



TRISH DRAPER MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MAKIN



“Your Voice in Makin”

Locals Welcome the PM to Pooraka Football Club

The strength and vitality of our local community was recently on show during the visit by the Prime Minister, the Hon John Howard MP, to the Pooraka Football Club. More than 1,000 local people, including students and teachers from Valley View Secondary School, St Paul's College and Pooraka Primary School participated in this wonderful occasion. Members of the Ingle Farm and Para Hills branches of the Country Women's Association provided morning tea which was served by students from Valley View Secondary school.



The Prime Minister and Trish Draper are welcomed by student representatives on their arrival at the Pooraka Football Club.

The musical talents of students from St Paul's College and Pooraka Primary School impressed all who attended the official welcoming ceremony. Our Master of Ceremonies, Mr Xavier Minniecon, did a superb job on the day as we welcomed the leader of our nation, the Prime Minister. It was truly a proud day for the Pooraka Football Club and our local community.

The occasion was also an opportunity to reflect on how valuable this spirit of community cooperation and harmony really is. As Australians, we are united and we are hopeful for the future. Nothing can dent the Australian spirit nor our resolve to protect our home and country from those who seek to destroy our way of life. So long as we continue to cherish this nation and all that we stand for; so long as we remain strong in the defence of our borders and in the security of our people, we will not fail and the terrorists will not win.



Music, morning tea and plenty of smiling faces....



The Prime Minister with St Paul's College students, Adam Musolino and Ben Minuzzo



Liz Mead, Principal, & students Leanne Jaffer & Alex Brown of Valley View Secondary School



Carol Williams (A/Principal) & Nancy Wilson (Principal) with Jaimee Ashwood & Jackson Smith of Pooraka PS



Australian Idol star, Guy Sebastian, and his parents were there to greet the Prime Minister



The audience, including the Prime Minister, Trish, Heather Agius, Dan & Raelene Turner, Cr Gillian Aldridge (Dep Mayor of Salisbury) and Mayor Lesley Purdom of Tea Tree Gully



Students from Pooraka Primary School meet the Prime Minister

A Special Thanks to the Pooraka Football Club

I wish to thank the Pooraka Football Club for hosting the visit by the Prime Minister on Tuesday, 16th March. The President, Mr Dan Turner, and the Board of the Football Club did everything in their power to ensure the success of the occasion. Their support, and that of the many members and supporters and volunteers of the Club, was greatly appreciated.



Welcome to the Pooraka Football Club!
Club President, Dan Turner, and Mrs Raelene Turner with the Prime Minister and Trish.

Minister opens new Campus in Salisbury East

Many of you may remember the campaign to save the University of SA Salisbury East Campus in 1994/95. As Coordinator of the 'Save the Salisbury Campus' campaign I shared the disappointment of many in our community when the University decided to close the Campus. So it was with much pleasure that I participated in the official opening of the Senior School Campus of Tyndale Christian School, by Federal Education Minister Dr Brendan Nelson, at the site of the old Salisbury Campus. Tyndale School staff, students and parents are to be congratulated on this very positive development which is a great asset to our community.



Federal Education Minister, Dr Brendan Nelson and Trish meet students at the new Senior School Campus of Tyndale Christian School.

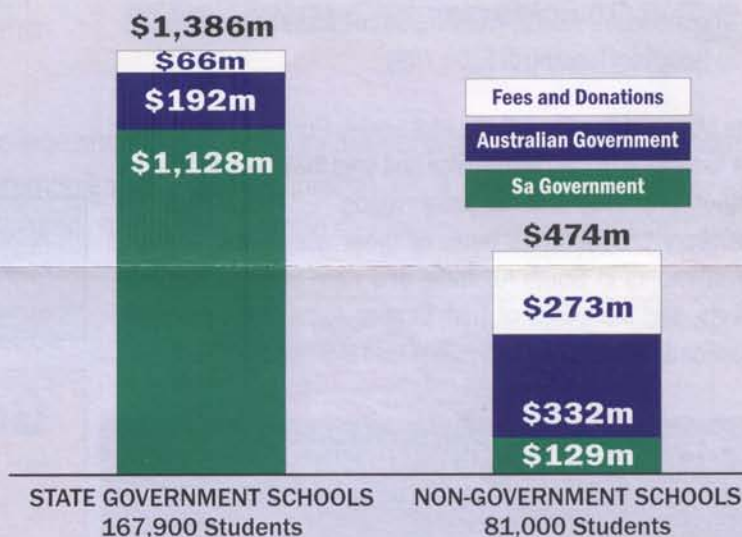


Lynette James-Bell, Karen Maynard, Lina Scalfino & Melissa, with Trish & Dr Nelson MP.

Values Education Recognised in Modbury

Following his recent lunch time meeting with representatives of nine local schools in the Makin Electorate, the Federal Minister for Education, Science and Training, Dr Brendan Nelson MP visited the Modbury Primary School. A very warm welcome was extended to the Minister by the Principal, Lina Scalfino, staff and students. The Minister and I presented two plaques to the school in recognition of its achievements. The first commemorates the award Modbury School received under the 2003 National Awards for Quality Schooling, for the Values Education programme. The second was for the official opening of the Aboriginal Bush Food Trail a wonderful and highly colourful trail which recognises traditional Aboriginal food and culture. As always, the students were very well behaved and were a credit to their school, teachers and parents.

Total Public & Private Funding To South Australian Schools 2003/04



Source: 2003 budget statements, DEST analysis, ABS data

There has been a lot of confusing information about school funding in the press and media so its time to set the record straight. As the graph above clearly shows, total Government expenditure on state schools is well above total government expenditure on non-government schools. That means that more of the taxes that you and I pay go to government schools than to private or independent schools. It is important to understand that school funding is a joint responsibility between the State and Federal Governments. Each level of government contributes funds to schools with the States having the major financial responsibility for State schools (which they own and manage), while the Federal Government is the primary source of public funds for Catholic and independent schools.