

# THE GAP STATE HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Genelle Brooks)

The 2011- 2012 Executive Committee, elected at the 2011 AGM, quickly took the reins and had a busy year attending meetings both within and external to the school, being actively involved in school events, and in planning for the future. My thanks are extended to each member of the Executive for their outstanding contribution in 2011.

### Executive Committee Members

President	Genelle Brooks
Vice Presidents	Steve Bennett Mark Donnelly
Secretary	Peter Rolls
Treasurer	Jenny McLucas

### *Sub-committees 2011*

Our two sub-committees, POPARTS and SHAPE, made a significant contribution to the school through their many activities and fund raising over the past twelve months. Their meetings have been well attended and my thanks are extended to these committees for their ongoing commitment to supporting music, drama, art and sport within our school community.

### POPARTS

Chairperson	Janice Maybury
Secretary	Ruth Logan
Treasurer	Julie Chester
Choir Manager	Mark Penman
Vice Chair	Annie Rossouw
Vice Chair	Sandra Leadle

### SHAPE

Chairperson	Jon Gibbs
Secretary	Linda Schofield
Treasurer	Mick Brown

### P & C Business Entities

The three P & C business entities continued to be successful in 2011.

Business Entity	Employees	Yearly Profit. (Approx)
Tuckshop	5 - mix of f/t and p/t	\$35,000
Uniform Store	2 p/t	\$30,000
Stationery Store	1 p/t	\$ 2,500
<b>Yearly Total</b>		<b>\$67,500</b>

### P & C Funding Contribution to Sub-committees and Committees for 2011

Profit made through our business entities provides vital funding to the following sub-committees and committees throughout the school:

<b>School Marketing Officer - Contribution to wage</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>SHAPE</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>POPARTS - Drama and Music</b>	<b>\$2,500 each = \$5,000</b>
<b>Chaplaincy</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>P&amp;C Family Community Benefit Fund</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Total Contribution</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>

### **Highlights of 2011**

- Changed to Commbiz On-line banking
- Successful Sub-committees – POPARTS & SHAPE
- Parent Liaison Officer continued to be a valuable source of information, assistance and catering.
  - Welcome Cuppa
  - Parent/Teacher Interview Cuppa
  - Christmas in July assistance
- Highly Commended Award – National Trust Awards – Governor’s Highly Commended Award received for *Our Journey: The Gap Years 1960-2010*, a coffee-table commemorative book marking the first 50 years of The Gap State High School in Brisbane.

And on a sadder note: Alison Wood, our longstanding Tuckshop convenor, retired at the end of Term 3. We sincerely thank Alison for her years of dedication and passion for the Tuckshop and wish her a happy retirement.

### **POPARTS**

- Supported the Arts Captains’ Talent Quest.
- Successful Trivia Night
- Successful Cabaret Night
- Brisbane to Beijing fundraising concert

### **SHAPE**

- Successful Sports Awards night
- Sausage sizzles at major sporting events
- Sourced and provided new netball outfits for inter-school teams

### **Update on the P & C - 5 year Operational Plan (2011 – 2015)**

#### **Continued support for items in the 5 year Strategic Plan included:**

- Began discussions with key stakeholders to acquire funds for a Purpose Built Sports Building (to include gymnasium, canteen, viewing area, showers, toilets)
- Minor refurbishment of Uniform Shop
- Self-serve Tuckshop design developed and quotes received and approved (completion due in 2012)

- Design for hall Courtyard roof (off Hall kitchen) developed – on hold due to Tuckshop priority.
- Direct P & C Funding used to provide Tuckshop with
  - Additional Commercial Oven
  - Digital Radio
  - Mandolin Slicer
  - 1 additional staff member employed

**Best Wishes** - I have had a wonderful two years at the helm as President. My thanks are extended to Russell Pollock and the wonderful teaching staff at The Gap High, to the tireless and dedicated Executive who continually made me look good and to the many volunteers who have assisted with POPARTS, SHAPE and the many other events. My sincerest of wishes to the new committee and incoming President

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Russell Pollock)**

2011 has been another year of significant achievement and I would like to sincerely thank the P&C Executive for their leadership, commitment, time, organisation and support throughout the past year.

As the year progressed some of the highlights during the last 12 months are listed below:

- Student population in 2011 was 1050 students in years 8 to year 12
- The school was selected to pilot the Year 7 into high school Flying Start Program in 2013.
- Refurbished and expanded our Guidance Officer facilities and relocated our Chaplain into a larger more central position in C Block.
- Academically, the year 9 NAPLAN tests in all five domains scored 600 or above and 4 year 12 students achieved an OP 1.
- Successful overseas trip for our music students to attend an International Music Festival in Beijing and our language students also travelled through China at the same time.
- Another successful expedition for two groups of students (year 10 and year 11) who travelled into SE Asia with the World Challenge organisation.
- Sport and service areas where many students achieved outstanding performances in regional, state and national competitions or awards.

In the area of accountability I have valued the input, suggestions and opinions from our executive members and parents at our regular monthly meetings. All these meetings have contributed towards a very productive and effective working relationship.

Thank you to our local councillor Mrs Geraldine Knapp and state member Ms Kate Jones for their attendance at meetings and other special school events and the interest they take in our school.

In closing, I express my great appreciation the work that Ms Genelle Brooks has done as the President of the P&C Association during the last two years.

Yours in appreciation  
Russell Pollock

# **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **POPARTS (Parents of Performing Arts Students)**

The year 2011 has been a very, very busy, demanding but rewarding year. The highlights included The Brisbane to Beijing Concert associated with The Gap State School Orchestra's invitation to the Tutti World Youth Music Festival in Beijing, China in July together with the world first premier performance of the new Orchestral piece "Deluge". This was a direct result of the achievements of the Orchestra (Fanfare finalists for "Gapocalypse") and the composing expertise and support of Mr Paul Dean, Mr Keith Sharp and Mr Jeff Jarrott backed up by the dedicated Music staff who were the winners of the 2010 Academic Excellence Award for the unique AMPed Program. The program combines music theory, ICT technology and performance skills through creating, responding and reflecting on music and incorporates the AMEB Theory Examinations. This accelerated teaching music program which has Queensland Studies Authority approval, sees our students completing their Senior Music by Year 11. POPARTS congratulates all of the teachers and students and families who have made these achievements a reality. We are all very proud of all of you and your individual talents and team working skills. "Deluge" has been recorded at school and the music has been published by REED MUSIC which gives this music a life. It was played at the TGSHS Speech Night as well as a prestigious Melbourne High School (Fintona Girls School) Awards Night.

The other major highlight of 2011 was initiated, organized and run by the Year 11 Arts Captains Hayley Maybury and Linford Dean with the help of the Music Captains. This was a very successful event which saw the Auditorium filled to overflowing with an audience who were very supportive of the many and varied entrants who presented their "talent". This included musicians, Photography, dance, mouse clicking and knife stabbing to name a few and was very entertaining. The performances were a wonderful exercise in raising school spirit and cohesiveness. Congratulations to the Arts Captains and their team.

POPARTS continues to run the successful Piano Key Fundraiser which has paid for one of the pianos so far. The Honour Board which acknowledges the generous sponsors is now in the Music Block for viewing by past, present and future families. There was also a very successful Wine Fundraiser which raised enough funds to purchase a performance T-shirt embroidered for the Tutti Festival in Beijing. POPARTS also organized the canteen for the QYMA events at TGSHS and passed these funds onto the Orchestra/Chinese language students who ran the canteen each night.

There were many other awards and performances throughout the year. I will try to summarize below:-

- MUSIC CAMP - annual camp for Year 8-12 music students at Lake Ainsworth where Ensembles are formed, music is practiced and friendships are cemented.
- Ashgrove Fete – Wind Ensemble and Big Band
- Ekka – Wind Ensemble, Chamber Strings (winner of the Billy Hyde "Most Musical Award"), Percussion One, Big Band
- Performance & QYMA, Xmas in July – Choir
- Performances and recordings – Percussion One
- April Fair – Stage Band, Choir, Chamber Strings

- Music Evenings – all Ensembles
- GIG at The Gap – Year 11 Music Students
- Year 11 and 12 Drama evenings
- Reelies and ArtSkape, Film & TV and Art
- Twilight Showcase for Visual Art and Ceramic Fantasy Castle
- Extension Music Performances
- Art Camp at Mt Nebo
- Show on the Road - TGSS and Oakleigh SS for outreach
- Creative Generations – Soloists and Orchestra students
- Cabaret Night – Senior Ensembles
- 2 members of Melbourne Trio played for and ran a work shop for Percussion and string students
- Preparation and parent talks for the First Macbook Air Laptops for the Accelerated Music students in 2012

#### POPARTS ACQUISITIONS FOR 2011

- Subsidized Choral, Accompanist and Instrumental Conductors Fees
- Rostrum for Hall
- Supplied Food at various rehearsals and recordings
- Supported the Costs for the recording of Deluge

#### Financial Status at the end of 2011

POPARTS	Cheque Account	\$109.13
	CMA	\$21687.00

Farewell and good luck to our Year 12 students and especially the 2011 Arts Captains Linford Dean (studying Science in Melbourne) and Hayley Maybury (studying Arts at UQ and auditioning for Musicals). We appreciated the dedication and hard work and input to our monthly meetings of our Art Captains and wish them every success in the future. POPARTS would like to welcome the incoming Arts Captains for 2011 (Julian Sharp and Emma Caskey) and we look forward to working with them throughout the year.

JANICE MAYBURY (Chair)

#### SHAPE (Sports, Health & PE)

We continued 2011 with the existing committee from 2011 – Jon Gibbs as Chairperson, Linda Scofield as secretary and Mick Brown (Esq.) continuing to assume the Treasurer's role in a caretaker capacity for 2011.

There were no outstanding accounts from 2010 to be paid so we began the year with a balance of \$792.20. In addition to this SHAPE generated \$847.95 profit from our two BBQ Fundraisers for 2011:-

1. \$354.75 @ TGSHS Cross Country Carnival 14/4/11
2. \$492.20 @ TGSHS Athletics Carnival 22/7/11

The above profits plus the \$5000 grant generously provided through the P&C were dedicated to the following activities in 2011:-

- 20 x A line TGSHS Netball uniforms \$1800
- Contribution to the TGSHS Sports Awards function - \$1000
- Contribution to bus hire for TGSHS teams competing in Met North Finals - \$2000
- Pool lane hire (50%) in Term 4 at The Gap State School - \$1100

I would like to thank the people that made all this possible in 2011 – the P&C for their ongoing generous financial support of SHAPE, Mr Russell Pollock (Principal), Mick Brown, Sheridan Cash, and all the HPE Department staff. I would also like to thank all the parents who were involved in coordinating, cooking and serving at the Cross Country and Athletics Carnival BBQ Fundraisers.

LINDA SCOFIELD (Secretary)

## **SHOP REPORTS**

### **STATIONERY SHOP**

Stationery Shop carried on pretty much as per previous years with steady sales throughout the year and enough volunteer help to open four mornings a week. The number of Year 8 kits sold for 2012 in relationship to the number of enrolments was down on previous years. I can't find a reason as our prices were competitive with other outlets.

KATHY ROBERTSON (Convenor)

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

2011 was another busy year at the Uniform Shop. At the beginning of the year we had opened the Uniform Shop for two weeks before the school term, to cater for new and current students purchasing uniforms.

Later in the month we had international students and music students purchasing their respective uniforms, and during the cooler months, we had an increase in the purchasing of jumpers and sweatshirts. Throughout the year we assisted POPARTS in various events, such as selling tickets for Trivia Night, Cabaret Night, and the Brisbane to Beijing concert.

Before the end of the school term, we had placed orders for uniforms for 2012. We had also processed and priced second-hand uniforms, and did our annual stock-take. During this time, unclaimed uniforms (lost property) came to our attention. We consulted the P&C, and decided to process and sell the lost property, with the money received going towards the School Chaplaincy Services. We had extra electrical power points added in the shop, as well as new curtains.

We thank the P&C for the upgrades to the shop, as well as their continuing support throughout 2011. We also take this opportunity to thank our dedicated volunteers Julie Chester and Sue Ellen MacDonald for assisting us in the shop. We would also like to express our thanks to Alison Wood, the tuckshop convenor in 2011, who was a great help during our time away from the Uniform Shop.

RENUKA NATHAN & BRITTA KAMMANN (Convenors)

## **TUCKSHOP**

The main change for 2011 has been Alison Wood retiring and Tracy Bowcock employed as her replacement. Vanessa, Kathy, Jackie and Britta have helped make this transition relatively smooth and I am looking forward to the rest of the year with a wonderful team.

Everything seems to be running smoothly. We have changed supplies in the ice-creams from Peters to Streets which seems to be going well; the students seem happy with the change and we were given 2 new freezers which we needed.

Gluten-free products on the menu have been increased to accommodate a growing number of children in the school seeking gluten-free meals. We have wraps, bread and pasta as examples of a couple of things that are now available.

One of the small fridges has been replaced by our suppliers as we were having problems with the temperature.

Vanessa has included sushi on Tuesdays, along with her popular fried rice, and this seems to be going well. We are looking at making some changes in the future with a summer and winter menu. We have included some new items on a Monday such as filled foccacias and some Lebanese wraps.

VANESSA KING & TRACY BOWCOCK (Co-convenors)

## **P & C LIAISON**

I created the P & C Liaison role when I resigned as President in 2010 as I wanted to continue being involved, but in a more informal way. I've enjoyed the role but I was a little less involved this past year.

I organised the Welcome Cuppa for the first day of the school year but was unable to attend. Refreshments were provided at most P & C meetings and I compiled the 2010 Annual Report. Refreshments were also provided for parents at the various parent/teacher interview sessions. Thank you to the members of staff who kept topping up the airpots and food during my absence. It has become a tradition for the Tuckshop staff to prepare soup and dinner rolls for the teachers on these occasions. This is in addition to the food the school provides and helps to keep staff energy levels up on what is a very long day for them.

I once again assisted the school's Communications Officer with the Senior Citizens' Christmas in July concert preparation and on the day of the concert. This is something I hope to continue to do as a past parent. I've enjoyed my involvement at The Gap State High School very much. I've come to know many parents and staff and wish to thank everyone who supported me in my role as President and P & C Liaison Officer.

LINDY SUGARS (P & C Liaison Officer)

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Jenny Goyen was employed in the role of Communications Officer during 2011.

The P&C contributes funding towards the cost of this position. During 2011 funding was reduced from 10 hours to 5 hours per week during term time for this position. The Communications Officer reports directly to the Principal, with a monthly report provided to

the P&C, working closely with both teaching and administration staff, particularly Julie Gastrell, the Principal's Assistant.

### **Publications**

The schools community newsletter, *Highlights* was published once each term during 2011. *Highlights* is delivered to approximately 10,000 homes in The Gap, Ashgrove, Bardon, Rainworth and the section of Keperra on The Gap side of Samford Road. Individual advertisement rates have remained at \$120 per edition or \$400 per year. We are looking to increase these rates in 2012.

The communication officer also managed enquiries regarding Schoolzine E-Newsletter advertising.

### **Media**

The Communication Officer assisted POPARTS with promotional material for the "Brisbane to Beijing Fundraising Concert", "Cabaret Night" and "Trivia Night". Promotions included Community Service Announcements in the Westside News, the school E-newsletter and cluster school newsletters.

Assistance was given to Julie Gastrell updating sections of the school website and preparing The Gap SHS feature page for The Australian Schools Directory.

Monthly copy was prepared and submitted for the Western Echo highlighting the academic, sporting and cultural achievements of The Gap State High School's students.

Media releases were prepared to promote the *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book Heritage Award*, *Trivia Night*, *Cabaret Night* and *Christmas in July Concert*.

### **Other Activities**

Whilst not directly involved in *Speech Night*, the communication officer assisted Julie Gastrell with preparations for the various Awards Nights.

Assisted the HOD Senior Schooling with the *Careers and Transition Day* promotions:

- Prepared Date Claimer E-Flier
- Prepared Email invitations
- Prepared artwork for promotional coffee mugs and pens, and sourced quotes for same

Promotional flyers/ programs and photographic displays were prepared for several teaching staff and departments.

### **Senior Citizens Christmas in July Concert**

The Communication Officer co-ordinated the Christmas in July Senior Citizens concert 2011, sourcing sponsorship in the form of food donations, gifts and funds (gift cards) for the event. Food donations were essential for afternoon tea and the donated gifts ensured that each guest received a gift from Santa. Invitations were sent out to retirement centres and individuals as per the previous year's event mailing list. The event was also promoted in local church newsletters and the Western Echo. The mailing list was updated with new entries collected from the RSVP details received.

Further activities under taken for this event:



- Managed the RSVP list.
- Coordinated transport arrangements with individuals and retirement centres.
- Co-ordinated the wrapping of the gifts.
- Co-ordinated the volunteers involved in food preparation for afternoon tea.
- Sent out thank you emails to the volunteers and Certificates of Appreciation to all sponsors who helped make the concert such a success.

The Christmas in July Concert 2011 was seen as a great success with guest attendance numbers increasing 30% this year. Many guests sent in *Thank You* cards and emails expressing their appreciation, after the concert. It also continued to be a valuable community outreach experience for the students at The Gap State SHS.

I would like to thank the P&C and the wonderful volunteers who continue to assist in making this concert such a successful event.

### **Display Boards**

Organised photographic images and framing for a new *2011 Staff Photo* placed in the administration reception area.

Updated the photographic display board in the school foyer approximately monthly to reflect what was happening at school.

The communications role provided significant input into the schools profile in 2011 and the activities were personally rewarding. However, due to funding for the role being reduced by half it should be noted that it will be challenging to maintain the quality and quantity of activities in a sustainable manner. Consideration should be given to increasing funding to support additional hours for this role.

I would like to thank Russell Pollock and the administration staff for their support as well as the P&C for their continued financial support.

JENNY GOYEN (Communications Officer)

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The 2011 year, being my first as Treasurer, ran pretty smoothly and our operating profit from our Tuckshop, Uniform and Stationery Shops was pretty much per budget. The 2011 budget did have expenditure for the Tuckshop Renovations and Hall Courtyard Roof, both of which we presumed would be complete by now, but obviously they are not. Therefore, I have included these expenses in the 2012 budget, updated to the current quotes, with the Tuckshop coming in about \$50,000 more than originally expected. Having said this, our 2012 budget shows that we should still be able to comfortably pay for both the Renovations and Courtyard Roof this year.

### **TUCKSHOP**

The Tuckshop has done well this year, despite the ever increasing competition from our local fast food outlets, and now with Subway moving in next door, we will see how much of an impact this has. Also, the ladies have been trying to establish a breakfast trade but they have the challenge of offering a healthy breakfast as opposed to a Bacon and Egg Muffin. I commend their efforts throughout the year in trying to keep the Tuckshop both cost effective

and interesting to the kids, especially with trialling new products such as fried rice and, more recently, sushi, which seem to be going quite well.

The 2011 year saw the departure of long term Tuckshop Convenor and Assistant Treasurer Alison Wood. Although this was sad, I'm sure everyone agrees that her replacement Tracy Bowcock has fitted in well and everything is again running quite smoothly there. My thanks to Vanessa and Tracy for all their hard work in keeping it this way and also, of course, Jackie, Kathy and Britta and all the wonderful volunteers as well!

One of our hopes as a result of converting the Tuckshop to self service is that we expect sales to increase in the order of 15%-20%, so in the long term our profit from Tuckshop sales should be greater than that of today. Time will tell.

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop has also done well this year, so well in fact that they have reached the \$150,000 turnover for the GST threshold and we unfortunately do need to remit GST on all our uniform sales from January 2012. The uniform prices increased as per normal at the beginning of the year, but we did agree not to add the GST onto the cost of the uniforms as well as we believed there was enough of a profit margin already, but we do get to claim back GST on all purchases, as well as being able to claim the GST on the Tuckshop Renovation expenditure so this should not have a huge impact on our overall profits. Again time will tell.

There is still concern over the amount of stock being held (both on and off our premises) which came to light again recently when looking at changing the girl's blouse. The Uniform Sub Committee that is forming this year should be able to help out in this regard as well as bringing in some much needed changes to the uniform itself.

We were able to modernise the uniform shop with new curtains and power boards etc. Hopefully, we will also get some air conditioning in there this year.

I also commend Renuka and Britta for all their hard work in the uniform shop especially over the last couple of months, where they worked some long hours and weekends to have all our kids looking good on the first day of school!

### **STATIONERY SHOP**

The stationery shop ran to budget in 2011 as well, thanks to Kathy for her ongoing management of this. Kathy has come up with the great idea of selling stationery from the drinks section of the Tuckshop as she is already there anyway, which may help generate sales being more readily available for the students and alleviating the need of having volunteers man the shop in the mornings.

### **CASH ON HAND:**

The end of 2011 saw the P&C with around \$200,000 on hand, and our \$100,000 QTC loan is now down to around \$81,500 as we continue to make quarterly instalments, putting us in a good position to undertake our two big projects for 2012 - the Tuckshop change to self service and the assembly hall courtyard roof.

JENNY McLUCAS (Treasurer)

## **CHAPLAINCY**

### **Chaplains:**

Guy Hawkins, Fulltime Community Funded

Sonja Beveridge, 2 Days/week Federal Government funded

The following is a report on the major roles and responsibilities of the chaplains with the addition of a few examples of different events and activities the chaplains are involved with.

If you have any further questions about the chaplaincy program please give Guy a call (35113809) or email [ghawk13@eq.edu.au](mailto:ghawk13@eq.edu.au)

### **Pastoral Care**

The needs and challenges of our school community; students, staff and families, continue to be the main focus of the chaplains' role. During 2011 there continued to be a range of social and emotional problems presenting themselves. As chaplains we strive to do all that we can to support people through their challenges and although we are not always able to "fix" problems, we pull along side, listen, care and support people. Regular sessions with some students have resulted in better school connectedness and stability for them. Practical support and care through the P&C Family assistance fund was delivered to students and families.

2011 saw the move to our new chappies' room under C block. Thank to the generosity of the school this room lifted the accessibility of the chaplaincy program to more of the school community. As the chappies' room is now situated in a major walk past area, more students and staff stick their heads in to say hello. This gives us the opportunity to ask how they are and inevitably leads to further conversation. Having this area for students and staff to come in to and take a load off or just having a listening ear, contributes to the atmosphere of our great school. Further more, thanks to the generosity of Mr Rex Bertrand our room has a pool table. This is a great tool to assist students open up and articulate some of their struggles, as they don't feel like they are being counselled.

### **Spirituality**

Embedded in the Goals program and in tune with the Motto of Educating the whole person, Chaplaincy continued to deliver the spirituality program to yr 10, 11. Year 10 focuses on values and beliefs; Yr 11 engaging in spirituality and challenging common beliefs or non-beliefs. The students are encouraged to explore and discover their own spirituality through discussion in small groups. Volunteers from the community come in to engage and lead these discussions. The volunteers range from Uni students to retired University lecturers, ministers, counsellors and past chaplains. The majority of feedback from students is always honest and on the whole positive. The strength of the program lies in the format of small group discussion. Once again in 2011 the student response to the program was in the majority a positive one, with negative or challenging comments coming because some of the students are encouraged out of their comfort zone. I believe that the opportunity for students to sit and converse with others regardless of the topic and without the pressure of needing to retain information has a positive impact on the social tone in the school

### **REACH**

Reach continued in 2011. The program continues to provide an increased level of school connectedness for the participants. In Term 4 2011 we took the reach boys to Mt Tibrogargan. This was a great day out as the perceived risk is rather high which created the opportunity for the boys to pull together and work with one another. One of the outcomes of the reach program is the depth of relationship that we gain with these few students. I regularly come in

contact in the community with past reach participants and hear of their journey since leaving school as well as continuing to encourage the Yr 11 and 12 students who participated

### **Princess party**

On 17 May 2011 24 students and 3 staff attend The Princess Party. This event is organised by the MIRA project and the participants attend a Ball style meal and listen to guest speakers and mentors encouraging them to be self-confident and positive young women. With assistance from The YLCs we target the students who sit in the middle of the year level, those who get by but never really receive any extra positive or negative attention. The event was well received by students and staff and the planning for 2012 is underway.

### **Transition**

I took part in The Gap State School's Blokes Business program. Jocelyn Hayes, the primary school chaplain organised for me to come in and facilitate activities with the year 7 blokes focusing on what the characters of good men are.

### **Girls school connectedness group.**

During the latter part of 2010, I facilitated with assistance from the School nurse a girl's school connectedness group. For a term, a handful of girls were selected as they had been truanting and not showing up for classes. The outcomes of the group remain a little hard to measure however they commented that they would attend school on the days of the group because they enjoyed coming along

### **Student Leadership**

I had the privilege of working alongside the senior students leaders in 2011. One of the highlights was helping with the first "Chillin wif Da boyz" a night out for the boys of TGSHS with some crazy and extremely funny games and activities. I assisted Sarah Penrose, the year 9 level coordinator, with the facilitation of a year 9 action group. This self nominated group of students organised and planned a couple of successful fundraising events. I ran some workshops with the year 10 students on positive behaviours and the early steps of becoming good citizens.

### **Other activities**

As chaplains we are involved in numerous activities in the school and wider community. We attempt to be at most school community events, for example marching with the Anzac parade. Our presence at school dances, sports carnivals, camps, excursion, coaching teams and other school events allows us to connect and have a positive influence in the lives of our students. Not only do we support students but also the staff both teaching and non-teaching. Running and assisting with world teacher's day, teacher-aide morning teas, ancillary staff morning teas and taking chocolates/coffees/surprises to the office and admin staff all contribute to the atmosphere of the school.

### **Thanks**

Once again the chaplaincy would like to express our gratitude to the P&C. It is a privilege to work alongside others that are concerned about the well-being of our community. Thank you for the financial assistance, this empowers us as chaplains to do all we can to support this community and releases us to do our best without being constrained by lack of resources. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our school

Guy Hawkins