

West Busselton Primary School visit by the President

Reaching out to the communities in Western Australia is something I feel very passionately about. So when the opportunity arose to visit the West Busselton Primary School, I felt it was a great chance to meet with primary school children to talk with them about our parliamentary system.

My visit to the school tied in with the students' recent visit to Parliament House earlier in the year.

I spoke with the Year 6 and 7 students on a range of topics from the beginnings of the world's first Parliamentary system to the process involved in passing legislation.

I was surprised and impressed by the wide range of interesting questions asked by students following my presentation. The questions ranged from fishing restrictions to what has been some of the longest Parliamentary debates I have been involved in.

Through talking with the students, I am hoping that it has helped them develop an understanding of representative democracy - having a say and being heard. It develops the idea that even though Parliament is based in Perth, it is a place where distant voices can be heard. As a member for regional WA, I am keen to improve connections between Parliament and our people living in rural and remote Western Australia.



Picture: The President discussing with the Year 6 and 7 class from West Busselton Primary school about the Western Australia's parliamentary system.