

Building Program ~ Parents, staff and children have all felt frustrated at the lack of work that has occurred on the school's new building over the last 10-12 weeks. Having a large section of the school fenced off at the beginning of term 3, we all believed that the school would soon be a 'hive of activity' with the builders and contractors busily constructing our new school. But unfortunately this has not been the case. Apart from the initial clearing of the old buildings and the installation of some workers huts there has been very little progress on the site until this week when work has finally begun on the installation of the plumbing and electrical and foundation works. It appears that the school's builders, St.Hilliars Construction, has the contract to build 8 state primary schools in the N-W suburbs of Melbourne. The projects will all be built and managed at different stages but all schools will need to be completed by the due date of May 6th 2010. Many of the contractors and teams of workers will be moved from site to site depending upon the need or stage of construction at each school. Because each project is being funded by the Federal Government's economic stimulus package program and then managed by the state government, the school has very limited negotiations in the project. We have been assured that the new school buildings will be completed by the due date and I am sending a fortnightly update of progress to the office of our federal parliamentarian, Nicola Roxon, who has expressed an interest in the development of the building program at the school. Hopefully we will continue to see progress on the site and will see the foundations being prepared and steel work being erected before the year's end.