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Message from the Executive Head

Helen Keller said, "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." There is a wealth of information and experience in our community. A connected school community is a group of scholars, teachers, parents and other people in the community, who learn from each other, in a collaborative environment, inside and outside the classroom. It enhances learning outcomes, support, collaboration and well-being for the entire school. Scholars are exposed to real-life experiences and form partnerships with businesses, volunteer organisations, retirement homes and churches, bringing added resources and accountability to schools.

This week our Wembley marketer, Mrs Louise Yeadon, met with marketing teams from Triton, Jupidex, Pidelta, Mascor and Starke Ayres to discuss synergy, sharing and connecting ideas. Exposure to businesses in the community exposes our scholars to potential future employment and career opportunities. In addition, access to internships helps local businesses identify talented scholars who could bring value to these companies. In turn, this will ground the whole school vision in sustainability, starting with the Greytown community and extending to the broader world.

A connected school community supports personalised learning journeys: No scholar learns the same way or at the same pace. Connecting people within the school community creates a greater sense of belonging, pride, and motivation to teach and learn. By inviting local professionals to present a workshop and share their knowledge and experience, scholars learn that their lessons have real-world use. Scholars can prepare questions, engage in hands-on activities with a local professional, and come away feeling excited about their experience. It also shows them there are adults in their community who are eager to help them and hear their ideas and questions. Providing opportunities to collaborate enhances accountability across the whole school community and contributes to the school's values and goals. No school can exist without the support of its wider community, and we plan to explore all opportunities to be part of a connected school community.

Kind regards,

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