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## P&C Principal's Report

25th October 2017

A big thank you to all P&C members on a successful Term 3 of fundraising events. It is by far the busiest period for the P&C and this year was even busier with increased events so congratulations to all involved in making it such a smooth and successful term.

### Interschool Carnival

Thanks to all members of the P&C who assisted with the fundraising activities at last term's Interschool Faction Carnival. The weather was fine and our school did extremely well in firstly presenting quality facilities for the event then winning the shield for the first time since the development of our Small Schools Association.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept was well attended despite the hampering of rain at times. Thank you to our P&C President, Anthea Rogers, for making a speech on behalf of the P&C. A big acknowledgement to our parent helpers which included Honor Burrows. The day would not have gone ahead without their fantastic work in developing our displays.

The Year 6 students did a fine job of taking visitors on tours of the school grounds as well as fundraising and selling merchandise.

Their Year 6 camp for 2017 has been capped at \$150 per student. Fundraising has ensured this figure was maintained. There is still merchandise available for purchase which will be actively marketed over the remaining weeks of Term 4.

The school purchased special badges for all staff and students to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> year and as valued members of our school community, I am happy to provide our P&C members with their own badge.

### Year 6 Camp

All planning has been concluded for this year's camp at Ern Halliday Camp School.

Miss Cleary, Mr Harty and Shane Thaw will be attending the camp throughout the 3 days with possible visits from Mrs Best and Miss Sudholz during the time there.

Thank you to the P&C for making the camp more affordable for families. Costs have significantly increased over the last few years and the school has struggled this year to maintain the same experiences for the limited cost of \$150 per student.

We are currently reviewing fees and charges for 2018 and it will be likely that there will be an increase in anticipated camp charges to approx. \$170. It would be imperative for continued P&C support in this area to maintain affordable costs.

### Swimming

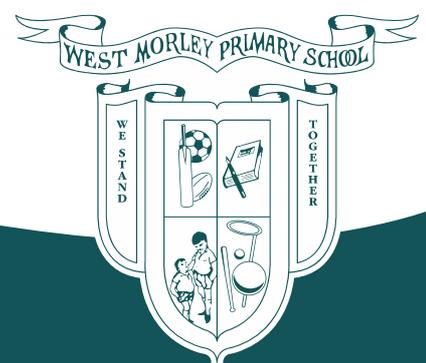
Our students are currently enjoying swimming lessons with a strong participation rate. Thank you to Miss Sudholz for the vast amount of organising this takes. There has been a rapid increase this year in the number of late responses from parents both in relation to forms returned and money paid with many being followed up on the day before swimming which does not assist with planning. The school is looking at ways of encouraging earlier return rates.

### School Photos

Our school photos were successfully undertaken during the wet last week of Term 3. Upon return from the holiday break the photos were returned to the school for proofing. We have been advised by MSP that the photos will be available for parents around Week 6 or 7 of this term.

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### Parent Interviews

Information relating to the booking of parent interviews was distributed this week. Feedback from our first round sessions in Term 2 was highly positive. The format will remain the same as Term 2, however, some teachers will be absent during the interview times and will make alternative times with their relevant parents.

### Parent Surveys

Parent surveys were issued last week and we have had 29 surveys returned to date which is an initial strong response. I encourage all P&C members to complete their survey and encourage other community members to complete a return.

The surveys to date have shown solid support for our school, however, some areas will be highlighted for improvement in 2018 and beyond.

### PA System

The PA system borrowed during our major events at the end of Term 3 proved very effective. The school has now purchased the re-developed outdoor PA system which is very similar to the system used last term. This will ensure ongoing quality sounds for external events.

Work will commence in the coming weeks for the installation of a new internal PA system for the Undercover Area, with a quality cordless mic system, 2 x choir mics, and 2 larger speakers hopefully providing better quality sound that is more reliable.

The cost of both the external and internal systems has been shared between NEMLDC (1/3 share) and West Morley PS (2/3), resulting in the school paying just under \$7000 for both systems.

### New Covered Areas

Work on the new covered areas began during the Term 3 holiday break with the concrete being poured for the large learning area and the walkway to the library erected.

The large playground will be out of action from this Friday during the construction of the large covered area which is anticipated to take approximately 2 weeks. A trough and taps will be installed within the area and an extension of the library walkway will be added to ensure the girls toilets are also covered from the library side.

Upon completion the focus will be on developing the large learning area into a highly effective multi-purpose facility. Discussions are already commencing on the type of flooring to install, cabinetry, seating, play equipment and learning equipment. In the interim the school will utilise the area for students to gather and eat during recess and lunchtime and plans will be developed for open feedback on the significant addition to our school.

There would be great opportunity for the P&C to assist with funding of resources or equipment for use in this area.

### School Business Plan

As the school year draws to a conclusion the School Board and staff are busily reviewing our school's performance in relation to our School's Business Plan. We are coming to the end of our first three years as an Independent Public School which also means the cycle of our initial Business Plan is coming to an end. We will be reviewing our current priority areas and setting targets relevant to the desired outcomes for those priorities. Should parents wish to have input they are welcome to discuss their suggestions with any of our School Board members or arrange to discuss with myself at any time.

Mr Peter Harty  
Principal

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