



**Payne Road State School**  
**Principal's Report**  
**Parents' & Citizens' Association**  
**March 19, 2009**

## Learning

2008 was a year of achievement and success for Payne Road State School.

A number of strategic initiatives were addressed during the year:

Our curriculum focus was on producing engaging units full of academic rigour. The success of these programs was highlighted in the good results our students achieved during NAPLAN.

Staff continued to undertake professional development programs on the implementation of QCAR with particular emphasis on the Essential Learnings and QCATS. *Comparable Assessment Tests*

In the first half of the year, the P-3 teachers attended a five day Literacy Course as mandated by Education Queensland. This year, the teachers in Years 4-7 will have the same opportunity, ensuring that all staff are aware of current trends in this important area.

On several occasions, staff met with other teachers in the cluster to participate in moderation activities. This gave them the opportunity to discuss and critique student work and to make consistent judgements by matching evidence in student work to the Standards. Standards are an integral part of the QCAR Framework.

Another element of QCAR is the Reporting Framework. This was continued with twice yearly written reports to parents on student achievement on a five-point scale (A-E).

The Rainbow Room continues to support our Students with Disabilities. The success of this program has been acknowledged throughout the district with other schools requesting the opportunity to meet with our staff and to visit our school.

Further development was undertaken on our school's Information Communications Technology for Learning Agreement. This plan ensures we have a replacement schedule for all of our IT hardware and a futures plan. It also illustrates how we will prepare our students for the technological rich world. It was the year of MOE and of stage one of the One School rollout. These initiatives necessitated cabling to the Prep buildings so that our Prep teachers were finally online.

2008 was The Year of Physical Activity and the introduction of Smart Moves. We were fortunate to acquire the services of the trainees from ASFC to work with our students. This arrangement is to continue in 2009.

It was also The Year of International Languages and in learning, we extended our LOTE Program to include all students from Prep to Year 7. To commemorate the year, we applied for and acquired a grant to run a Chinese Cultural Day for all Year 7 children in the cluster. It proved to be a great success.

We also introduced a self esteem program for our Year 7 students. The girls participated in the SHINE Program which culminated in a visit to COTAH restaurant and the boys had the opportunity to visit the GOALS Centre at the GSHS. Thank you to the P&C for subsidising this program.

### Achievements

Good results on NAPLAN testing program for Year 3, 5 & 7. Great results were achieved during the Year 2 Diagnostic Net Process, with very few students requiring support for reading and no students requiring additional support for number.

Once again we had a high number of students receiving awards in the University of New South Wales Testing program. The high marks achieved resulted in a number of our students being invited to join The Young Scholars Program. *Y 6 & 7 3*  
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## Schools

The success our school has achieved over the past 12 months has been reflected in stable enrolments for the 2009 school year. Our current enrolment is 303 and we have maintained 13 classes for students in Years Prep to 7.

### Achievements

Corporate Data Warehouse data demonstrates that 90% of parents are satisfied that their children are getting a good education at Payne Road State School and 94% of students are satisfied that they are getting a good education at Payne Road State

School. This and the outstanding achievements of our students are the issues that parents should be promoting and talking about within the community.

With the assistance of our P&C, a number of facilities issues were addressed during 2008. These included the continued outfitting of the Library Resource Centre, upgrading of the senior playground and the initial planning of the \$50,000 water conservation grant. 2008 also saw the painting of B block, D Block, the LRC and the Activities Building. All of these upgrades have already or will greatly enhance our school.

Midway through the 2008 school year, we held the Official Opening of the LRC. This function was attended by over 120 guests and all present had a wonderful evening. The official duties were performed by Michael Johnson, Federal member for Ryan. A highlight of the evening was the P&C presenting the school with a pod of fourteen laptops.

Many school community functions such as Musical Mayhem, Musical Kaleidoscope, Easter Bonnet Parade and Under Eights Day were held over the school year. All were well supported, with the inaugural Payne Fully Arty Show being a highlight. Due to a great team effort, this was both an enjoyable and profitable evening for the whole school community. The teaching staff and children were delighted when three interactive whiteboards were purchased for our Year 6&7 classrooms.

Another highlight of the year was PRSS coming second in The Great Western Rewards Competition. This was another wonderful community effort resulting in us winning \$5000 which was used to purchase a class set of digital cameras.

### Workforce

On the staffing front, we welcomed Mark Johnstone in the role of Deputy Principal and I thank him for his contribution and support during 2008. We were all very pleased when Deb Jackson applied for and won the role of Business Services Manager, a role she had been acting in for fifteen months.

In other staffing news: Douglas Hemming retired after many years of teaching, the past fifteen being at Payne Road SS. Douglas maintains his ties with Payne Road SS in various ways. Our long serving crossing lady, Gayle Doman also retired after serving PRSS for a period of eighteen years. At the end of the year, Rainbow Room teacher Sean Gallagher ended his contract with us to resume further studies. Sean also returns to PRSS occasionally as a relieving teacher.

### Closing

Thank you to all of the P&C Executive and the hard working members of the P&C Subcommittees including any not here tonight. Well deserved thanks to Melinda Chandler who has served as Treasurer over the past year. Thank you to David Cox who filled the role of Secretary during 2008. Thanks also to Louise Winn (OSHC), Steve Buttlng (Grants) and Ken Marshall for their efforts over the past 12 months. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our OSHC Co-Ordinator, Susie Berkhut. Special thank you goes to Tim Mortimer who has filled the role of P & C President over the past four years. As a group representing our parent body you should all be proud of your hard work and achievements. Our school effectiveness is definitely improved by your incredible commitment to improving the opportunities for your children.

To the incoming executive, I wish you every success and look forward to Aiming Ever Higher with you in 2009

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