



ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

St John's Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 27th October 2013

Chairman's Report

In comparison to other years at St John's; this year has been rather quiet. We have seen a few small projects completed, a few faces come and go and a few new learning initiatives introduced. It's surprising to see how technology ages with a request to upgrade our 2 year old IT system.

Policies

2014 school fees;

- St John's School currently sits at the lower end of the Fee Structure that is within the Catholic Education Office system; taken this into account next year's school fees will increase by 10%, this is at the higher limit of the suggested increase by the Catholic Education Office. The School Fee's for 2014 will also include the \$25.00 donation for the St Francis Cathedral Precinct Project.
- Ryan Robinson will announce the new fee structure in the Treasurer's Report.

Buildings and Improvements

The big ticket items for 2013 were;

- Kindy/Pre-Primary Toilets were constructed over the 2012/2013 holiday period.
- February the Board viewed the plans for the Administration Building Upgrade. The Upgrade was placed on hold for 2013 and may be a project for 2014.
- The Kindy/Pre-Primary shed was erected over the April/May school holidays.
- The Zip Hydro Tap was purchased and installed in the staff room.
- The Canteens new Air Conditioner and Ventilator was installed much to the relief of the staff who work within.

Staff

The year started with;

- Emma Pollard joining the team as the new Assistant Principal.
- Leslie Jones joined to cover for Sherie while she is on maternity leave.
- Lauren Hewitson covered for Cherrill Zander, while Cherrill filled in another position within the school.
- Kristen McCaullay covers for the leave taken by Sue Connelly.
- Elaine Battilana joined as a temporary replacement for Karen Scarpuzza.

April saw the re-organisation of staff to cover for the Long Service Leave taken by Tony Scally and Patrick Matthews.

- Meaghan Francis Admin Relief and Blue Earth
- Janyne Brand and Michelle Scott Year 4 Class

We saw through the year the resignations of Helen Richie, Karen Scarpuzza, Kathy McCagh and Panda Gardner and the retirement of Pam Knight.

Parents and Friends

As always the P&F excelled again this year raising much needed funds for various projects for the St John's School Community. It was also pleasing to know that P&F have set up a committee to reinvigorate the School's Annual Fete.

On behalf of the St John's School Board I would like to give a huge thankyou of appreciation to the Committee of the Parents and Friends Association for their commitment and efforts in 2013

Community Spirit

It is pleasing to see that community spirit still exists with community members giving themselves and their businesses to support projects in and around the school.

If I was to mention without naming two;

- The School Board member who raised his hand many a times to obtain quotes and chased up products for Maureen for various projects throughout the year. A majority of completed works this year was a result of his efforts.
- The team who removed and re-installed the concrete pathways in the Kindy/Pre/primary play area.

These are two examples that community spirit is still alive and well.

Conclusion

I would like to thank the school community for their support throughout 2013 and assure them that the School Board has always acted in its best interests when dealing with the school finances.

Many thanks go to Ryan Robinson, Donna Nevill, Amber Ward, Rob Goodfellow, Jenny Porter, Brett Morrison, Renee Doyle (resigned) and Michelle Cassin (resigned) for your commitment and time spent on the St John's School Board, not to mention Father Robert and Maureen.

A thankyou goes out to all staff of St John's for your support and efforts.

This is my last year on the School Board as both my children have now completed their schooling at St John's. I have enjoyed the years I served on the School Board and wish the incoming 2014 School Board Members all the best.

Thankyou....