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Media Release

Students to benefit from new playground

The kids at Cameron Park School will soon have an upgraded playground, thanks to the Cutcher & Neale Charity Race Day held at Broadmeadow Racecourse on Saturday 4 November 2006.

This was the fourth year that Cutcher & Neale have run this charity day for Cameron Park School and they are pleased to be involved in fundraising efforts which enable the school to provide improved facilities to the children. This year almost \$8,000 was raised through sponsorship and raffle sales.

"We are proud to be involved in fundraising events for Cameron Park School. By involving Newcastle Knights player Josh Perry, support from a number of our clients and the Newcastle Jockey Club, we can really make a difference to these kids lives as well as help lift the profile and level of support for the schools activities" Phillip Smith, Partner of Cutcher & Neale says.

Cameron Park School is a small school catering for 30 students with severe intellectual and physical disabilities. These students come from all over the Newcastle and Hunter Valley area to attend Cameron Park School. The school is funded primarily by the NSW Department of School Education and Training. The school has a 20mx10m hydrotherapy pool which requires constant maintenance and replacement of parts. The children are transported to various educational events by the schools own bus. The bus is equipped with specially designed lifting equipment and specially designed removable seating.

The Friends of Cameron Park School are an incorporated and registered charity group. The focus is to raise funds for Cameron Park School. The school uses a wide range of special equipment and therefore has funding needs that differs from those schools in the mainstream education system.

The goal this year was to finance a new extension to the playground. By pushing out into the back playground and adding new gardens and swing frame for the students. A local Aboriginal Artist – Debbie Dates has created and donated three totem poles which will incorporate with the Australian themed gardens. A wheelchair accessible pathway has also been planned around the gardens.

Cutcher & Neale will be presenting the Principal of Cameron Park School, Ellen Bax, with the funds raised from our charity event at a gala day being held by Cameron Park School.

WHAT: Cheque presentation

WHEN: Tuesday 19 December 2006 at 10.00am

WHERE: Cameron Park School, 151 Christo Road, WARATAH

Ends

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