



Newman Parents Consultative Committee

19.02

Monday 5 August 2019, 7.00pm
Auditorium, Studio 1

Minutes

1. John opened the meeting and Dan led the reflection & prayer.
2. Report from the Leader of Wellbeing Early Childhood – Lisa McClue

2.1 Little Discoverers Playgroup

- Playgroup provides a child-focused environment for children 0-3 years old and their parents to collaborate, foster a sense of community, develop skills (social/emotional/cognitive) and become familiar with a school-based environment.
- Trial in Term 2 proved very popular. There was a huge uptake which has resulted in the College expanding the program to Mondays and Tuesdays for Semester 2.
- There is a waitlist for Mondays and only a few places left for Tuesdays.

2.2 Parent Workshops

- Both Marian and Lavalla will be running parent workshops to support home and school connection.
- Marian 22 August and Lavalla 29 August.
- Workshops will support developing; hand-on numeracy games, reading comprehension / early reading skills, fine motor skills and growth mindset.

2.3 National Quality Standards

- The National Quality Standard (NQS) sets a high national benchmark for early childhood education and care and outside school hours care services in Australia.
- The NQS includes 7 quality areas that are important outcomes for children.
- The College is assessed and rated against the NQS 7 quality areas.
- The current focus areas on the Marian Campus are; increasing child agency across the PK-2 classrooms, opportunities for student voice, sustainability, learning cycles, critical reflections, methods of assessment.

2.4 Governance and Leadership

- We are currently re-writing our Early Childhood Philosophy statement.
- All staff on the campus are involved (Teachers and EA's).
- Need for common language and shared pedagogical beliefs and practices.

3. Report from the Leader of Pedagogy – Peter Jones

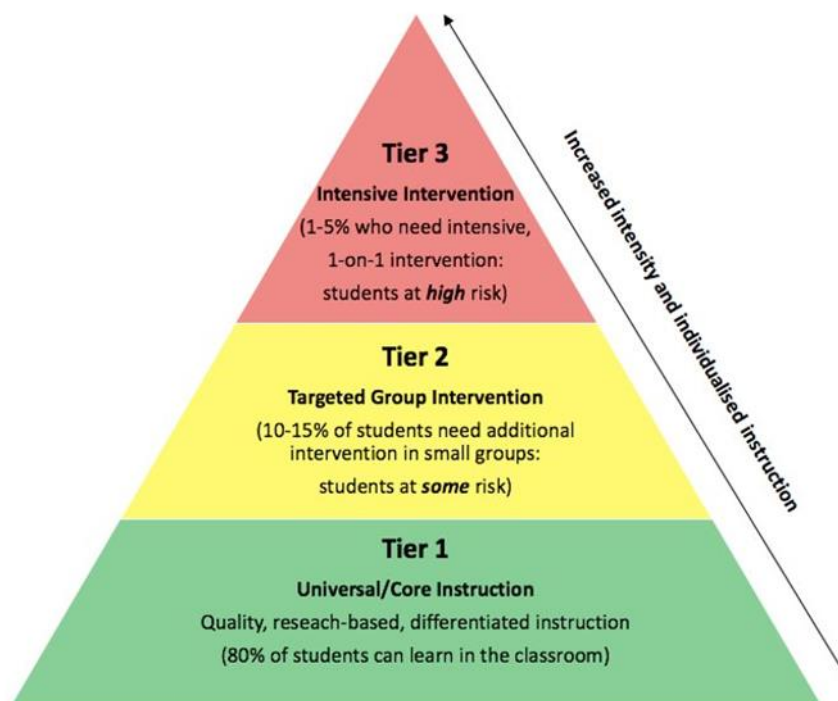
3.1 Whole School Literacy Plan

- Two of the key areas of the Annual School Improvement Plan (ASIP) the College has been focused on developing this year is Literacy and Data.
- The need for a whole school literacy pedagogy which promotes the adoption of a shared language across learning areas PK-12 is vital.
- Different focus across each campus and learning area. Overseen by Leaders of: Pedagogy, Literacy, Teacher Leaders, Learning Area Leaders.
- Data informed and evidence based - WACE Allwell NAPLAN Obs Survey
- In 2019 the College (along with 21 other CEWA schools) has been involved with Lyn Sharratt and the Literacy Collective – An evidence-based program designed to guide and support teachers. This has also created a platform for sharing practices that work across other schools.

Newman College is now offering MacqLit – an intensive program that provides reading instruction for older struggling readers (Grade 3 upwards). The College has put a huge investment into this

3.2 The RTI (Response to Intervention) Model

- The College uses the RTI Model across the three campuses; a multi-tier approach to the early identification and support of students with learning and behavior needs.



Tier One	Tier Two	Tier Three
Differentiation	Grouping and classes	Literacy intervention - MacqLit
Increased emphasis on reading	Literacy support classes	Reading groups
Direct vocabulary instruction	Reading groups (Invited)	OLNA preparation programs
Explicit teaching of comprehension strategies	OLNA support programs	
Data-driven teaching		

3.3 Marian Campus

- A Handwriting committee has been developed to review and resource handwriting approaches.
- Staff have been working through the writing scope and sequence to order the different writing types and styles. The intended benefit is to better match the needs and interests of the students across K-6.
- Over \$9000 has been spent on revamping the guided reading resources, which has been backed by data wall.

3.4 Lavalla Campus

- Staff have been working through the writing scope and sequence to order the different writing types and styles. The intended benefit is to better match the needs and interests of the students across K-6.
- Implemented Progressive Achievement Tests in Reading (PATR) – assess students' reading comprehension skills, vocabulary knowledge and spelling, backed by data wall

3.5 Marcellin Campus

- Increased focus on Tier 3 (RTI Model)
- Introduction of MacqLit - An intensive program that provides reading instruction for older struggling readers (Grade 3 upwards). Delivered one-on-one or in small groups of 2-6. The program consists of carefully sequenced lessons, offering explicit literacy instruction for 1 hour a day, 4-5 times a week.
- Increased literacy focus on specific Learning areas e.g in Science, pre and post unit vocabulary tests to map effectiveness and improvement.

4. Report from the Deputy Principal, Mission and Catholic Identity – Daniel Lynch

4.1 Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

- The ACYF is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC).
- Provides young Australians with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia.
- Being held in Perth between 8 – 10 December 2019.
- Students in Year 9 are invited to apply to attend the ACYF.
- In preparation for the ACYF, students considering applying will attend the Veritas Night, held at John XXIII College in Mt Claremont on Friday 9 August. Veritas is a state-wide conference and festival, which aims to provide young people in Western Australia with an opportunity to deepen their faith and take an active role in the Church and community.

4.2 Changes to REMAR Program

- In 2020, Newman College will launch Marist Youth Ministry Australia's 'Gamechangers' youth ministry program. Gamechangers will take the place of the existing REMAR Program as the National Marist Youth Ministry Team works with schools across our Marist network to implement a variety of opportunities for school-based Youth Ministry.

5. Principal – John Finneran

5.1 Development of the 2020 Strategic Plan

- The intent of the Vision for Learning, *Shine through Discovery* is to seek to align the school as a PK-12 College community and collaborate with families, teachers and students to build the experience of our students.
- Still have work to do to.
- NPCC engaged to assist in the 2020 Strategic planning process. Scoping data which will be taken back to SLT and Marist Schools Australia.

- NPCC asked to identify three aspects of Newman College that engages your children in their learning? Identify three areas that you would like to see improved? What new initiatives or programs would you like to see?
- Proposed to hold three listening forums over a number of weeks (parent focused and student focused).

6. Feedback Session

6.1 Departure of Mitch and lack of communication by the College.

- As outlined in a communication to all primary families during mid-June, Mitch Bristow was seconded to the position of Acting Principal St Thomas Primary School. This occurred following the Executive Director CEWA contacting John to seek his permission. Such a secondment is a significant promotional opportunity and John was delighted to be able to support Mitch in the development of his future career in this way.

6.2 Rain shelter at Lavalla pick-up area has still not been replaced.

- The rain shelter at the Lavalla pick up area was found to be structurally unsound and therefore dismantled. A global audit is currently being conducted of the Lavalla Campus in terms of repairs and maintenance and the rain shelter will be considered within this audit.

6.3 Capital Development update

- We go to tender next week. View to commence work at the beginning of October with the intention for the building to be completed by October 2020.

7. Upcoming Events

7.1 Newman Parents evening – Monday 16 September 2019

- Paul Dillon, Director and founder of Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA) will present: *Risk taking: Why do teens do the things they do? What can parents can do to keep them as safe as possible?* - teens, drugs and alcohol presentation.

8. Raffle Draw

9. Close and Next Meeting

Monday 28 October, 7.00pm, Marist Auditorium
