



Aubin Grove ²

PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Board Principal's Report March 23, 2016

Enrolments: 1103

Lyon Rd Carpark Upgrade

This will take place in April/May and the carpark will be closed for up to 6/7 weeks. I have written to the Chief Engineer at the City of Cockburn to gain approval for parents to park on the oval during the works. His response is for the staff to park in the area behind the goals on the oval and to leave the car park as an overflow for parents.

This is not practical and I will go back to him to try to arrange an alternative option.

Playground Upgrade

I have met with personnel from the Dept of Education and Building Management Works (BMW) seeking upgrades to our Year 1/2 playground area. We are requesting a hard surface in place of the grass and shade and hard cover overhead to make the area a more sustainable and useful area.

We are also requesting alterations to the front office to make our cramped office spaces more effective and roofing over the space between Rooms 36/37 and the Art courtyard.

I am confident that we will get the Year 1/2 playground work and the Rooms 36/37 roof approved. I am only hopeful, not confident of the rest of the work.

All work is scheduled to be completed by June 30.

Emergency Management Planning

The school had its first Evacuation Practice under our new EMP today. We have contracted Dynamiq (Trusted Emergency Management) to work with us to develop an Effective Plan for all situations, train our staff and independently evaluate our first drill.

Feedback was very positive and only a couple of small items were noted:

- One classroom door was unintentionally locked on departure
- The deployment of the Wardens and the time they took to report back took a little longer than we'd like

We expect these to be easily overcome.

This was a planned evacuation. We will have another one this term that will be a surprise and very realistic drill and then we will do the same each term focusing on different scenarios including lock down and bomb threat.

Fathering Project

The Dads of Aubin Grove (DAGS) are off to a great start. I met with five dads recently following the initial meeting at our public School Board meeting on February 22. They are the planning group and have chosen a representative (James Clark) to be our liaison with Colin West at The Fathering Project.

James has set up a DAGS Facebook page as a way of establishing communication and giving fathers and father figures a vehicle to get information, become involved in discussions, find out about events and “try before they buy”.

The first event is a BBQ on May 11 in the undercover area at 7:00. A speaker from the Fathering Project will attend and the group aims to get ideas and feedback from those who attend for future events that will be a combination of fathers/father figures only and fathers/kids.

The planning group will meet again before and after this event to ensure that the night is well organised and that the ideas generated from the night are used to create a timeline of upcoming events for the remainder of the year.

Details will be sent via the school newsletter and email to all families.

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