



St Augustine Primary School

2016 School Board Report

This has been my first year as Chairman of the St Augustine School Board. While I was expecting a nice easy year, it turned out to be anything but.

We started the year with almost all the 2015 Board members retuning for 2016. Our first meeting saw the election of Office Bearers with new roles for many, except our experienced Treasurer, Tamara Gray.

Our first quarter focussed on the Schools Strategic Plan 2016 – 2019 and the Schools Annual Improvement Plan, which received great effort and involvement from all of the board members. This is a key function of the board. I'd like to thank Ben, Justin and Jacinta for their enthusiasm in supporting the school's present planning and future direction.

In April, it was noticed that a section of roof above the Year 6 class room looked suspicious. We struggled to find a Contractor to come and assess and quote on the repair. This was mainly due to the severe storms that had passed thorough in the same month. Once a Contractor had been sourced the extent of the repair to our Roof could be assessed. The repair itself was relatively straight forward, however getting to it and dealing with the associated Asbestos, created a huge imposition, physically and financially to the school. Our 2012 Chairman's words rung true again; our dodgy roof once again required significant rectification.

To ensure the safety and security of the students, staff and community of our School, we ensured the roof repairs were completed with diligence. Lead by Jonnine and the leadership team, the risk to the school was effectively managed. On behalf of the Board, we thank them for their diligence and also our school community for their patience during this time. The scaffolding caused many an inconvenience for us all. This safety focus also resulted in us upgrading the Schools main electrical board.

Due to the planning for school improvements that has been in place for many years and the acumen shown by the schools financial management team, we were in the fortunate position not to place our school into further debit due to these unforeseen events. Unfortunately, this meant that our plans for the schools court area had to take a back seat in 2016.

Academically we saw the introduction to the ICT programme which has been well planned and integrated into the school curriculum. Congratulations to the Staff on embracing the change and weaving it into your classroom activities. Our recent survey showed great results on all accounts. From the Board perspective, I'd like to acknowledge Justin Oee for his assistance during the planning phase. His expertise once again assisted the school with its endeavours.

Financially, aside from the roof repairs, we have remained within the overall budget set. We have also been monitoring the Schools Canteen and I'm pleased to note a positive financial return this year. Thank you to Cathy McCafferty for her passion to keep the Canteen running and the school community for supporting her.



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I would like to thank all members of the 2016 school board – Justin Oee (Deputy Chair), Tamara Gray (Treasurer), Jacinta Thompson (Secretary), Ben Killigrew, Michelle Shelhot (P&F Rep), Rachael Keenan (Parish Rep), Fr Brian McKenna, Assistant Principals Andy DiCarlantonio and Julie Southwell, and Principal Jonnine Lamborne. We have no changes to the board for the coming 2017 year. Thank you to the current members for your time and desire to provide service to our school community. I look forward to working with you all again next year.

Finally, on behalf of the school board I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff, especially the school leadership group. With your continued passion and efforts, the school will continue to stay focussed reach for great heights. For those staff that have resigned, you will be missed, but we wish you well in your endeavours.

Mr Shane Taraborrelli
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