

Minutes for Assistant Principal Meeting, 14th May 2008

Meeting held at Mary's Mount Primary School.

2:30 – 4:30pm

Present: Barbara Devine; Di Scriven; Andrea Millar; Janine Roach; Tony Corbett; Keith Mumme; Rosemary Lambe; Mel Allen; Mike Sibbald; Margaret Valentine and Tracey Muller

Discussion Points:

- **Homework. How does our different schools view this and what happens in the different classes?**

A general discussion was held that included the often noted comment we receive that a small amount of homework is given in the early days of Year 8 and graduates from Year Seven comment on this difference. It can be viewed that because of the structure of homework in many Year Seven classrooms, the children may see the homework as a light amount because they have been taught to be organised in their approach to the tasks. The skills learnt in the primary sector become more practised as the homework load increases. A Homework Grid was shared by Barbara and photocopies taken for those present at the meeting. Mel offered to research this initiative further. (The email with attachments will be forwarded to everyone. Many thanks Mel for your work.)

- **Strengths. What does each school present consider to be a strength? Opportunity will be given to discuss these.**

Maria Goretti – Athletics; RAISe Literacy; SmartBoards; Blue Earth

Matthew Gibney – Athletics; Targeting Maths

St Michael's – Art Program

St Brigid's (Middle Swan) – strength of rapport between staff members; programs in place that run smoothly; the meeting of staff needs

St Helena's – Interactive Boards; pastoral care between members of the school community

Mary's Mount – Numeracy RAISe; EDU Dance

- **Peer Exchange. Advantages and disadvantages of teacher visits. Are we able/do we want to organise something within our region?**

This agenda item was not covered because of extent of discussion with previous items. General consensus was that this can be discussed at next meeting. Ideas for Professional Development in our schools can also be included in the next agenda.

Next Meeting in Term Three will be organised by St Anthony's, Greenmount.