



Welcome to the latest edition of the GC News

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2018 Governing Council Members:

Chairperson	Andre Stuyt
Deputy Chairperson	Nick Henderson
Secretary	Tracy Fitzjohn
Treasurer	Simon Lemmo
Council Members	Brie Dams
	Ali Barry
	Sarah-Jane Lambe
	Peter Richings
	Amar Banga
Principal	David Cowles
Staff Representatives	Sue Lemmer
	Ali Lovegrove



Chairperson Update:

There are so many good things happening at Mawson Lakes School. Building on the great work of the 2017 Governing Council Members, in 2018 representatives have reviewed and endorsed the School's Site Learning Improvement Plan, updated school policies in line with contemporary practices and invited teachers and the kids council to compile a list of worthy items that could be purchased to contribute to

improved learnings, play and quality of school life. It was exciting to see a range of suggestions including:

- Equipment to establish a green room recording studio for students to learn the skills of video production and documentary making for the new STEM Building
- Chilled Water Fountain for the East campus (Student Council request)
- 35 Portable Keyboards enabling each student to play their own instrument in music classes
- Outdoor chairs and other hardy equipment for the popular nature play area (Student Council request)
- "Stop bullying safe school zone" signs installed around the school grounds. (Student Council request)
- Resources for themed small world play items and story tables as part of an early year's literacy project

All up 14 separate projects items were submitted for consideration with all ideas being funded, at a total cost of almost \$20,000, drawn entirely from the fundraising funds.

Special acknowledgement goes out to Brie Dams and hard-working members of Fundraising Committee for initiating various fundraising activities, and you as parents and guardians for your fundraising support, to make these worthwhile purchases possible.

Footbridge across dry creek linking the east & west school campus:

The adequacy of the footbridge across Dry Creek linking both campuses of the school is an issue that has been raised by members of the school community for many years. We share your frustration that this footbridge, used by students, teachers and parents, remains substandard. It is well documented that when high water flows inundate the footbridge during school hours the disruption to school activity is considerable. The Salisbury Council has responsibility for the repair and maintenance of this footbridge. With council elections in November, the Governing Council will be instigating a campaign to secure a commitment from Elected Members (and Council) in FY18/19 to construct a new footbridge that



is not susceptible to inundation. Stay tune for more information – we will need your support!

New STEM room opens!

We have moved into our new \$1M STEM works building and the students are having an amazing time creating, tinkering, prototyping and building many items that started as an idea! The three distinct areas of the building means that students can go from room to room seamlessly and use all of the different elements of each room, for their projects. Governing Council provided additional funding to this building of \$80 000 and this has meant many items could be included in the final product including great building and storage areas.

The official opening of the STEM Works Facility is scheduled for 28th August 2018 with the Education Minister opening it. Parents are welcome to visit and inspect this outstanding learning facility at the Special Visitors/ Grandparents Day on Thursday 30th of August.

Mawson Lakes School goes solar!

The Education Department provided us with \$250 000 to convert our school to solar power and provide learning areas with more energy efficient LED lighting options. On top of the Gym there are now over 100 solar panels that provide us with more than enough power to run our school. This is significantly reducing our 'carbon footprint' and our students can also look at a software programme that shows them how much power is being generated and this info can be used for school projects.



FUNdraising have a number of exciting events planned for this year. The annual school disco, sports day which includes hairspray & bake sale and this year for the first time we will have a fundraising area at the

Mawson Lakes Christmas Carols where you can buy programs and other fundraising items.

Did you know that all the money we raise goes back into the kids wish list items along with the teachers/school wish list items? This means that we as a school, through Governing Council, have a big say in what this money is used for.

Monies raised this year and from the past few years has been put aside to allow purchasing to commence for everything on the kids wish list along with the teachers wish list. Items such as cold water fountains, JP play-scape and Primary bike shelter and school sports uniforms/ equipment are just some examples of projects undertaken due to fundraising.

If you have an interest in fundraising or would like to join the committee, please contact us via email



The Sports Committee have been able to purchase 60 new uniforms with money raised from fundraising. Approximately 50 being multipurpose sports tops and 10 netball uniforms to assist with the growing netball teams.

The tops are predominantly navy blue with some white across the front and the school logo in the top left hand corner and on the back Mawson Lakes in big letters and a number. It will be great to see all the sports teams in the same uniform at sporting events.

Who to contact for more information?



If you would like further information on Governing Council and the role it plays within the school or if you have anything you would like to discuss with a Governing Council member feel free to approach anyone of us during school drop off or pick up, or you can contact us via:

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