

## Media Release

### EDGEWORTH PARENTS AND STUDENTS EXCITED ABOUT NEW CLASSROOMS

**30 June, 2010**

Edgeworth Public School parents and staff this week joined Member for Cessnock Kerry Hickey MP to inspect the school's construction works. Former Wallsend MP John Mills and School Captain Luke Casson were also in attendance.

Bovis Lend Lease is delivering the \$3 million project as part of the Building the Education Revolution (BER) program. Work commenced on site in November 2009 and includes six new classrooms and a new staff car park.

School Principal John Dwyer said: "The school has been impressed with the communication between the contractor and the school.

"There has been regular communication between the contractor and the school. The Bovis Lend Lease representative makes regular phone calls to ask how things are going and answer questions, and the subcontractor has kept the school informed in advance of important deliveries and we negotiate plans to ensure these are carried out safely," said Mr Dwyer.

Bovis Lend Lease General Manager – NSW Education Greg McCourt said: "Safety is our number one priority and Bovis Lend Lease is working closely with the school and our contractors to ensure all works are carried out in a safe manner while minimising any disruption to school operations."

Mr McCourt said the BER program is having a positive impact on employment throughout the Hunter and Central Coast region.

"We are pleased to be working with passionate local builders and their apprentices to deliver this important educational infrastructure which will benefit students, teachers and the broader community for decades to come," Mr McCourt said.

Bovis Lend Lease engaged Central Coast based builder Red Eye Constructions to deliver the project at Edgeworth Public School. Carpentry, plumbing and electrical apprentices have worked on site to date.

P&C President Moss West, P&C Vice-President Lee Freund, and school captain Luke Casson were impressed by the new classrooms which are nearing completion. The project includes the removal of old demountables and improves the school's playground space.

Bovis Lend Lease is working closely with the school community to minimise its impact on the day to day operations of the school. For example, the project team worked with the school to ensure access to the school oval was maintained for the life of the project.

The Edgeworth Public School community is expected to be able to enjoy the six new classrooms and new staff car park during Term 3, 2010.

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**Building the Education Revolution (BER) Program in the Hunter & Central Coast region**

The Building the Education Revolution Program represents a \$3.4 billion investment in NSW public schools. As part of the 20-month Program, more than \$400 million will be invested in Hunter and Central Coast schools. The entire project forms part of the Australian Government's \$42 billion Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan.

The Hunter and Central Coast region extends from Brooklyn just north of Sydney, to the Liverpool Range in the north west of the Hunter region, and as north as Tea Gardens along the coast. It covers major regional centres including Gosford, The Entrance, Newcastle, Cessnock, Maitland, Singleton, Muswellbrook and Dungog.

**Bovis Lend Lease**

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In Australia, Bovis Lend Lease employs circa 1,700 people, with headquarters in Sydney and offices in Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, Adelaide and Perth.

Offering a variety of services across the breadth of the design and construction project delivery process, Bovis Lend Lease has a specialist focus on the commercial, retail, healthcare, education, water and infrastructure sectors as well as multi-site capital works programs. Bovis Lend Lease also provides design expertise through its in-house specialists, Lend Lease design, and consulting services for government and infrastructure clients on project management and program delivery.

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