

Principal's Report

Building Community Partnerships

The School Board have been keen to engage community businesses with Yokine PS. To develop this I have been in correspondence with Clint White from *The Professionals Kelly Team*.

I presented a few proposals for their consideration.

- Once a term Clint or a representatives purchase and present a book or book voucher to a student who has been nominated by their teachers for excellence in reading.
- Help support our school through communicating to potential buyers and Yokine PS families via a small flyer we would develop and publish.

I also presented for consideration the funding of a voucher of some sort around the \$200 mark so that we are able to use this as an incentive for parents to pay their Voluntary Contributions by the end of this term.

Clint was more than happy to oblige with all requests as well as offering us the opportunity to write a small piece about YPS for their next quarterly newsletter.

The Professionals Kelly Team Reading Reward will begin on June 23. Teachers will nominate a student who has shown effort and progress in their reading.

PALS (Partnership Acceptance Learning Sharing) Grant

We have been successful again this year for funding to develop an Aboriginal Art work. Lorraine will be working with the staff to develop some ideas. We are looking mostly at beautification of the school grounds through art integrating this with Aboriginal culture i.e.: wall art, totem garden poles, mosaics are some ideas.

Curriculum

We began Literacy Blocks this year. They are similar to the Maths blocks and function towards providing a student centred approach to learning and catering for the needs of all students regardless of their level. We have also taken Jo Greenway out of the class Mondays to work on developing a Challenge Program across the school. Jo has expert knowledge in challenging students at all levels. She will support teachers in the class and provide strategies that will challenge students thinking.

School Board Development Program

Brad Gannon, Helen and I will be attending a 2 day conference on the governance of School boards. This program provides board members with tools, learning and resources to build their capacity across a range of areas, particularly in relation to influencing the directions of their schools. The Department have requested that all SB Chairs, Principal and Executive staff attend. All information from the program will be disseminated to the SB members to ensure we continue to have a well-informed, high functioning SB.

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