



West Morley Primary School

P&C Principal's Report

13th June 2018

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Thank you to Miss Sudholz for doing such a professional job in running the school during my Long Service Leave at the start of this term. Miss Sudholz has expressed a desire to remain in touch with the P&C either through attendance at meetings and/or inclusion within the distribution of minutes.

Fundraising

What a great job Honor has done in completing the chart of Mr Payne for this term's fundraising activity. Also great work to the Kelly's and other helpers in counting the large volume of coin. It has proved to be a great fundraiser!

Disco

The school disco run by the Year 6 students was a resounding success with nearly \$900 raised which went directly towards reducing the cost of their camp. A big thanks to our new Year 6 teacher Miss Harper, Miss Sudholz and Mrs Matthews for organising the event.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Approximately 45% of our families participated in this term's parent/teacher meetings. There were minimal concerns with the booking system however feedback is welcome.

Community Engagement

The School Board is exploring how to develop community engagement with the school further and a feedback sheet has been issued to our school community today. Please take the time to share any fantastic idea you may have that will assist in getting even greater involvement within our school community.

The school is also examining the use of the current app Updated as there have been some issues in its reliability. We are looking at the benefits of Skoolbag and may switch providers in the coming months should their product appear more reliable and have greater flexibility and support.

NAPLAN Online

Again a big thanks to Miss Sudholz and Mrs Matthews for working the school through the implementation of NAPLAN Online this year during my absence.

From all accounts so far the students engaged well with the use of computers and there were only a few minor issues which were quickly rectified.

The school will have access to the results and data in an earlier timeframe this year, however, individual student reports and comparisons to State and National performance will not be available until the manual marking of NAPLAN has been undertaken which is usually around September.

Canteen

Rough estimations were provided for the upgrade of the canteen facilities by our Programming representative. I am sure this will be discussed as a general item today, however, I look forward to working through determining a clear direction for the facility

Staff Retirement

Our Librarian of many years, Mrs Mary Wood, will be retiring effective from 28th June 2018. A farewell function will be held on Thursday 28th June at 3.15pm in the West Morley Staff Room.

We welcome any representative from the P&C to attend and wish Mary a fond farewell.

Facilities Financial Planning

In recent years the school has had a number of major improvements undertaken to our grounds and buildings. The school is now prioritising our next phase of works through consultation with staff, the

School Board and P&C. A comprehensive list has been created and will be presented tonight as well as our next School Board meeting for discussion and feedback.

The next step will be to rank the order of works to undertake, arrange for costings, develop a funding model, then oversee the works. Initially the school will be developing a scope of works to be addressed over the next 5 years. The P&C may be requested to assist with some of the funding for specific projects and is encourage to develop a fundraising/revenue program built around this 5 year plan.

Excursion/Incursion Fees and Charges

Our recent incursions this term have highlighted the complexity for office staff and parents when there are multiple incursions or excursions occurring during the year. The school is looking for ways to provide a better service for parents and more effective process for the school.

The P&C has already assisted this year by funding bus costs for our Winter Sports away events , a process that the school greatly appreciates.

Qkr has been a relatively successful app that has assisted a number of families to make payments with around 70% of families having registered for the app and approximately 50% actively using it for payments.

This does mean our remaining parent base is still reliant on the use of cash which is challenging for the school office staff. The movement away from cash is to assist in reducing the teacher's workload, a priority area to with putting classrooms first.

An alternatively being investigated is the lump sum payment of anticipated fees for the year for incursions and excursions, as per the Fees and Charges notified to community members before the commencement of the school year. This would mean families could make a one-off payment that would cover their child's cost for the year. Families that have difficulty in making a one-off payment could request to make a repayment plan through direct debit.

It is thought this would assist the regular burden on parents, the continual follow up of late or no payments, and reduce the processing workload – a win for all.

I welcome the P&C members point of view on such a concept.

Mr Peter Harty
Principal