



Newsletter December, 2007

Christmas Luncheon

The Xmas Luncheon was held at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues on Wednesday December 5 and was attended by 47 retired primary principals. Special guest for the day was Barry Mainfield who retired as principal of Denistone East Public School in 1993 after a distinguished career as a teacher and principal. Barry is probably best remembered for his Presidency of the NSW Teachers' Federation in the late 70s and early 80s. Barry will also be remembered as a pioneer of technology in schools with his work with Microbee Computers at Denistone East. He was also the author of a book - 'Managing by Wandering Around'.

Attendees at the lunch participated in a 'Secret Santa'. A raffle for a night at the Wentworth Hotel as first prize and a \$100 High Tea at the Intercontinental Hotel donated by Heather and Ray Causley raised \$450 for Stewart House. Barry Mainfield won the night at the Wentworth and Ian Kendall won the 'High Tea'. Special thanks go to Heather for organising the prizes and to Heather and Ray for their donation of the 'High Tea'.

Reprint of History Booklet

The booklet detailing the foundations of the establishment of the Primary Principals Council and later the Primary Principals Association has been re-edited and reprinted. This booklet, originally released at the Life Member's and Retired Principals Luncheon at the NSWPPA State Conference, has been distributed to all delegates at the Term 4 State Council as well as to all retired principals who attended the Xmas Luncheon. It has also been emailed to all retired principals on our database. If you have not been able to access a copy it is available on the NSWPPA website.

It is our intention to write the story of the 80s and the development of the NSW Primary Principals' Council through that period. This will be published later in 2008.

Plans for 2008

1. Luncheons and Seminars on selected topics affecting retired principals will continue. Notification of dates will happen early in 2008. Phil Campbell our sponsor from Ed Plan has indicated that he will sponsor our association again in 2008.
2. It is hoped to continue holding an annual lunch in the Newcastle area.
3. We intend to hold one luncheon in the Illawarra area. Warren Marks and John Salt have volunteered to make contact with retired principals in the Illawarra and South Coast areas.
4. A 'Mentoring Program' involving retired primary and secondary principals is due to commence early in 2008. We already have the names and details of almost thirty retired primary principals who are interested in volunteering as mentors. If there are others who would be interested please let Colin Labrie know – colinlabrie@bigpond.com.au

5. We are also investigating the possibility of a day/night visit to Mudgee involving golf and/or wine tour. Will let you know more about this as the year progresses.

Thanks for Services Rendered.

Special thanks goes to:

- The ARPP Executive of Cheryl Buckley, Heather Causley, Colin Labrie, Graham Hayton and Ken Pares for their untiring efforts in keeping the ARPP Organisation on an even keel and in a sound financial situation.
- Phil Campbell and State Super for their sponsorship and for organising Seminars throughout 2007.
- Brian Collins and other Novocastrian retired principals who organised the luncheon at the Toronto Yacht Club.
- All retired principals for their great support and friendship and their continuing strong interest in public education.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to all retired primary principals and their families and we hope to meet up with you all again in 2008.

By the way, if you know of principals retiring at the end of this year, please encourage them to make contact with our Association so that they are aware of our activities.

John McMillan
President