Another year has passed and once again, it has been very busy and very rewarding. It is my pleasure to provide an overview of our activities and achievements for the past twelve months to the Annual General Meeting of the Deception Bay North State School P&C Association.

During 2011 we made significant gains in achieving the goals we set ourselves as a National Partnership school. In reviewing our progress over the past year I can identify some major initiatives that had significant impact on our school.

- We continued our specialist support for students with our full time guidance officer and our speech pathologist for two days per week. This has proved a very important support for students and teachers as well as parents.
- The literacy and numeracy mentor’s role proved very important in assisting teachers to prepare for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum.
- Teachers across the school have engaged in action research in relation to their teaching strategies and this has gained recognition beyond the school in academic circles.
- Staff engaged in many professional development sessions, particularly in the areas of English and Science, which built their capability which was, in turn, transferred into classroom practice.
- A high standard in data analysis was reached by all teachers so that the needs of students could be identified, goals developed for students to progress their learning and new goals developed for further improvement.
- Teachers achieved either their ICT certificates or their pedagogical licences in recognition of their competence in using computers etc. in their classrooms.
- We continued to gain very creditable outcomes in NAPLAN testing and have met our targets in relation to the Closing the Gap strategy for Indigenous students.
- The Indigenous Homework and Breakfast club was very successful.
- Strong links were made with child care centres and local kindergartens to enable pre-Prep students to come to school better prepared for Prep.
- Attendance of students became a focus and student absences were followed up by teachers and other staff to ensure that we reached our target of 90% attendance.
- The Arts and HPE programs were, once again, a feature of our success and continue to bring recognition to our school.
- Our new facilities – multi-purpose hall, resource centre and computer lab were officially opened and have been used well by our students, teachers and the community.

I have recently completed our Annual Improvement Plan for 2012 and this will build on the gains we made over 2011 and continue to contribute to our successful completion of the National Partnership Strategic Plan.

The strong partnership between the school and the P&C Association continues to bring gains for the school and the community. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Angelique O’Donnell, Michelle Crosbie, Tammy Molloy, Vicki Sullivan as members of the executive and with Ros Benson as bookkeeper and treasurer. Sincere thanks to all for another year of service to the school.

Thanks also to Lynda Meares and Tracy Magson for great work as tuckshop convenors and to Tanya Tranter for your work in the book and uniform shop.