:

### On Young People

*"This country is let down badly by those that think only of their rights without mentioning their responsibilities. The main responsibility is always personal responsibility, without which none of us can ever reach our full potential . . . there are a lot of young people in Cowan who appreciate their sense of responsibility to the community and who have a sense of personal responsibility as well. It is for that reason I have great hope for the future, and I am proud of the next generation because this country will be in very good hands if the examples shown by these young people are followed by their peers."*



Luke is a firm believer in the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle. So he took to the High Ropes Course recently with his 10-year-old daughter. Both completed the course without mishap!



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UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

DUNCRAIG & CARRAMAR WESTERN AUSTRALIA

*A Parents and Friends event.*

# Sundowner BBQ

with **Wine Tasting**



***This is a child-free event***

Come and enjoy a pleasant evening of wine tasting and socialising with our School Community.

The wine tasting is hosted by Clarkson Liquor Store.

There will be two sparkling, four whites, and four reds to sample. These wines have been specially selected to enjoy during our summer months.

Owner Ross will provide vouchers to purchase these wines from his store at a special price.

**Saturday 7 November  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

Canteen area, St Stephens School, Carramar  
BYO meat, drinks, and salad.


Cost is gold coin donation—all proceeds to Banksia Grove 'Dinner Club'. Keith, Viv and team - supported by student volunteers from our School - cook hot meals twice weekly for families in need.

Contact Heather Dosek 0427 120 255 for more details.  
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## Upcoming Events

2009

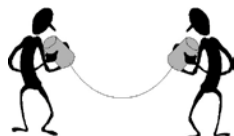
Year 7 / 2010 Parent Information Night	28 October
<b>Primary Disco</b>	29 October
 <b>Sundowner BBQ with Wine Tasting</b>	7 November
P&F Meeting Guest Speaker Luke Simpkins	10 November
Secondary End of School Celebration	27 November
Primary End of School Celebration	30 November
Year 9 Camp	2 to 3 December
End of Term Four	4 December

2010 (dates to be confirmed)

Term One starts week beginning	29 January
<b>P&amp;F Meetings</b>	
Strategic Plan Review	9 February
Annual General Meeting	9 March
NAPLAN Testing	11 May 8 June 10 August 14 September 12 October 9 November
<b>P&amp;F Activities</b>	
Recipe Book for Sale	
Concert-on-the-Oval	
Busy Bees	May, August


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OCTOBER 2009

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 Primary Disco





NOVEMBER 2009

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 Sundowner BBQ and Wine Tasting

DECEMBER 2009

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-  Public Holiday
-  School Holidays
-  P&F Meeting
-  Special School Event