

**School Board**  
**PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE**  
**WEEK 9, TERM 2, 2019**

**Visible Learning Contract with Corwin**

Our School Development Day marked our final professional learning session with Corwin Australia on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Frank had negotiated and signed off on a three year contract with this renowned professional learning provider to enhance the teaching and learning and we have been very fortunate to have their expertise to support our implementation of Visible Learning with the most up to date research to support and guide us.

We will still have the annual capability assessment to provide us with longitudinal data of our effectiveness to complete in October this year, in addition to Tara Lalor is still in the Impact Coach role for the remainder of this year, two days per week. Staffing for 2020 will determine as to if continuing with this role will still be financially a viable option for our school. We will also speak with Corwin to determine as to how they continue to support us with the capability assessments each year, to continue to measure our progress in this area.

**Reporting to Parents**

Formal school reports will be released to families again electronically in Week 10. We will do 2 electronic releases, which will include email and Connect with the plan to only release via Connect in Semester 2

**Bushfire Planning**

I have recently attended a briefing at South Metro office on the latest release from the Department in regards to how they are trying to streamline this planning for all schools with the support of DFES. A new planning template will be released in July and schools classed as high and extremely high will be supported. We are currently classed as moderate; however, our evacuation plan does not reflect the changes in the departments planning for fire evacuation.

We need to work with our risk management company Dynamic, to now include an evacuation plan, in addition to including 2 external spaces in our community that our students could be transported to in the case of a fire evacuation. Significant planning and approval from Cockburn City Council will be required to support us in this planning process over the next term.

**Administration Team PL**

Recently the Admin Team have participated in a variety of professional learning opportunities to support the planning and direction for self-improvement in the school. In Week 7, the whole team attended Leading School Improvement at the Institute with leading academic, Vic Zbar. It allowed us the opportunity and time to discuss and plan, using the business plan and school review recommendations, based on Vic's research and approach. This is ongoing work, but a very strategic approach to our start in this area. Both Lynna and Craig have also attended the Verbal Judo PL last week which provides strategies for managing difficult conversations, both of which mentioned that this was one of the most valuable PL sessions they had attended.

**Buildings and Works**

We recently had a veranda/undercover space constructed between the Art and Music buildings to protect students in these classrooms in adverse weather, which has been welcomed by all students and both Mrs Hall and Mrs Borlase, who work from these classrooms. A new kiss and drop shelter, financed by the P and C will be constructed outside Lyon Rd before the conclusion of the term.

**Communities**

Our Senior Choir, led by Mrs Hall visited Regents Gardens yesterday to showcase their performance skills to the residents. Unfortunately, the Junior Choir were cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions. Hopefully rescheduling in Week 9 will still allow the juniors to experience this opportunity for performance to the public.