



West Morley Primary School

P&C Principal's Report

3rd August 2016

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Election Fundraising

Congratulations and thank you to the P&C for the Election Day fundraising efforts. I know a number of you worked tirelessly which paid off with a fantastic amount raised from the wider community.

Cultural Day

Mrs Maxton coordinated the very successful cultural day on Tuesday of this week with the great support of parents from our varied nationalities. The students enjoyed a range of experiences with a focus on general appreciation of each other's cultural backgrounds.

We also have some very supportive parents exposing the students to a range of languages through our LOTE program for the remainder of the year.

Chaplaincy Application 2017-18

The school has just received advice from the Department regarding the application process for Chaplaincy funding for 2017-18. Unfortunately the applications closing date is 16th August 2016 which allows minimal time for community consultation.

The P&C were so passionate and active in the previous application process in 2014, resulting in State funding being made available for more schools to access the program.

I am seeking community feedback of the program and would welcome any comments from the P&C either in favour or against the program.

The key statements/questions requiring responses within the application are:

- Briefly outline the need for an In School Chaplaincy program at your school.
- Briefly explain how an In School Chaplain would complement the school's provision of pastoral care to students.
- What are the anticipated outcomes for your school?
- Is there community support for In School Chaplaincy services?
- What evidence is there for support for In School Chaplaincy?

Community consultation will also be directed through the School Board, however, any formal response from the P&C will assist in the process and would be greatly appreciated.

Nature Play

A meeting was held between West Morley PS and NEMLDC this afternoon to coordinate the progression of our Nature Play facilities within the school. From the meeting we have engaged the services of one of the NEMLDC staff who has previous experience in developing a whole school Nature Play facility.

She will be released from her role to develop planning, coordinate quotes and basic designs to be presented to the school community for consultation in the coming weeks.

Funding of the project will be met through a range of sources over time, however, the schools are looking to their P&C groups to gain further financial support.

West Morley PS is seeking expression of interest from the P&C in supporting the funding of this project

River Rangers

A meeting was held with a representative from Parks and Wildlife and the Program Coordinator of Cadets WA relating to the River Rangers program. The program is State funded and is aimed at an environmental focus as well as developing teamwork and leadership skills in students in Years 5 & 6.

The school is proposing to apply for inclusion in the program in 2017 and is in the initial consultation phase of the process.

Primarily the school commits to delivering a minimum of 90 mins of week in contact time with students, either in or out of school hours, which includes one excursion per term and a camp within the year. The program is funded to support a range of experiences for the students depending on the school needs.

The school receives an initial \$2000 grant towards set up costs, including student shirts and hats, then

\$350 per student in Year 5 & 6 who participate in the program, up to 50 students. Subsequent to this is access to Lottery West funding applications of up to \$15000 to support the program. There are minimum supervision levels required which can be met from any of the school staff, parents or interested community members. We welcome any initial thoughts, questions or feedback on the program from the P&C.

After School Sports

The school has again been successful in accessing Sporting Schools funding for Term 3. Athletics based sessions will be held for students over a five week period, one session per week for junior primary students and one day a week for upper primary students. Further information will be issued in the coming week.

Crosswalk Attendant

The electronic 40km/h signs are now fully functional along Light Street, however the Traffic Warden Unit has again advised they are unable to man the crossing at this stage in the afternoons. They advised they have applicants for positions who require training and they did not have anyone trained in our area for the start of the term.

Term 3 Events

There are a number of major events this term for students including:

- Interschool Cross Country
- Lapathon
- Farm Ed Incursion
- School Photos
- Book Week
- Faction Carnival
- Interschool Athletics
- Book Fair
- Jump Rope for Heart

A busy term indeed!!

Mr Peter Harty
Principal