



Kate Ellis and Greg Parker at St Monica's Parish School

Principal, Greg Parker, says that he, like other principals throughout the Catholic Education system, is challenged with not getting "bogged down" with being project managers in a bid to utilize the Rudd Government's \$14.7 billion Building the Education Revolution Fund.

Our focus for this great Federal Government's initiative (Building the Education Revolution) should be on the 'education revolution' first and the 'building' second. That is, in considering what new facilities are possible with our grants, we need to imagine what 21<sup>st</sup> century learning spaces could look like. We need to take this 'once in a generation' opportunity to design and build spaces that will lead to improved learning outcomes for our children, now and into the future.

We also need to keep an eye on our mission as leaders. "There is no doubt this is a fantastic opportunity to reconceptualise schools and schooling and we shouldn't get bogged down and become just project managers. As a principal, I am the leader of education at the school and children's ongoing learning must always be at the centre of my work," he said.

Greg added that St Monica's Parish School already had plans in place for a redevelopment at the rear of the school, replacing some of the older classrooms and building exciting, contemporary and flexible learning spaces.

The Government funding would hopefully ensure the project could go ahead in the near future.