

Principal's Report for the School Board Week 8, Term 1, 2019

Cyber safety Presentation- students, staff and parents

Last week, we had the YSafe eCommisioner Taryn Wren out to our school to educate the students, staff and parents about the current climate in Australian regards to cyber safety and how this can impact our children. At Aubin Grove, in a device rich environment, we recognise the importance of developing a strong and well-informed partnership between all stakeholders to ensure that we are relevant with our knowledge and all on the same page when it comes to being cybersmart. Taryn and her presenting partner Chantelle, explored and explained in all sessions:

- the types of social media platforms and online behaviours currently posing the most risk to young children and how to use these spaces safely and at the correct age.
- What parents and staff can do to support and educate their children to keep them safe and who to see/what to do if they are worried or scared when online.
- Cyber bullying management for students, staff and parents. What to do and how to effectively put a stop to these types of situations.
- Frameworks for teacher and administrators to embed into our eSmart policies.
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Taryn is currently consulting with most media outlets as a strong and influential voice in this area and we look forward to establishing a strong connection with Y Safe as we reflect and review our eSmart policy over the next 12 months.

Harmony Day

Last Friday we held our third annual Harmony Day family picnic, which was enjoyed by the whole community. This is such a prominent whole school event for AGPS, with over 31 countries now being represented in our student population and over half of our parents (52%) being born overseas. Children and families dressed in traditional cultural costume for this day or orange to represent harmony and provided the most amazing array of international foods that reflected the rich multicultural community in which we live and learn in. To provide a visual insight into the customs and celebrations of some cultures at AG, we had one of our parents, Ellen Allardice, along with her brother and niece provide our junior classes with a traditional Greek performance, along with lots of plate breaking and dancing from our students! During the picnic, we also provided the community with a very interactive African drumming session in the undercover area, which added to the joyousness of the occasion. The junior choir sang to the community at the end of the school day (their first performance ever!) and we held two community singing sessions throughout the day. The school was beautifully decorated with flags and the classroom doors reflected the different cultures that make up each individual classroom.

First Student Leaders Lunch for 2019

Last Thursday we held our first Leaders Lunch for 2018. 12 randomly selected Year 6 students were invited to attend a lunch with myself, Mr Fritchley and Amberlie to speak on behalf of the student population about ideas, news and issues that are relevant to our student population. This was such an insightful session, as our students worked through many important issues and put plans in place to bring new and exciting ideas to our school environment. This is one of the most rewarding meetings that are held throughout the year and often the ideas that are generated by the students become a reality as they work together. Lalkhrisna and Charlotte will now take these ideas to the School Board on Wednesday in Week 8 to seek approval for what they are hoping to achieve over the next few weeks.

School Review Day

The School Review will be held on Wednesday 10th April in Week 10. Reviewers Rod Lowther (Director of the School Review Team) and Matt Jarmin (School Principal Peer Reviewer) will spend the day at AGPS, to explore their lines of inquiry with the students, staff and parent community. Key documentation that reflects our current school context in the areas of Leadership, Relationships, Teaching Student Progress and Achievement, Resourcing and Learning Environment have been uploaded into the online review tool, which supports the reviewers to gain an initial understanding of our school context. The review process is now a rated as effective or ineffective, in an attempt to make the review process for schools more user friendly.

Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework- CCEN Day, Term 2, 2019

The next school development day at the commencement of Term 2 with is a whole network professional learning opportunity. Schools from the Cockburn Central Education Network will attend the Mt Pleasant Baptist Church on Marmion Street in Booragoon and will engage in the topics surrounding Aboriginal

Education from Professor Simon Forrest from Curtin University, followed by Kevin O'Keefe and Leisal O'Keefe to present a strategic overview about the Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework.

Staff will return to the school in the afternoon to attend more year level focussed sessions appropriate to their individual needs.

ACSF Garden Update

The garden renovation in the front courtyard is still in planning and consultation with a number of landscape designers to get a variety of quotes. This is a requirement of the Department of education in how major works are initiated in schools. The planned commencement of this major refurbishment will commence in the July school holidays and will continue on from that point, if required. The community consultation through the staff, students and school board has been ongoing for several months now and the garden will be recognised as an informal meeting space, reflecting Aboriginal culture and seasonal elements. An outdoor circular meeting space will also be included in the design.

Violence in Schools Department Briefing

All of the administration team have now attended the education minister's briefing to unpack the minister's statement on violence in schools. This briefing outlined 10 actions that all public schools must implement to ensure a united stance of addressing violence in our community. Common to this particular topic, such actions require a great deal of explanation as it is very emotive. Such actions are:

- Students are to be automatically suspended if they attack other student, start fights or film fights (applies more to secondary school settings)
- Move to exclude students who physically attack school staff
- New alternative school settings for the most violent students
- Guidance for staff in responding to aggression
- Training for staff in de-escalation, emergency situations and appropriate restraining techniques
- "good standing" to be implemented for all students at all schools
- free parenting programs for parents
- resources to initiate whole community conversations about violence
- changes to reporting incidents and monitoring
- allowing students to voice their opinions through the Premier's Youth Forum to identify actions to support communities.

This will be work that will commence for our staff, students and community in Term 2, as we look to reviewing our School Code of Conduct, behaviour management processes and ensuring that we approach any changes with a positive education approach.

ANZAC Day Week 10

Will take place in Week 10 on the last Friday of school, from 9:00am. This is an occasion open to the community and all are welcome to attend. Both the junior and senior choir will be performing at this occasion and Lt Gruber, a parent at our school who is currently serving in the Australian Defence Forces will address the students and attendees in a keynote speech for this very special occasion for our school. Years 4 to 6 students will attend the service.

Connect for Communication

Connect is now in operation for parents and staff at our school. Each teacher now has a space for their class, which can only be accessed through the username and password, sent out to parent 1 and 2 on our school contact information. The school administration also has a space to make contact with the whole school community for notification, new letters and reminders. A carousel of photos will also accompany this page and will not be visible to the public beyond the school community. Connect will evolve as we become more proficient at using and posting to this platform, however, it is designed to be slightly more limiting for teachers, so parents are not being overburdened by too many posts. Teachers have been requested to post no more than 2 times per week, unless the class has an important event coming up.

Currently the Aubin Grove PS Facebook page is still in operation and the purpose of this page is for instant public promotion of the school, similar to the website's role. Only our IT specialist, Michelle Martin and Marika Glover, our Canteen Manager is posting to this page, which controls what can be posted to this page and also supports those families who have requested photo restrictions for their families.