



Mary's Mount Primary School

MARY'S MOUNT SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21 November 2017

Commenced 7.30pm

1. Welcome

Jarod Avila brought the meeting to order. He explained that Simon Di Rosso was unable to attend tonight and that he would chair the meeting and read his report.

2. Attendance:

Jo DeBarro, Tony DeBarro, Allyson Bignell, Angela Smith, Lindsay West, Gabby Hoffmann, Nicole Smith, Jasmine O'Brien, Devina Branche, Sandro Coniglio, Clinton Payne, Quinton Hoffmann, Belinda Henderson, Daniel Bersan, Andrew Hollis, Frazer North, Santino Giancono, Veronica Giancono, Tamara Ellenbrook, Andrea Martin, Cassandra Underwood, Lance Roughsedge, Phil van Eck, Marina Raschella, Annmarie Baltov, Fiona Wittenbaker, Jodi Moffitt, Kiara Barnes, Shanti Gelmi, Merrissa McDougall, Steve Retel, Anna Scanlan, Shirley Shaw, Leanne Cook, Evelyn Pappas, Fay Valli, Kate McRae, Naomi Holly, Natalie O'Brien, Jarod Avila

3. Apologies:

Carolyn Gamble, Simon Di Rosso, Jenny Avila, Natalie Hainsworth, Natalie Boyd-Ratcliff, Father Suresh, Yvette Basioli

4. Minutes from Previous AGM

Acceptance of minutes to be passed.

Accepted: Evelyn Pappas

Seconded: Naomi Holly

5. Business arising

Nil

6. Reports

6.1. President's Report – see attached

Jarod acknowledged the 2017 Board Members and announced that Natalie Boyd-Ratcliff was retiring as Parish Representative. He thanked her for all her work. Jarod stated that Sue Blair would be joining the Board as Parish Representative. He also thanked Andrew Hollis and Lance Roughsedge for their contribution to the Board and their roles; Andrew as Shadow Treasurer and Lance for his role as IT Advisor.



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The school has benefited from a number of Board projects this year, which has seen:

- The path leading up to the oval for prams and the elderly being installed at the far side of the playground. Lighting has also been installed which will illuminate the path to the oval and the steps leading to the oval.
- The cottage has had a facelift with a roof clean and a new patio scheduled to be installed later this month.
- Upgrades to IT has been well researched and thought out. The cabling/wifi will be upgraded early next year.

Jarod also touched on the planned projects for 2018 and the main joint Board and P&F project for 2018 - the Art Room refurbishment

Jarod thanked everyone for their commitment, their time and effort in making this year such a successful one. The Friends of Mary's Mount, busy bees, involvement at events like the Art Show and Oktoberfest demonstrates what a fantastic community we have here at Mary's Mount.

Jarod then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a smooth start to the 2018 year.

Accepted: Cassandra Underwood Seconded: Andrew Hollis

5.2 Treasurer's Report – see attached

- Quinton touched on the finances for 2017 and explained that we were in a stable position going into 2018.
- Quinton mentioned the 2017 achievements again – such as completion of Stage One of the Adventure Playground, repairs beginning on the Art room, touch screens in the younger grade classrooms were also acknowledged.
- The 2018 budget is currently provisional but has been endorsed by the School Board and will be submitted to CEWA this week.
- There should be a recurrent surplus at the end of the 2018 year of \$57k and a capital deficit of just over \$100K.

Proposed Projects include:

- IT cabling and Wi-Fi upgrade
- HD CCTV security camera upgrade
- Art Room Refurbishment
- Sick Bay upgrade
- Soft-fall shredded rubber to playground
- Cricket pitch resurface



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- 2018 fees have been approved and will be placed on the school website later this week. The fees have remained static and have been capped at 2%.
- iPads have been added to the Year 4 fees for the first time and the reason for difference in fees in Years 4, 5 and 6 is due to the length of the lease and reduction in costs of actual iPads from 2016 to 2017.
- Sibling discounts continue to apply to families as well as the HCC discount.
- Quinton advised he would be happy to talk to anyone about fees if they wish to see him afterward.

Accepted: Phil van Eck

Seconded: Andrew Hollis

5.3 Principal's Report – See Attached

Sandro presented his report.

- He commenced with student results. Overall we are quite pleased, and will continue with our current programs to help our students. He talked about student growth and how results are analysed to see what we still need to target in our Professional Development Days. The staff will spend a day at end of the year reading data and discussion will occur on how best to move forward to help our students.
- We have value added programs continuing around the school.
- Students are continuing to make great improvements in the area of robotics.
- The integration of IT into the classroom and curriculum with the use of iPads, laptops and computers continues. A huge thank you to Nicole for her hard work in this area not only with the students but for empowering our staff as well.
- The Mary's Mount Active Dads group (MMADs) continued to grow and thanks to Adrian Martin for continuing to drive this initiative of father and kids events.
- An IT Committee commenced this year in conjunction with the Board.
- John Hattie PD was very rewarding. Sandro Coniglio, Jasmine O'Brien and Loretta Hackner attended a conference in Melbourne and then shared what they learnt with staff.
- Staff Professional Development - focused on learning sprints and we are seeing some great results.
- A joint meeting with Staff, Board and P&F finalised our strategic plan. Launch of the strategic plan has been postponed - due to receiving feedback from Shaun Ridley. The changes will be made and sent to the printers. We are hoping to launch the plan early next year.

We have a number of staff leaving us at the end of the year and it will be a huge loss for our school. Clinton Payne, Jasmine O'Brien, Ben Ettridge and Kiara Barnes - Thank you to each and everyone one of you for what you have given to Mary's Mount during your time with us. Clinton has been with us for

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7 years as Assistant Principal and during that time he has grown so much. He will now continue to his journey as Assistant Principal at another school closer to home and we know that he will make a fantastic Principal in future years. Jasmine O'Brien has contributed hugely to the school community and again is taking up a position closer to home. Ben hasn't been with us long but will be missed as the only male sports teacher in recent times. Again he is taking a position closer to home and his son's school. Kiara, it is not a goodbye, as she is still on maternity leave and am sure we will see her around the school on relief.

- With staff leaving, we welcome new staff commencing in 2018-
 - Kristine Williams – joining us from Bridgetown.
 - Christopher Smith – currently a principal in Katanning, but as his children are high school age he wanted to move back to the city.
 - Emma Hayward – previously HOD of PhysEd at St Brigid's College and Guildford Grammar joins us as PhysEd teacher.
 - We are interviewing next week for one new staff member.
- 2018 will see us have another in depth Audit – planned for early Term 1.
- Sandro thanked the Board Members for their time and effort. He thanked Andrew Hollis for his role as Shadow Treasurer, to Lance Roughsedge for his help and guidance with the IT Plan. He also thanked Natalie Boyd Ratcliff for her work as Parish Representative.
- Sandro thanked Cassandra Underwood the quiet achiever, she just gets in there and gets things done.
- Thank you to Faye Valli and Kate MacRae for their fantastic efforts in the Adventure Playground. They were fantastic drivers of this committee. Their drive, vision and organisational skills delivered an outstanding Adventure Playground with Maggie Dent showcasing it on her website and Principals coming to visit to see what they can achieve at their schools.
- Thank you to the staff – I am so lucky and grateful to have such a hardworking and dedicated team and I know that I don't tell you that often enough. So thank you to each one of you.
- Loretta and Clinton – again I am so blessed and lucky have you both. You both could make the transition to Principals tomorrow. I can safely leave them in charge while out of the school and knowing that it everything is fine and that I don't need to worry. Thank you again for all that you do and give to Mary's Mount Primary School.

Accepted: Kate McRae

Seconded: Andrea Martin

7. Elections

Two nominations for the Board have been received.



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- Faye Valli- a young parent and local business owner. Faye attended Mary's Mount herself and her parents were actively involved in the school. She would like to do to the same and be involved in the school.
- Patrick Hanna was unable to attend this evening. Patrick submitted his CV, has children in the school and has a great skill set to bring to the Board.

Motion: That Faye Valli and Patrick Hanna be passed as members of the Board for 2018.

Accepted: Lance Roughsedge

Seconded: Andrew Hollis

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting closed at 8.22pm

