

St Augustine Primary School

School Board Report 2014

In many ways this year can best be described as a consolidation year for the School Board. The Board in 2014 has comprised of a significant number of new members from the school community to whom I would like to thank for their collegiality, contributions to lively discussion and above all their professionalism. It is not an easy task to successfully synthesise the point of view belonging to the parent as well as belonging to a community. Throw in a diverse range of occupational skills which are extremely useful to our task as Board members, and you have a fired up group of individuals whose main brief is to basically support the Principal and school.

Perhaps the most memorable call to action this year was the Board's response to the School Climate Survey. Whilst coming to grips with the results of the survey, our task was coupled with the Board's submission of data towards Jonnine's Principal Review. The survey and review in Semester One gave us the impetus to really think about how we would like to further contribute to the school community effectively.

All decision-making and action processes at our meetings this year have sat neatly under the Catholic Education Office's LEAD framework - Learning (Education), Engagement (Community), Accountability (Stewardship) and Discipleship (Catholic Identity). As a school board we have been consulted and informed on a number of different things under the four banners. Jonnine has patiently answered our questions and taken on board our suggestions, but overall I believe the board has functioned effectively as a parent and community forum to which the Principal can freely consult.

The main areas of discussion and action in 2014 for the School Board have been:

Maintenance – a particularly huge thank you to Shane Taraborrelli, board member, and Ben Admans, parent

Further developing community relations

Pre-Kindy viability

Canteen menu

Information, Communication and Technology

Flexible learning spaces

Co-curricular and sporting opportunities

I would like to thank all members of the school board for their fine efforts and contributions this year - Ronny Berchicci, Tamara Gray, Bayden Johnson, Shane Taraborrelli, Ben Killigrew, Michelle Shelhot, Andy DiCarlantonio, Fr Brian McKenna (Parish representative) and Jonnine Lamborne (Principal). Our Board Treasurer, and numbers extraordinaire, Ronny, ends his term this year. Thank you Ronny and please accept our best wishes.

Finally, on behalf of the School Board I would like to acknowledge and thank the Staff of St Augustine's. For your tireless work in making this school a place where the students love for learning, love for each other and love for Christ are fully and dearly realised.

Rachael Keenan

Chairperson

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