

Board of Trustees Newsletter

Welcome to the new BOT Newsletter. This newsletter will be published each term. Its purpose is to update parents/caregivers on what the Board have been doing for the school throughout the term. This first one will be used as a way of introducing you to the new Board and a small recap on what the Board have been up to since April.

BOT members

Danny Nicholls - Principal
Sue Goldsmith - Treasurer and Proprietors Representative
Fr Leonard Danvers - Parish Priest and Proprietors Representative
Shelly Fitness - Staff Representative
Grant Bayley - Parent Representative
Chris McGeough - Parent Representative

Tim Coulter- Chairman
Judith Ridd - Secretary and Proprietors Representative
Donna Jarden - Proprietors Representative
Eileen Bowden - Parent Representative
Tony Fleming - Parent Representative



Standing (l-r): Tim Coulter, Tony Fleming, Chris McGeogh

Sitting (l-r): Eileen Bowden, Sue Goldsmith, Donna Jarden, Judith Ridd, Shelly Fitness.

Absent: Grant Bayley, Fr. Leonard Danvers, Danny Nicholls.

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It has been a busy term at St Patrick's school. The Board held three meetings during the term and at these meetings achievement reports were submitted on Numeracy, Reading and New Entrant data. Overall, achievement tracks well for our students and we commend the teachers for their efforts. Areas identified as needing improvement are noted and acted on by the school's leadership team after each board meeting. Copies of the reports are available in the schools foyer for parents to read. Parents are reminded that they are welcome to attend BOT meetings.

Discussions regarding a new driveway into the school in conjunction with the Parish and the Diocese are ongoing – any updates will be published as and when they are available.

Policy and Procedure Review

The following Policies have been amended, updated and approved by the Board. They are:
Emergency Committee – Complaints - Reading Recovery.

The Board also engaged the services of Vigilant Security Consultants to provide an overview of the school's health and safety provisions.

Operations

A highlight of the term was Catholic Schools Week and the Board were delighted at the response to the many activities that were held in the school culminating in the Concert with Andrew Chinn.

It was also wonderful to see so many of the children and their families at the School Mass held on 20 June 2010; the next school mass will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on August 15th.

The Board received the summary of the community survey late in term one and made the decision that the newly elected board would be best placed to analyse and respond to it. This will occur during the first two board meetings of term three.

The introduction of national standards has seen many principals and/or boards expressing concern. We have been debriefed by our principal on some of these matters. The St Patrick's community has had two opportunities to attend school-based meetings and discussion forums on the standards. The first round of reporting comparing student achievement to said standards has taken place. We thank the teachers and management in our school for taking a positive approach to the standards.

The Board would like to extend an invitation to parents/caregivers to approach trustees if you have any concerns or want to pass on praise or encouragement to members of staff.

Regards

Judith Ridd

Board Secretary