



2016

School Board Chairperson's Report

Current Board:

Chris Kenworthy
Father Richard Smith
Sr Joseph Mazur

Principal
Parish Priest
Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth

Matt Thomson
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Melanie Curtis
Tony Budas
Adam Wheeler
Katy Tindall
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Member
Member
Member*
Member
P&F Board Rep
Parish Representative



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Role of the School Board:

- The School Board has responsibility for the financial administration of the school and an advisory role to the Principal for planning and policy development. The Board also has a critical role to play in promoting and supporting the ethos of Our Lady of Grace School.
- We align our decisions with the values of the school.



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2016 Highlights:

- School Building Project – *a year of meetings and talking*
 - Presentation(s) to and liaison with Catholic Education Office (CEO) re grants/low income loans relation to the project
 - Meeting / presenting to council re development application
 - Meeting with Architect re tender outcomes
 - Discussions with nominated builder re costs/ contractual terms
- Review and update of the school strategic plan
- Interviews as part of the school's cyclical review in May



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School Building Project:

- Main benefit is to ensure those within our local and wider community are able to obtain a catholic education if they choose.
- Whilst achieving the following for current students:
 - Increasing the play space available on the block
 - Improving class facilities and amenities
 - Providing additional community exposure
- On the proviso (amongst a number of “deal breakers”):
 - No split masses, recess or lunch times
 - No change to class size
 - Maintaining OLG culture



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School Building Status:

- Stage 1 - class rooms and playspace / landscaping
- Stage 2 - admin facilities / mpa / new school entry

Stage 1 - approved budget \$7.7m

Funded via State Government Loans, Catholic Development Funds Loan with School contribution capped at \$300k

Nominated Builder - Focus Building Company

Timetable -

- Immediate - Contract Signing 2 December
- Site works / initial demolition during school holidays subject to required permits
- Occupation targeted 2 Jan 2018 (for 2018 school intake)
- Final landscaping expected to be completed during first month of the first term



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School Building Status:

Stage 2 - approved budget \$1.5m

Funding source to be determined in FY 2017 (applications submitted for state and federal government funding)

Timetable -

- Funding allocation mid - late 2017
- Tenders late 2017
- Completion during calendar 2018



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Strategic Review:

- In 2014 a revised 5 year strategic plan was adopted for the school, the following cornerstone strategic priorities were identified: (copy is available on the school website)

1. Educational Excellence

The School provides a quality, 'rounded' Catholic education whilst constantly striving to improve student performance. This is underpinned by an emphasis on enhanced staff performance and the recognition of parents as the child's first educators.

2. Faith

The School honours the charism of the Sisters of the Holy Nazareth by providing students, staff, and parents with the appropriate support to live faith filled lives that are underpinned by the gospel values and teachings of Jesus.

3. Building Community

*Building on a strong community culture, the School is committed to a three tiered community development approach focusing on the **student** (student/parent/ teacher relationships); the **school community**; and the surrounding **environment** (the broader community).*

4. Sustainability

The School is focussed on proactively driving financial strategies for continued management and future expansion whilst minimizing financial impact on families.



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2016 Accomplishments

- Education excellence - consistent school wide approach to teaching of spelling and reading delivered
- Faith - development of children's masses, greater involvement of parish priest in classroom religious education
- Building community - benchmarked targets for community enhancement, in association with P&F development of Parent Handbook & Class Rep roles/descriptions
- Sustainability - ongoing review of monthly results, approval of school budget, continued involvement in costing / funding of school building project



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2016 Financial Performance

- School is in a strong financial position, well managed finances
- 2016 budgeted income \$4.8m forecast result \$4.95m +\$0.15m - due to additional state and federal government funding.
- 2016 budgeted expenses \$4.8m forecast result \$4.8m - individual line item variances but in total on budget
- Capital payments circa \$400k due to preliminary fees for building works, parts of which to be reimbursed next year from development funding.
- History of meeting budgets, the school has not needed any financial support for operating needs from the Catholic Education Office.



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Thank you:

To all staff, P&F members and board members, thank you for your dedication, hard work and contributions this year,

- Katy Tindal with > 5 years involvement on the school board and being instrumental in the development and ongoing review of the school's Strategic Plan