



West Morley Primary School

P&C Principal's Report
14th February 2018

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to the 2018 school year. It has been a smooth commencement to the school year by students, staff and parents.

We welcome back returning families and also welcome a number of new families. Our school currently has 269 students enrolled this year, which is steady from 2017 however with a high level of transiency.

School Focus

The School Business Plan will be finalised this term. Our School Board has agreed the priorities will remain as Teaching and Learning (our core business), Community and the Environment, with the possibility of Community and Environment being combined. The school will continue to promote and engage the community as one of its major priorities and the P&C forms an integral component to our school community.

River Rangers

River Rangers successfully commenced this week with 40 students attending our first session. Miss Cleary will be coordinating the program this year with Miss Sudholz and myself and a parent helper. This program was highly successful last year and provides a wonderful experience for our senior students.

Direct to Market Project

A big thank you to Honor Burrows for giving up her time to have a meeting and photo shoot with the Minister of Education, Hon Sue Ellery and our local member Simon Millman MLA regarding the newly launched Direct to Market program. The story was briefed in the Saturday West Australian and a full article was published in the Community News on 6th February 2018.

The school is currently obtaining quotes for the building of multi-use furniture and for line marking of the flooring in our Covered Learning Area. Students and staff have consulted on the options as detailed in the overviews (attached).

It is hoped the project is completed by the end of March to enable our school to provide valuable feedback on the project to the Department of Education.

Additional to these works, the school is looking for the provision of large games in this area including Connect 4, Jenga, Chess/Draught pieces, and Snakes and Ladders pieces.

The school is looking to support from the P&C to fund these projects.

Proposed Busy Bee

At the end of 2017 we had an audit of our Nature Play facilities by Kids Safe WA and they were extremely excited about the work we had undertaken from the use of our own resources. We passed safety aspects with flying colours and we are now looking to update and maintain our Bushland and ECE Nature Play areas.

We are proposing a Busy Bee on Saturday 10th March (Week 6) for parents to gather and assist in spreading mulch, painting tyres, building a climbing wall and general maintenance. It would be wonderful if the P&C would assist by way of a sausage sizzle lunch and/or morning tea.

Qkr

The school will continue to roll out the use of Qkr for school payments such as excursions, incursions and voluntary contributions.

The use of online payments has been suggested to the P&C for the past 2 years and concern was held regarding the need to change the P&C banking arrangements. This was investigated by the school late

last year and it was discovered that the P&C can maintain its current banking arrangements and still access the Qkr services.

This would assist in limiting the cash used at the canteen and uniform stores and even facilitate online pre-ordering.

Unfortunately, the school office staff have indicated they are unable to continue to check the canteen cash for banking as was arranged last year. This will mean the P&C will need to review its cash handling policy without the school's assistance. Qkr may be an avenue for a long term action plan to minimise the amount of cash handling.

Uniform Collection

This year we have had a number of late enrolments with new students wanting to wear the school uniform prior to starting school. As the Uniform Shop is limited to Friday afternoon sessions, the school is looking for ways to facilitate quicker access for new students to obtain their uniforms.

The school is proposing:

- The P&C arrange a sample set from Perm-A-Pleat to be retained in the Uniform Shop but is clearly identifiable to office staff for students to check sizes prior to ordering.
- An order form to be completed and payment attached in sealed envelope and placed in the P&C box in the office.
- School Office to contact the Uniform Shop Coordinator requesting the order to be filled that day at school pick up.
- The order to be clearly labelled and placed in front office for collection.
- Items not collected during the week to be returned to the Uniform Shop at the end of the week.

It is anticipated that there will not be a huge demand, however, it will assist students in commencing school in a timely manner.

Back to School Orders

A number of parents did not attend the designated date for collection of Back to School materials this year, resulting in the front office having to coordinate collection and payment for a number of families. Consequently the school is now reviewing the options for ordering and collecting student school supplies. It is highly likely that collection will be either by mail to home or collection from the relevant suppliers nearest store which is consistent with many schools in our area.

Funding 2018

A big thank you to the P&C for the funding support in 2017 which assisted in Year 6 camp, library resources, excursion cost assistance for all classrooms and the end of year reward day.

The school is requesting the following funding support for 2018:

• Library books -	\$ 1 000
• Excursions costs - \$250 per classroom = 11 x \$250 =	\$ 2 750
• Camp costs – 31 students at \$25 per student =	\$ 775
• Interschool sports bus costs	\$ 2 000
• End of year reward	\$ 500
• Covered Learning Area Project	\$15 000
	Total \$22 025

Other possible purchases:

Updated School Shade Shelters

Thank you for the fantastic work undertaken by the P&C in 2017. A special thanks to our outgoing office bearers Olena and Alison who are leaving our school, your work on the P&C has been greatly appreciated. Thanks to all office bearers for 2017 who have been so well led by our President Anthea. I look forward to working closely with the P&C throughout 2018.

Mr Peter Harty
Principal