



# West Morley Primary School

## P&C Principal's Report

8th June 2016

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Welcome to the Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLC, Member for East Metropolitan Region Labor Party to this evenings P&C meeting.

I am sure many of our members will listen intently and provide you with some constructive feedback and suggestions.

#### Cyber Safety

Following on from concerns raised at our last P&C meeting the following action has been implemented in regards to student's online activities that are school related:

- The issue of internet usage was discussed with students in Year 4-6 with Mr Harty.
- Advice following those discussions was issued to parents from those particular year groups.
- Confirmation that Cyber Safety is an element taught through our explicit ICT lessons delivered by our ICT specialist Mrs Chomiak.
- A whole school review of ICT usage with external support and advice.
- Inclusion of mobile phone, internet usage and other electronic devices within the review of our Positive Behaviour policy.

I thank the P&C for bringing the issue of the inappropriate use of the school's name by students at home to the school's attention. I am sure we will face many more challenges given the level of freedom some of our students have at home when using the internet, a third of students from Years 4-6 indicated that have no restrictions.

As a school we will continue to educate the students and relay recommendations to parents. Hopefully some parents are now aware of the schools concerns and may be more proactive in monitoring their child's use at home.

#### Walk to School Day

Thank you to all the parents who supported our Walk to School Day. It was a very positive response with the majority of our school travelling to school by foot or pedal power.

We hope to sustain this level of engagement as it has had a direct impact on the parking congestion during pick up and drop off times.

#### Healthy Eating PD

On Tuesday 14th June 2016 at 3pm the school will providing a parent workshop on Healthy School Lunchboxes facilitated by Nutrition Force. The cost of the workshop has been paid by the school making it FREE for parents.

This workshop reinforces our school's focus on promoting healthy lifestyles to our students and families. It also forms part of the school's commitment to providing one parent workshop per term.

I encourage all parents to attend the session where possible.

#### QKR App

The school has commenced the use of the QKR App for payments for students attending excursions this term. It has been well received by the parents taking up the option, allowing for convenient, cash free payment.

This will be rolled out further throughout the year, eventually resulting in being available for the majority of school payments and may also include parent approval for items such as excursions.

An email from our School Officer, Mrs Simone Andrews, was forwarded to our P&C President Anthea

Rogers on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016. It is suggesting there is an appetite for QKR to be available for the School Canteen from some of the parents who have taken up the QKR payment option. I highly recommend the P&C look at options of engaging in the program.

### **Pupil Free Day**

We hope parents enjoyed the extra day added on by the school for the long weekend. The staff engaged in some high quality professional development in conjunction with the other 15 schools that form the Morley Schools Network. We thank parents for taking the necessary steps to alter care for students on the day.

### **Crosswalk Attendant**

The school was made aware of a student nearly being hit by a car at our crosswalk at the end of the school day last week. Contact was made immediately to the Traffic Warden State Management Unit requesting immediate action into having the crosswalk attended in the afternoons. 40kmh electronic signs are still awaiting installation along Light Street, as support by our local member, which will assist in making the area a safer zone, however nothing can provide better support than educating students and providing adult supervision by way of a Traffic Warden.

### **Principal Position**

The School Board was advised at its last meeting that the Principal's position at West Morley PS will be advertised as a permanent position during Term 3 of this year. I will remain in the acting role of Principal during Term 3 whilst the process is run and Miss Sudholz will continue to be acting in the Deputy Principal role until the process is completed.

Peter Harty  
Principal