



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO P&C

6 August 2019

1. Reflections on the Past 12 months

This time last year I had just commenced in the role of Principal at Banksia Grove East Primary School (planning name). A few weeks after I commenced we held a Community Café where parents and community members had the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas about the future of our school. From this event a Steering Committee was formed. This important parent group contributed to critical decisions about the name of the school, its logo, motto, uniform, artwork, times etc. The School Board and P&C have now taken over the role of the Steering Committee. In 12 months we have moved from thoughts and ideas about what might be to an actual school with physical buildings, active parents, hardworking staff and successful students. I am very proud of our school and want to thank our P&C for their contribution to making it a success. I look forward to the next 12 months and beyond as we continue to build a wonderful learning community here at Grandis.

2. Business Plan

The school Business Plan has been uploaded to Schools Online as well as the school website. This document is very important as it guides all that we do over the next three years. I encourage parents to take the time to get to know the plan.

3. Languages Teaching 2020 and beyond

The attached information sheet 'Benefits of Learning a Language' provides a good summary of why we teach languages in schools. From 2018 it has been compulsory for students to learn a language. The implementation timeline has been staged with Year 3 – 5 students requiring instruction by 2020 and Year 3 – 6 by 2021. When deciding on a language we need to consider a number of factors including:

- **Local context.** What languages are being taught in other local schools?
- **Cultural diversity.** What languages are currently spoken at home?
- **Approved languages.** What languages are we permitted to teach?
- **Relevance.** Is the language relevant to our students?
- **Complexity.** How difficult is the language to learn (oral and written)?
- **Availability of quality teachers.** Who will teach the language?
- **Available support for language.** What resources are available to support the program?

4. Coming Events

23 August – Newsletter Edition 8
3 September – School Board meeting and P&C Meeting
10 September – Learning Journey
17 September – WACSSO P&C Training evening
27 September – Newsletter Edition 9

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