



Winter Activities for the Foundation !!

Development Office Desk

As the chill of an early winter enters our homes and our bodies, it is great to reflect on the warmth that comes from the knowledge of a job well done ... and the Foundation IS doing a great job. The Statistic Sheet (overleaf) will give you the "bones" of our 2005 assistance to Koorie students and families, but it is the "flesh" that comes through the phone calls, letters and progress reports received at the office that brings the warmth and great satisfaction. I want to try to communicate to you, our supporters and interested friends, some of that satisfaction. After receiving news of a successful application, a



Mum rings ... *"I can't express deeply enough the difference this assistance is making to our family"* ... another Mum *"..my young man has a dream .. thank you for your part in helping him achieve it"* A Grandmother: *"She is so keen I will do everything I can to encourage and support her ... thanks for your support"* A school administrator: *"they look marvelous in their uniforms ... thanks"*

Requests from parents for letters of assistance to school Principals supporting their enrolment in Secondary Colleges are becoming more frequent. Creating partnerships with these schools is going to become ever

more important and provides parents with a little extra encouragement and support.

Another important aspect of this time "in between" application rounds, is having the time to travel to schools speaking about the Foundation and encouraging fund raising activities. It is also an important time for approaching philanthropic trusts for funding, exploring other avenues of partnership to find creative ways to ensure the financial future of the Foundation.

Thanks for your continued interest and support.

Carol Messer

Addition to Staff of Development Office End of Financial Year

The Foundation Office has been enhanced by the addition of a Finance Officer, Lilian Hobson. Lilian has been working voluntarily for the Foundation for the last 3 years and with the support of administrative funding from St. Vincent de Paul Society, we are now able to employ Lilian for two days per week to handle all aspects of the Foundation's finances.

Lilian will continue her work as Secretary to the Trustees of the Foundation. This is a wonderful bonus for the Foundation for Lilian brings great skills and commitment to her work.

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END OF FINANCIAL YEAR

It is that time of year again!!! I am enclosing a brochure with this Newsletter just in case

you would like to take the opportunity to make a donation for the 2004/5 tax year! **Remember donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.**

The Statistics Sheet will tell you that the need is great and we are not yet able to meet all of that need ... your continued support will ensure our future. **THANK YOU!!**

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Special points of interest:

- Development Office news
- New staff for Development Office
- End of Financial Year
- Message from Trustees

A Message From Foundation Trustees

The Trustees of Opening the Doors Foundation would like express their appreciation for your support. We request that this support continues to ensure the future of the Foundation and to encourage the educational aspirations of Koorie families and students.

John Arthur
Chairperson