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### 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



...So the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

Jeremiah 18:4





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### Chairman's Report

**Morris Keane** - Chairman Board of Governance

Thank you to everyone connected with the life of the school, for your involvement which makes the school a valuable place for building relationships/friendships. This school environment helps our children to value a relationship with God through faith in Jesus His Son. What a wonderful opportunity we have been given to show and share his love through the outworking of Red Rock Christian College.

In 2009, Red Rock Christian College received grants for the building of four new classrooms, a gymnasium, an extension to the hall for office space, and refurbishment of existing classrooms and extended pavement areas. The building of each of these spaces was completed during Semester 1 2010 and the Official Opening Ceremony was held on Friday 23rd July 2010. Federal Member for Calwell, Maria Vamvakinou officially opened the new facilities on behalf of the Commonwealth Government. State Member for Macedon, Joanne Duncan and Hume City Council Mayor, Geoff Porter were both in attendance along with the pastors of local churches. The Opening Ceremony gave us an opportunity as a school to publicly give thanks to the Lord for His provision to us and to the Commonwealth Government for



their funding of the project.

Our teachers and administrative staff, led by our principal, Karen McCoy, provide a rich learning environment for our children. They all give beyond what they are required and I would like to acknowledge their commitment in this regard. We do appreciate their whole hearted approach. As a result of fewer enrolments for the 2011 school year we sadly had to farewell Mrs Noah from our teaching staff at the end of 2010 and thanked Mrs Noah for her contribution to the school during her year with us. We know that all things are in the Lord's hands and wait upon Him for the future steps for the College.

During 2010 the College embarked upon a series of 6 local newspaper advertisements and visits to local churches to raise the awareness and the availability of the College to families. Raine and Horne Real Estate provided a billboard advertising the school which is displayed on private property at the Hamilton and Barringo Roads intersection in New Gisborne. The School Council continues to consider how Red Rock Christian College can be advertised to prospective families.

## Chairman's Report

**Morris Keane** - Chairman Board of Governance

Thank you to the members of the School Council with our principal, Karen, who faithfully serve the school. community with their time, attending to the management and oversight of the school. Current members of Council are Janine Johnson, Noel Saliba and Morris Keane. Julie Bearman served as Secretary but retired from the School Council in December 2010 when her family moved interstate. Thank you to Julie for her time given and sacrificed for the sake of the school and school community as an expression of her love for Christ.

Thank you parents for your willing involvement at the school and as we move forward in 2011 I pray that we will be sensitive to the Father's leading.

God Bless.

### Morris Keane

# Principal's Report



#### Karen McCoy

What a momentous occasion it was to move into the classrooms ready to start school on the first day of the school year for 2010. In that moment we were aware of the years of prayer and dedicated service of past and present families. The awareness of God's blessing was to continue as we celebrated moving into the new administration building and gymnasium. It culminated on Friday 23rd July at our official opening of the buildings.

This was a day worthy to be College. In the company of school families, friends, local pastors and local political representatives such as Federal Minister, Maria Vamvakinou, State Minister, Joanne Duncan and Sunbury Major Geoff Porter we gave glory to God for the purpose to which he has called us and for equipping us generously with such excellent resources.

At the start of 2010 we employed a full-time teacher to fill the position of classroom teacher for the 3/4 class enabling us to continue to offer 4 composite classes. Mrs Adams took study leave but continued to teach one day per week and the remainder of the week was taught by Mrs Jenelle Coote. We continued to offer specialist classes in Japanese, Physical Education and ICT.

We also continued to employ an aide to provide support in the classrooms 2.5 days per week.

Unfortunately as the year progressed it became apparent that our enrolments for the coming year, 2011, would not sustain a fourth classroom resulting in the loss of our newly appointed teacher.

Throughout the year with the support of parents and staff, we sought to promote the school as widely as we could. The marketing campaign involved holding two Open Days, placing a large billboard in New Gisborne, extensive advertising in the local paper, sending pamphlets and open day notices to preschools and churches, visiting local markets as well as visiting churches with a group of students performing and showing a DVD of school activities.

The learning program of the school was enhanced with a number of in-house activities and incursions. In term one, the whole school focused on becoming more resilient. This theme was reinforced by two visiting groups, OAC Ministries and Covenant Players. The theme was completed by our "Bounce Back Day" where students participated in a range of activities and contributed to the mural which now hangs

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in the gymnasium.

In term 2, students in years 4-6 went to Log Cabin Christian camp where they participated in a range of outdoor activities including the Giant Swing! As part of our discovering India theme in term 3, we took part in many creative activities during our India Day. Students contributed to a patch work quilt, cooked, learned to dance, draw and make Indian crafts.

This was later followed by our Japanese Festival-students learned first-hand from Japanese experts how to play traditional Japanese games, how to wear a Kimono, make sushi and to play a range of drums. Micah Dare-Bernhardt also represented the school at the Sunbury Rotary Club Spelling Bee. Throughout the year Students took part in Jump Rope for Heart, Footy Colours Day, A Night of Music, and carol singing at the Goonawarra and Lion Clubs nursing homes, Sunbury Square and Sunbury Carols by Candlelight. They also had the opportunity to watch the Sunbury Downs Secondary College performance of the Wizard of OZ.

Students in years 3 & 5 participated in the annual NAPLAN test. The results indicate that students are achieving close to or above the state average.

Staff attended the annual CSA conference which was an informative and inspiring day.

The House Captain's attended The

National Young Leaders Day at the Melbourne convention centre which gave them a number of skills to work at developing throughout the year. The school also introduced a student representative council, who undertook some fundraising activities and planned the end of year whole school picnic, which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to rain.

Our Friday morning assemblies is a significant part of each week. The students and staff thoroughly enjoy having parents share in this. We greatly value and appreciate the local pastors and other guest speakers who gave so freely of their time to share and encourage both staff and students in our weekly assemblies.

The success of 2010 is due in part to the commitment of so many parents. Thanks to each and every one of you for time spent maintaining, building, nurturing and praying. However it is also largely due to the dedicated teaching, administration and maintenance staff whom I wish to thank whole heartedly for making this place as special as it is.

I also wish to thank the College Council who have committed many hours over the past year to diligently, prayerfully and effectively governing the college.

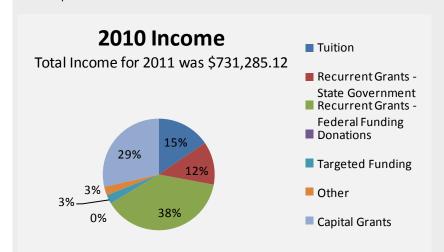
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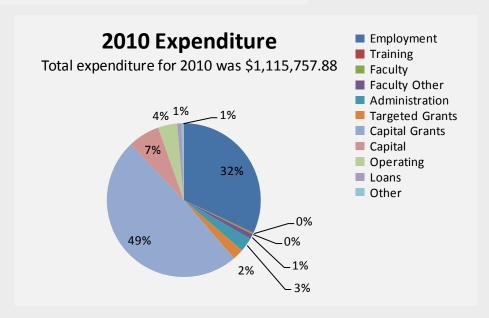
#### Karen McCoy

# Finance Report



The budget was established on enrolments of 69 students. By August when the commonwealth student census was completed a total of 59 students were enrolled. This is reflected marginally in the income received. Fee income is calculated on an average of \$1841 per student, allowing for fee relief, sibling and pastor discounts. State recurrent income is calculated at \$1305 per student and Commonwealth recurrent income \$4762 per student. The most significant variation in Expenses occurred in the payment for capital works from funding received. The larger portion of BER & BGA funding was received in 2009, which is reflected in the Cash Management Account, but expended in 2010.





# Parents & Friends Association



Debra Keane - Coordinator Parents & Friends Association

I he Parents and Friends Association at Red Rock Christian College aims to provide opportunities for parents, extended family and friends, through fundraising and social events, to become involved in the life of the school. Thank you to all the parents who participated in helping with PFA activities last year. Thank you to the small team of Mums who help with the planning of fundraising and social events. All parents of the College are welcome to join in PFA meetings.

#### **Regular Events:**

Each term a Casual Clothes Day with Sausage Sizzle lunch was held. Thank you to parents who took on the responsibility of cooking for these days.

A Mother's Day and a Father's Day Stall are held each year. While funds are raised from these events, fundraising is not the primary object of the event. It is an opportunity for the children to give some thought to the purchase of a gift for their parent. Last year we had a lovely selection of gifts for the children to choose from – thank you to each person who contributed goods to the stalls.

#### Social Events:

Family BBQ and Games Night held in April 2010.

#### **Fundraising Events:**

Riddells Creek Bakery Hot Cross Buns Toy Catalogues

Tony's Pie Drives held mid year and end of year.

November 2010 – 2 Sausage Sizzles outside Bunnings Warehouse in Sunbury - this is a very profitable fundraiser also providing a means of fellowship as parents work together on the stall and an opportunity to advertise Red Rock Christian College.

#### **PFA Purchases:**

In 2010 the PFA Funds were used to purchase a class set of 10 digital cameras (\$1629.00) to be used in Information Technology classes. A school camera, video camera and tripod were also purchased to a value of \$909.98.

Also purchased were four small light weight trestle tables (\$156.00) for use at school events as the old wooden ones previously used were falling apart.

The Bank Balance of the PFA as of 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 is \$ 2,433.00

### Debra Keane