



Aubin Grove

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal's Report for the School Board Term 2, Week 8 2021

Welcome to Our New Board Parent Members

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new parent member, Lindsay Tacy to our board membership and to re-welcome, Simon Lalor back to the board for his second term. Welcome to you both and I know that our school community have placed great trust in you both to represent the Aubin Grove families on this governing body to the highest level. Our new member, Lindsay and her husband Johnathan have two children enrolled in our school, Isabella in Mrs Foote and Mrs Arrowsmith's Year 4 class and Oliver in Year 2 with Miss Franker. Simon and Tara; a former foundation classroom teacher at AGPS, have two children attending our school, Eva in Year 3 with Mrs Woon and Ally in Year 1 with Mrs Collinson and Mrs Barlow's classroom.

Welcome again to you both and we look forward to partnering with you to drive our school improvement plan throughout your tenure.

School Development Day Term 2

We recently held our second school development day on Friday 4th June to undertake some important learning together to commence our new school business plan. We were able to use this time to examine the new document and explore with our operational groups how we are going to plan for our next steps in bringing this document to life. We understand that there is a transitional time in completing the work of the previous plan as we move this year into addressing the targets in the new plan, therefore timelining how this transition is going to occur. We also spent some time reviewing and reflecting upon the whole school agreed Mathematics Block, the inclusion of the new COSIC problem solving strategy and looked at some ideas for teaching the agreed mental strategies, taught across all phases of learning. Other sessions that were held throughout the day were Visible Learning Thinking Routines, a hands-on session for learning further tips on accessibility for MacBooks and iPads and a variety of department online learning options. It was a productive and positive day for all staff, who all took the opportunity to reconnect after a busy start to the term and strategically plan together.

Formal Reporting- Accessible to Parents in Week 11

Each student's Semester One formal report will be available to all parents commencing in Week 11, from June 28th. All families can access their child's report electronically via their secure Connect log in. Those families who have forgotten how to access Connect can seek support from the front office staff, who can advise families how to access this platform either on their computers or mobile devices. Most public schools now provide the formal reports electronically with the hard copy report now being phased out.

Che Hillson Wins Permanent Phys-Ed Position at Park Wood PS

I have some news to share with you all about a staff member achieving something special. I have known now for a couple of weeks that Che recently applied for the permanent phys-ed position at Parkwood Primary School. When he told me of his intentions of applying to win a permanent position, I knew that this was only going to have one outcome... of Che winning the job. Of course, he has won the permanent position!

We all know how fantastic Che is at his job and what incredible support and humour he has brought to our school community. Craig and Che are the dynamic duo, and together, have taken our phys-ed program to the next level over the past few years. He has brought the Sporting Schools funding to AGPS, which has afforded us quality coaching and programs of interest for our children out of school hours. He has led the specialist team for two years and has always gone above and beyond to support myself and the admin team, whether we have asked him to or not. Personally, he has often made my day with his humorous Hangouts and take on life and we can all agree he is friendly, kind and fun. When I told the Principal at Parkwood all about Che's personal attributes beyond what he does in the classroom each day, he was very keen to get to know him.

Congratulations Che on this wonderful achievement and enjoy all of the perks that a permanent position can now grant you! Che's last day at AGPS will be on Friday 18th June attending the Senior Winter Carnival. I know that you will all join me in wishing Che all the very best of luck for his new job and I am sure we will find the time very soon before he goes to acknowledge his contributions as a staff.

Che's replacement for Semester 2 will be announced in the near future.

Support for the P and C

I am calling upon the School Board members in their public position to advocate for our school's P and C group, who are struggling with attracting the volunteer hours required to run a successful P and C group. There is a small group of parents, led for the second year by President, Kieran Best, who are working tirelessly and consistently to provide the community with opportunities for fundraising and social events. However, the number of families offering to the support to the P and C is a small percentage of the entire community. The P and C has trialled several ways to increase the number of volunteers actively providing small contributions of service and meeting attendance, but have yet to have success. As a result, this year they have decided to reduce the fundraising events in order to keep the running of the P and C manageable. This will ultimately have a impact of the financial position of the school and what resources and upgrades can be planned for the future. The P and C members are planning to run a short survey to be sent to all families to help determine what are the potential roadblocks, stopping families from attending meetings and supporting fundraising initiatives.

Security Around the School After Hours

There has recently been some serious escalation of crime around our school site, despite the addition of external lighting, coded entry to gates and cameras to monitor activity out of school business hours. Over the period of two weeks, there has been unreported car damage in the car park, resulting in a staff members car requiring towing and costly repair, there has been a number of reports of individuals loitering around the gates and back service area and alleged transactional dealings and antisocial behaviour taking place in the car parks. Identifying these incidents and sharing footage with the WA Police takes additional resources and time away from the general business of school and it is concerning that these types of behaviours appear to be escalating around our community, a place and space where our children deserve to be safe. Based on the most recent incident taking place last Thursday evening, I will be sharing my concerns with the CoSafe team to increase patrols in the area and will also again audit our lighting to ensure that the external areas of the school are extremely visible to the community. I am requesting that the community collectively report any suspicious behaviour to CoSafe and the community police.