



Principal/Vice Principal Report - January 2019

Happy New Year everyone!

We had a calm start to 2019 here at ACES, everyone is back and working hard.

- **Flag at half mast** to honour the people who lost their lives in the tragic bus accident on Friday. Our thoughts are with all the families who were impacted by this event, and with the first responders who were there. We are not aware of anyone in our ACES family who was directly affected by the accident, but have supports available at the school if they are needed. With all the media attention, some of our students may be struggling to deal with what they are seeing on TV or on social media. We are considering sending out an email to our families to let them know that supports are available, and to pass on this tips sheet ([link here](#)).
- **School Council Website Training** - Brenda from Website Support and Training is available to provide training in the morning, afternoon or evening (if necessary) at your school in January or February. We need to give her the name(s) of anyone who will be responsible for editing the website and let her know a date and time that works.
- **I-pads** - Thank you for the motion allowing us to purchase ipads for the kindergarten classrooms. One has been purchased, and we will clarify with the kindergarten team whether the second one is needed.
- **Forest of Reading** books have been purchased - thank you for funding that. Priyanka has already established a system for ensuring that teachers and students have access to the books, so that we can vote for our favourites.
- **Safety** - we are always looking for ways to make our school safer. This year, our new GLP class has led to more vans than we have had in the past, and we have been working hard to find the safest, most efficient way of getting our buses and vans through our bus loop. To this end, we have changed the way they line up, and when they are released, so that there is no passing at all in the bus lane. This has been going very smoothly. We have also tightened up the kiss 'n ride, using pylons to prevent parents from passing, and ongoing education to help parents use the kiss 'n ride safely, and keep the flow of vehicles moving.
- **Kindergarten Information Night** - tomorrow at 5pm. Get the word out to your neighbours, encourage them to come and learn about our program. It would be great if a member of council were able to come; you give a different perspective as a parent, and I'm sure that would be appreciated.

- **Teacher Wish List** - teachers really appreciate the money for scientists in the school, bussing. In the past few years we have not done a teacher wish list per se, but have used that money to order items that all teachers can use - flexible seating, makerspace. Wondering what council is considering for this year? One option might be to assign an amount for each teacher (35 teachers), or for each class (26 classes).