



West Morley Primary School

P&C Principal's Report
24th August 2016

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Lapathon

Thank you to Janelle and all who supported the running of the Lapathon. Whilst it was challenged early in the day by rain and there were many anxious phone calls, the event was run in good spirits and in mainly fine weather. The students greatly appreciated the icy poles at the end of the event.

School Photos

School photos took place today with Fotoworks facilitating the day. Feedback was again forwarded to the company following our last P&C meeting to ensure concerns from last year's photos could be rectified. Feedback from this year's photos would be greatly appreciated as it will determine the direction the school takes next year.

Chaplaincy Application 2017-18

The school Chaplaincy funding application for 2017-18 was submitted last week. Thank you to the P&C and School Board for providing feedback for the application.

School Future and Current Projects

The Bushland and Nature Play facilities in Early Childhood areas are in the process of getting quotes for works to be undertaken. Hopefully these works will begin prior to the end of the term.

Part of the Bushland project may involve a student busy bee to assist in clearing the vast number of weeds within the area. A letter will be sent home to parents should this occur.

The Student Leadership Body met with me a fortnight ago and made a request to have the basketball courts re-surfaced. This project was taken to the School Board for discussion and may fit within a future funding proposal in the coming years. An estimation of cost was approximately \$60 000.

A representative from the Department's Facilities section visited the school early this term to review the current classroom sizes and discuss what future options there may be in developing these rooms. The initial feedback indicated the rooms meet the Department's current size guidelines and as such any upgrades would not be a priority. The School Board will review its approach to these classroom improvements and may look at it being a longer term project.

Excursions

Past practice has seen the Kindy and Pre-primary students engage in incursions with very little exposure to excursions. All classes have been requested to provide students with at least one excursion per year. Kindy and pre-primary staff have now been requested to plan at least one excursion next year as part of their program.

I recommend the P&C only allocate funds for excursions from next year to encourage teachers to provide students with rich experiences outside of our school environment.

Administration Positions

The process for the filling of the Principal's position at West Morley PS should be finalised by the end of next week. Once this is determined I will forward advice directly to the School Board and P&C followed by a letter to the wider community.

Action following this announcement may result in some minor adjustments within the school depending on the outcome. Miss Sudholz's position as Deputy Principal will either be filled by myself or will be advertised as a permanent vacancy.

I look forward to fine weather for our carnival events next week!

Mr Peter Harty
Principal