



West Morley Primary School

P&C Principal's Report
2nd August 2017

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Welcome

Welcome to the local Member for Mt Lawley, Mr Simon Millman MLA to our P&C meeting tonight. We look forward working with you over the next few years for the betterment of our entire school community.

Funding

West Morley Primary School is the recipient of a \$50 000 grant to assist with school maintenance as part of the State Labor Government's Local Projects, Local Jobs program. We are currently confirming quotes for two structural improvements to the school that will increase access to learning environments and protect them from the weather during eating times and transitioning to and from the library and Undercover Area. The estimated cost for both projects is in the vicinity of \$105 000 which is highly achievable with the access to this funding.

50th Celebrations Steering Committee

The school has employed the services of Perth Branding to develop a refreshed banner for the school to be used in all communications. There was also a special letterhead design purely for the 50th anniversary which displays both the current and past school logo.

The school will be funding a special memento for the students to retain for the 50th year, a button badge referencing the 50th year with logo.

There is opportunity for other merchandise to be purchased and made available for pre-purchase by the wider community such as water bottles, tea towels etc. We are seeking the P&C's support to purchase and on-sell these items as part of its general fundraising as well as supporting the opportunity for our community members to have access to memorabilia.

School Photos

This year the student school photos will be undertaken by MSP in response to parent feedback on our previous supplier. They will also be assisting the school with a promotional session as well as taking a special 50th memorial photo on the school oval.

We are seeking parent feedback on preferences for the presentation file, whether it be a gloss or matt finish. There is also opportunity for a special Year Book to be produced purely based around the 50th Anniversary, however it is at a substantial cost. We would like to canvas the level of support for such an item from the P&C.

Premises

The recent holiday break a painting company was employed to touch up damaged walls throughout the school to ensure the recent painting of the school over the past 3 years was maintained in a professional state. The student's toilets also had their floors retiled which has finalised the upgrade to both toilets which has included wall and floor tiling, painting, repairs to partitioning, new basins and mirrors.

Nature Play/Bushland Area

During the holiday break a large tree in the ECE area dropped a large branch which required removal. It was then discovered the tree was a potential hazard as it had substantial tree rot. The recommendation from the Department was to immediately remove the tree. This has had a dramatic impact on our newly developed Nature Play area within ECE. This tree supported the tyre swing and rope climb. There is now a need to fill this void with other natural play equipment which may be an opportunity for the P&C to support both through funding and installation.

We are also looking at another Busy Bee for later this term to refresh our play areas and tidy the bushland site prior to our 50th Anniversary celebrations. It is likely this will be held during Week 8 of this term.

School Board

A notice will be issued tomorrow advising of two new vacancies on our School Board and calling for nominations to fill these positions. It is vital we fill these positions in a timely manner to ensure we have a quorum to make important decisions on behalf of the school community.

Please encourage any parent you feel may be able to offer strong support to a Board to nominate themselves.

NAPLAN

National NAPLAN results have just been released today indicating how we have performed overall as a State and as a Nation. The specific results for schools and individual students will become available over the coming weeks and will be distributed to parents of students in Year 3 & 5.

In recent years West Morley PS has had outstanding results however our number of disadvantaged students enrolling within our school is providing the challenge to maintain our performance. I am confident the restructures we have established over the past 3 years are clearly supporting the development of all children to enable them to meet their individual potential within the scope of their own specific challenges.

Mr Peter Harty
Principal