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Austinmer PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal's Report for Wednesday 5th May 2010

Federal Government Stimulus Package

Building Education Revolution

And still the big noisy work continues. Anticipated finishing time remains as the end of Term 2 2010. The stage remains as part of the project. A solar panel unit generating 1.5 kW will be built on top of A Block (above the classrooms of Mrs Reid and Ms Burgess). All staff and Jodie Pryor have inspected the facility and we are all eagerly awaiting the completion of the hall.

New Classroom and Demountable Replacements

We are still awaiting furniture for Ms Soper's new demountable. Our original advice has the furniture arriving last week - our latest advice suggests we still have a three month wait. Mrs Gleeson has agreed to a furniture 'swap'.

We still anticipate mid year (hopefully during Term 2/3 holidays) installation of four new (ie refurbished) demountable rooms. We have also been promised furniture to be available with these demountables, but given our current lack of success, we will have to wait and see.

Annual School Report 2009

The 2009 Annual School Report is now published and available for download from the school website.

School Learning Support Program

We are now in the trial phase of the new SLSP for the 2010 triennium. Our school learning support teacher has been appointed, but she is currently on leave and attending an international conference in Europe. The new model does offer some flexibility with funding, but the key component to the program is providing support to students with special learning needs.

The model we must follow via the protocols of the trial, do not allow for the one on one intervention approach we are adopting with the P & C funded model. As such, I hope that the P & C will see fit to continue the funding model agreed to at the first meeting of this 2010.

Setting Voluntary School Contributions

These are slowly rolling in. It has been very pleasing to see the number of parents choosing to provide above the P & C recommended contribution. Following previous P & C suggestions, reminder invoices will be sent out tomorrow.

School Based ICT Interactive Whiteboard Funding

The amazing support of our community to Ms Soper's initiative has been so pleasing. We now have enough funding to obtain one Interactive Whiteboard. This Friday, Ms Soper and Ms Burgess will be visiting three different schools to view their installations of eBeams. These are a similar technology to the interactive whiteboard, but can be installed for around \$2500.

PBS Update

As a staff very happy with the progress being made with our PBS program.

Helen Wheelan is your parent representative on our committee and has delivered a report regarding the program.

Added to this the school has developed a behaviour matrix that outlines staff responses to inappropriate student behaviours.

To further support student welfare, we have also produced two easy to read summaries for parents; How to Approach Your School and Feeling Safe and Valued at Austinmer Public School (this is in relation to our anti -bullying programs and policies).

NAPLAN 2010

This is an issue for all students, staff, parents and the wider community. At the risk of not providing enough detail in my written report, I welcome any question, so that I can provide a full and detailed response.

Suffice to say that for 2010, NAPLAN testing will be available to all of our students in Years 3 and 5.

Paul Petersen

9th March 2010