



REPORT TO STATE COUNCIL

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2013

BEST WISHES FOR 2013

Best wishes to all Principals and their school communities for a successful year of learning in what, to all accounts, will be one of the most challenging years of all time. The Election, Gonski, the Australian Curriculum Implementation and Empowering Local Schools, to mention a few issues, will test the vision, resilience and patience of all Principals and school communities.

We are sure that the courage and commitment of all Public School Principals and their communities will win through.

XMAS FUNCTION DECEMBER 2012

The last ARPP Function for 2012 was a Xmas Celebration held at the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club in December and was attended by sixty retired principals. Special guests for the occasion were retired Deputy Directors General Terry Burke, Alan Laughlin and Ken Dixon.

This function has become so popular we have outgrown the venue at the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club. Consequently we are moving the 2013 Xmas Celebration to the Epping Club.

ARPP ACTIVITIES FOR 2013

Luncheons at Sydney Venues

The Kirribilli club – April 4

The Sydney Rowers Club at Abbotsford – June 6

The Emperors Garden, Chinatown - September 5

The Epping Club – December 5.

Luncheons out of Sydney

The Honeysuckle Hotel – Newcastle – May 15. This is a luncheon for retired primary principals in the Newcastle Area as well as visitors.

Other activities and luncheons will be held in Port Macquarie, Wollongong and the Central Coast during 2013.

ARPP/ED PLAN GOLF DAY

The second ARPP/ED PLAN Golf Day will be held at the Castle Hill Country Club on April 23 commencing at midday. This event is well supported with large sponsorship organised by our sponsor ED PLAN First Capital Financial Planning.

The Golf Day is being held in the school vacation and all current principals as well as retired principals are welcome to participate. Contact should be made with the Golf Day Organiser Graham Hayton : ghayton@iinet.net.au or ring 0409397028.

NSW EDUCATION ALLIANCE

Our Association has been invited to join the Education Alliance. Members of our Association are greatly concerned about the State Government attack on the financial and structural organisation of Public Education in NSW and are pleased to add support to this Alliance so that the State Government faces up to its fiscal responsibilities towards public schools.

ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH RETIRING PRINCIPALS

Over the seven years of the existence of the Association of Retired Primary Principals, District Presidents and District Delegates have been crucial in alerting principals intending to retire, of the existence of our Association and its activities.

The main aim of our Association is to provide a communication network for retired principals to maintain contact. Whilst many cannot attend our luncheons because of their geographical location, our website, regular emails and newsletters provide a means for regular contact and news for retired principals.

Deputy President Steve McAlister has recently sent to all District Presidents and Delegates, a brochure informing principals intending to retire, of the existence of our association. We seek your continued generosity in forwarding these brochures to retiring District Principals.

John McMillan

President

March 8, 2013