



# West Morley Primary School

## We Stand Together

**Principal:** Peter Harty **Deputy Principal:** Carla Sudholz

**Manager Corporate Services:** Denise O'Connor, Kristy-Anne Moore

**School Board Chairperson:** Matthew Hammond **P & C Association President:** Anthea Rogers

## Monday 13th February 2017

Welcome to all new families for the 2017 school year and welcome back to those returning from 2016. I trust you have all had an enjoyable time during the Christmas and New Year holidays and that all students have settled well into the school routine.

West Morley Primary School will be trialling some different processes this year to move our school into the modern era of technology. Our newsletter will be altered with important information forwarded via our new School App and the issuing of a main school newsletter at the end of each term. Please sign up to our new app as soon as you can to ensure you are receiving important school messages. You can even lodge your child's absence via the app saving a phone call or writing of a note. Details are on the back of the newsletter.

### Staff Changes/Pregnancies

This year we welcome 2 new staff to our wonderful West Morley PS community- Mrs Elise Matthews who is working full time in our Year 5 class and Miss Sophie McKenzie who will be our School Psychologist for 2017.

We also congratulate Mrs Mary Meredith-Aoake who successfully attained her full time permanency at West Morley PS.

There will be a couple of changes mid-year as Miss Furborough (Yr 6 Teacher) and Mrs Moore (Manager Corporate Services – Human Resources) are both expecting a child in June and July respectively. We congratulate them as a community and wish them well throughout their pregnancy.

Below is the current class structures and staff within each room:

Room	Year Group	Teacher/s	Mainstream Education Assistant
ECE 3	Kindy A (M-W)	Miss Emma Brennan	Mrs Hajra Mujkic
	Kindy B (W-F)	Miss Emma Brennan	Mrs Julie Bransby
ECE 1	Pre-primary	Mrs Sue Livingstone	Mrs Anne Glossop
ECE 2	Pre-primary	Mrs Sue Ross	Mrs Sandie Strang
Room 1	Year 1/2	Mrs Emily Barrett Mrs Chantel Segaram	Mrs Julie Bransby
Room 2	Year 1	Mrs Kerry Roberts	
Room 3	Year 2	Mrs Kim Watson	
Room 4	Year 2/3	Mrs Mary Meredith	
Room 5	Year 3	Mrs Margaret Lamberto	
Room 6	Year 4	Mrs Patricia Bredmeyer Miss Emma Pedrotti	
Room 7	Year 5	Mrs Elise Matthews	
Room 8	Year 6	Miss Maree Furborough	
	Phys Ed	Mr Brody Payne	
	Music	Miss Kizzy Davies	
	Computing	Mrs Michelle Chomiak	
	LOTE	Mrs Simone Lopresti	
	Special Needs EA	Mrs Viv Werrett Mrs Sherri Beardman	

### Dates to Remember:

#### Tuesday

#### 14th February

**Class Meetings**  
Room 1, 2:30pm  
Class 2, 2:30pm

#### Wednesday

#### 15th February

P&C Meeting 7pm

#### Class Meetings

Kindy A, 11:05am  
Kindy B, 2:30pm  
ECE 1, 2:30pm  
ECE 2, 2:30pm

#### Thursday

#### 16th February

**Class Meetings**  
Room 3, 2:30pm  
Room 4, 2:30pm

#### Tuesday 21st

#### February

First Aid Incursion  
Rooms 6,7 and 8

#### Class Meeting

Room 7, 2:30

#### Wednesday

#### 22nd February

**Class Meeting**  
Room 6, 2:30pm

#### Thursday

#### 23rd February

**Assembly -  
Student Council**

#### Friday

#### 24th February

**Class Meeting**  
Room 8, 2:30pm

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West Morley PS has a majority of single stream classes, however, has required to split the Year 2 class across 3 classrooms. The allocation of students within the classrooms is based on a number of factors and is not always based solely on academic progress. Every classroom in our school has a wide range of student abilities for which teachers work strategically to ensure they are catering for all student needs.

We request parents discuss any concerns they have with their child's class directly with the leadership team and refrain from discussing these issues openly outside classrooms or in front of other parents.

### **Drop off/Pick Up**

Thank you once again to our parent volunteer Traffic Warden, Mr Daniel Rasmussen, who controls the flow of traffic in our main car park during the afternoon pick up of students.

The main flow of traffic for drop off and collection should be *via View Street*, enter the main carpark and park in the designated bays. If there are no parking bays remaining cars are permitted to double park alongside the "kiss and drop" zone, however, are requested to stay in your vehicle whilst waiting for your child.

If there is no available parking you can either look at parking in nearby streets and walking a short distance or drive around the block again.

**NO VEHICLE should be parking in the Fitzroy Street cul-de-sac.** It is clearly signed "**No Standing**" to ensure we have a safe flow of traffic and that buses have adequate clearance when using the entrance.

This rule applies to both PICK UP and DROP OFF.

### **Before and After School Care – Camp Australia**

Our new before and after school provider, Camp Australia, has commenced operations and are located in our Multi-Purpose room which is situated adjacent to the basketball courts.

Entry to drop off and collect has been altered this year with parents requested to park on the main car park side of both schools and using the gate that enters into the NEMLDC playground from the main carpark. A sign will be placed on the gate indicating the access point.

Camp Australia operate from 7am - 9am in the mornings and 2.30pm – 6pm in the afternoons.

Please contact Camp Australia directly to discuss costs and bookings on 1300 105 343.

### **Playgroup**

The West Morley Family Playgroup has recommenced for 2017 and is operating out of the Multi-purpose Room near the basketball courts.

Playgroup is for students from 0-4years and is a community run program. For a very small annual fee you get access to the school's facilities whilst enjoying the company of fellow parents within our local community.

Any families that are living within the Dianella/Morley area who are not attending West Morley PS are also welcome to join the playgroup.

If you have any queries please contact Natasha Battersby via email at [westmorleyfamilyplaygroup@outlook.com](mailto:westmorleyfamilyplaygroup@outlook.com).

The West Morley Family Playgroup operates on Friday mornings from 8.45-10.15am.

### **River Rangers**

The first session of River Rangers was held last Monday after school with 36 students from Years 5 & 6 participating. A big thank you to our parent helpers who gave up their valuable time to assist in supervising the students.

A reminder to parents of those enrolled in the program that the students will need to attend at least 70% of the sessions to ensure we receive funding for them. We hope to see the full 53 students enrolled at our session next Monday.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebrations**

This year marks our 50<sup>th</sup> year of operation as a public school. We will be forming a committee comprising of parents, staff, students and key community members to plan events for the second half of this year.

Should you currently have contact with any previous students or staff please keep them informed of events as they are released. We are hoping to have many past and present West Morley students and staff connect with the school to ensure a fitting celebration of this milestone.

### **Nature Play/Busy Bee**

During the holiday break we had a number of volunteers from Conservation Volunteers Australia assist with tidying the Nature Play area and surrounding bushland. The area has now been opened up for use by students during recess and lunch breaks. This does mean they will be coming home at times with a little bit more dirt, the odd scratch or splinter, and maybe a bruise or two.

The concept behind a nature play area is to encourage students to build their resilience and risk taking, as well as develop their gross motor skills and balance.

We are looking at organising a Busy Bee in the coming weeks to add some exciting play items for the students in the area as well as build an "Eco Brick" wall along the newly dug "volleyball" pit.

This concept came from Miss Sudholz's recent trip to schools in Africa and fits in well with our school's focus on environmental sustainability and the recycling of materials.

Parents can assist in a number of ways:

1. Volunteer your time on the Busy Bee to assist in digging holes, mixing cement, weeding and mulching.
2. Start collecting plastic bottles at home and filling them solid with any form of plastics that may normally go in the bin. We are building a wall made out of the plastic containers and a mud/cement mix which the students will be able to sit on next to the new sandpit.
3. Build items prior to the busy bee to be installed in the area. If you have basic handyman skills and have available time please contact Mr Peter Harty through the school office.

### **QKR by Mastercard**

Our new payment system is going well and we encourage all families to log on and use the QKR system to pay for voluntary contributions, incursions, excursions. Teachers will no longer be accepting money in the classroom for these payments.

The QKR payment system allows quicker, hassle-free school payments using the easy to use mobile phone app that gives you the flexibility to pay at a time and place that suits you. It can also be used on any portable device and on home computers.

A 'how to' flyer has been sent home with your child today. Please come into the office if you would like help registering on your device, or help with making a payment. You can also refer to the following link for further information: <https://qkr.mastercard.com/for-everyone-australia/>

Some money envelopes have also been sent home today as a backup, but I encourage you to use QKR as your first preference. We will eventually phase out the money envelopes and just be using QKR.

### Concerns/Issues

West Morley PS aims to achieve maximum satisfaction for our students, parents and staff however at times there may be concerns that need to be addressed.

I encourage all parents/caregivers to discuss any minor concerns they have with the relevant classroom teacher. This should ideally be through an arranged meeting rather than a brief chat on the verandah.

If your issue cannot be resolved or you feel the matter is of major concern then you are encouraged to either write, phone or make an appointment to speak to the Principal, Mr Peter Harty or Deputy Principal, Miss Carla Sudholz.

### After hours use of school

During the holiday break and on weekends we have had a number of local residents using the schools playgrounds, some even bringing their dogs onsite.

The final high level fencing has been erected outside of our Early Childhood Centre which should limit all access outside of school hours. Please ensure your children do not attempt to climb fences or make their way onto school grounds outside of school hours.

The main school gates will now be opened from 8.15am every morning until 9am. If you arrive at school outside of these hours you are required to enter via the main school office reception. If you require to drop students off at school earlier than these hours on a regular basis you are requested to make arrangements with Camp Australia to supervise them in the before school care program.

### End of School Day Policy

At the end of the school day the duty of care is handed over the parents when they are either collected from their classroom or from the front of the school grounds.

We ask that parents refrain from utilising the school playgrounds directly after school to assist in ensuring all students are collected safely, to allow for our after school programs to access facilities and to give teachers "student free" time to organise their classrooms and undertake planning.

The school's policy has always been to ensure students go directly home at the end of the school day unless they are involved in an organised after school activity. Last year a number of families began to gather at the end of the school day and play on the playgrounds, some until 4pm.

We ask these parents to please ensure they leave the school premises in a timely manner with students and not to allow the children to use the playground facilities. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### Updates to Contact Details

In case of emergency, it is important that we have access to up to date and accurate personal information. Please contact the school office as soon as possible if any of the following information has recently changed:

- Telephone numbers: your home, work, mobile or numbers of people listed as emergency contacts
- Your address
- Custody and access information. The office will require the sighting of the original legal documentation for our records.
- Update of existing or new Medical Condition ie. Asthma, Allergies

### School Board Vacancies

The West Morley Primary School Board has been operating as a Board for the past 2 years and has made some significant progress.

Expressions of Interest are now being sought for the **vacant parent position** on the West Morley School Board following Mrs Beth Grimstone leaving West Morley PS after many years. We thank Beth for her wonderful commitment to the school both through her association with the P&C and being a School Board member.

The role of Board members has become more accountable with the school becoming an Independent Public School.

The Board is composed of the Principal, Deputy Principal and 1 staff member, 4 parents, 1 P&C representative and 2 community members.

Meetings are held twice a term on Wednesday's of Week 5 & 9 from 3.15-4.45pm.

If you feel you can add value in this role or wish to be part of a dynamically changing school then please lodge your interest by means of the attached nomination form.

**Nominations** close on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**. Should there be more than one person nominate then a formal election process will take place via parent votes.

If you are at all interested in the prospect of being part of the Board please feel free to contact School Board Chairperson, Mr Matthew Hammond, or the Principal, Mr Peter Harty to discuss it further.

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### West Morley Primary School Board Nomination

I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full name) (Current address)

wish to nominate myself for the position of Parent Representative on the West Morley Primary School Board.

My child/ren \_\_\_\_\_  
(Children/s full name/s)

are currently enrolled at West Morley Primary School.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



We're very pleased to inform you that our school has implemented a phone app called **Updat-ed** that will make connecting with you so much more convenient.

To download the app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android's. Search for **Updat-ed** and from the menu select our school. We'll receive your registration request and will need to approve you before your app is up and running.



So what will the app do?

The app's great for sending out alerts and reminders with one of its best features being the ability to save events directly into your phone's calendar.

If you are experiencing difficulty with your app please take a look at our [Trouble Shooting Guide](#). This guide can be found on the sponsor-ed website: [www.sponsor-ed.com.au](http://www.sponsor-ed.com.au) under SUPPORT. Any further queries should be directed to: [helpdesk@sponsor-ed.com.au](mailto:helpdesk@sponsor-ed.com.au)

Please state the following in your email to helpdesk:

- Your school
- Name and email address
- Model phone/tablet

Software version

We hope you enjoy being **Updat-ed**.

### **Community News**

Greetings from the P&C.

Welcome back to another school year. If you are new to the school we would like to also welcome you and wish you and your children all the best, may there be lots of good memories made.

Our first official meeting for the P&C will be in week 3, Wednesday 15 February at 7pm in the Staffroom. This will also be the date for our AGM and all positions will be available for nominations and elected on the night; President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor, Fundraising coordinator and Uniform room coordinator. We invite all parents to come along to the meeting and put your hand up to be part of the P&C, you don't have to have an official role you can just come along to the meetings, vote on matters that count and let your thoughts be heard. We need new people to get involved so we have an accurate representation of parents being involved with decision making that will enhance the school experience for the students.

There are still plans for the movie night towards the end of Term 1 as well as the Federal Election polling booth cake stall and sausage sizzle. We will put to call out for volunteers to help on the day and donations of cakes, biscuits, muffins and other home made delights to sell on Saturday 11 March. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more details.

If you have anything you wish to discuss or you would like to find out more about the P&C you can email me [brogers73@tpg.com.au](mailto:brogers73@tpg.com.au)  
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