



Aubin Grove

PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Board Principal's Report May 18, 2016

Enrolments: 1103

Carpark Upgrade

I met with the contractors and the engineering company two weeks ago to try to negotiate the best arrangement for us.

The upgrade will commence after they complete Atwell PS's car park upgrade on or around June 19 and will take approximately four weeks to complete. This means that we can expect to experience inconvenience from parking overflow for only about the first two school weeks of Term Three.

Justine arranged for Councilor Steve Portelli to meet with us at the school to plan a strategy to cater for the overflow. The result is staff will park on the public open space (POS) on Camden Blvd, opposite the school, freeing up the staff car park for the public to use until Lyon Rd is ready again.

The City of Cockburn's conditions for this to happen are being thrashed out with the Department.

Dads of Aubin Grove (DAGs)

The first meeting of The Dads of Aubin Grove (DAGs) will take place this evening, May 18 from 6:30 – 8:00pm. It will be in the form of fellowship (chatting over a bbq and refreshment), followed by a speaker from the Fathering Project WA (Steve Rushworth) and then a brainstorming session to suggest ideas for future events that will be a combination of fathers/father figures only events and fathers and kids events.

Forty four RSVPs have been received at this stage so it should be a successful launch.

Visible Learning and Growth Coaching

Feedback from our 2014 External Review was in the form of a question... "How are you going to maintain the high standards the school has set as it grows and becomes more complex?"

Part of the answer has been our strong consistency around whole school approaches, collaborative planning practices, induction of new staff and devolved leadership structure. Further to these strategies we are planning on entering into a partnership with Corwin Australia for all staff to undertake professional learning on John Hattie's Visible Learning practices. Hattie is world renowned for his research on what works best in education and we will have access to his team of researchers and professional learning leaders to help us to implement these approaches successfully in our school.

The cost is \$20 000/pa with up to three years involvement. For this we get whole staff training, audits of our practices three times per year, follow up training on areas identified for improvement and leadership support.

Aligned with this is our commitment to implementing the Growth Coaching model in which all staff are trained to coach and be coached in implementing the teaching and learning strategies that we identify as critical to achieving improved student learning.

We will also appoint our own Impact Coach (Minimum 0.6), possibly two people combining to make one full time position.

The training commences on June 3 S D Day.

School Newsletter (The LEAF)

The new blog style format has replaced the old newsletter this Thursday. It is an easy to subscribe to newsletter blog that provides a far better resource than the previous one.

It contains:

- An archive to retain old newsletters for people to look back on if needed.
- A constantly up dated calendar of school events
- A tab for P&C news
- The capacity to send news out at any time so that it is current and not just fortnightly as is the case now
- All the old features of the previous newsletter

We will send out reminders for parents to click on and subscribe for this term and after that we will expect parents to be subscribed and get emails whenever a new post is published.

Please give it some time and then provide feedback once you have received a few. We will survey the community for their feedback after an agreed time.

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