

2010 has been another successful year for Overnewton Parents and Friends.

Any time you visit the College during school hours you will be sure to see many parents helping in the classroom, the office, first aid, the College Shop and the canteens or looking after the students whilst on yard duty.

Out of hours, many parents attend the working bees, water the gardens, mow lawns, or clean windows and floors.



These are only a few of the ways parents assist the College and the students and complete hours towards their family contribution commitment. Not only do these hours assist the College, they assist in helping to build our community. Parents have the opportunity to get to know one another and form friendships and support networks. Over the last year more than 100,000 hours of work was completed by parents of the College.



Parents and Friends also had much success with fundraising for the College. Due to our families' support Parents and Friends raised \$112,000. Over the past ten years approximately \$1,000,000 has been raised by our parents and spent on items to enhance College facilities for the students.

The Country Fair held in November was a great family and community day which raised \$48,000. Not only Overnewton

families, but the wider community enjoyed the home baked cakes, plants, craft, Devonshire teas, games, a variety of stalls, rides and the musical talents of the students.

Some of the items funded by Parents and Friends over the past ten years have been shade sails, musical instruments, artificial grass, seating, smart boards, barbecues, pergolas, gymnasium equipment, artist in residence programs, play areas and equipment as well as supporting the Rock Eisteddfod and RACV Challenges each year.

Parent support teams at both Campuses have again proved to be invaluable, providing assistance and support to those families who needed a little help during the year. Parent support teams also held friend raising activities such as morning teas and dinners for parents.

Due to all our parents' involvement, Overnewton Parents and Friends continues to be a vital part of the College and plays a huge role in bringing our families together to assist and support our students' education as well as setting a great example for our students by actively supporting our community.

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