



Mary's Mount Primary School

MARY'S MOUNT SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14 November 2016

Commenced 7.15pm

1. Welcome

Sandro welcomed everyone to the meeting, saying it was pleasing to see so many parents here, one of our best attendance to date. Sandro then invited Fr Suresh to come up and lead us in prayer.

2. Attendance:

Andrea Martin, Fiona Wittenbaker, Lourdes Sasidharan, Antonietta Christie, Veronica Giancono, Sue Blair, Denise Pollaers, Tamara Ellenbroek, Allyson Bignell, Angela Smith, Jo Debarro, Tony Debarro, Paula Rafferty, Maree Ferritto, Sarah Skrzpek, Lindsay West, Michelle Retel, Jasmin O'Brien, Natasha Morisco, Jessica Hine, Gabby Hoffmann, Quinton Hoffmann, Evelyn Papaps, Jarod Avila, Natalie Boyd-Ratcliff, Andrew Hollis, Merrisa McDougall, Nancy Wratten, Sally Wallis, Chris Wallis, Leanne Cook, Sherrilyn Shaw-Cable, Shirley Shaw, Michelle Sanderson, Natalie O'Brien, Belinda Henderson, Fr Suresh, Marina Raschella, Angela Smith, Loretta Hackner, Nicole Smith, Anna Scanlan, Simon Di Rossi, Devina Branche, Lance Roughsedge, Tracey Wincomb, Lisa Echeverria, Jane Taylor, Sandro Coniglio, Clinton Payne, Naomi Holly

Apologies: Alan Barnett, Cassandra Underwood, Jenny Avila, Yvette Basioli

Minutes from Previous AGM

2.1. Acceptance of minutes

Accepted: Andrew Hollis

Seconded: Lance Roughsedge

Business arising

Nil

3. Reports

3.1. President's Report – see attached

Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced himself as the Chairman of the Board. 2016 has once again been extremely busy and a productive one. He thanked the current Board members for their forward thinking and hardworking ethics. Each of them give their time freely, making decisions that ensure Mary's Mount Primary School will continue to prosper and keep up with the ever evolving technological age and educational changes.

Alan Barnett was a welcome addition to the Board this year and his commitment to the maintenance committee and adventure playground has been evident around the school. It has been exciting to see the adventure playground taking shape.

Quinton was thanked for his role as Treasurer. His remarkable knowledge of how the finances work has been instrumental in helping us at Board level see how the school is operating.



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Anna Scanlan was thanked for her time and commitment in her role as Secretary. It is not an easy task keeping the minutes on track when healthy discussion is going on around you.

Lance was thanked for his insight into our IT and helping us move forward to cater for the schools needs in the coming years.

Thank you to Sandro for facilitating the Board. He is an inspirational leader for all of us on the Board and has fostered a great sense of collegiality.

Clinton's and Loretta's dedication and drive to do the best for the school is great to witness. They are always looking a new ideas and initiatives to enhance the learning for our students. A special thanks to Loretta for introducing the robotics program to the school. It is a very exciting venture and the students are very excited to be a part of it.

Our recent busy bee was very successful with many parents and students attending. Most tasks were completed and the adventure playground is taking shape.

Another exciting initiative commenced recently headed by Adrian Martin. The Mary Mounts 'Fathering' Project. This group will meet and organise events throughout the year. Their first event, a campout was well supported with over 100 people attending. Thanks to Adrian and his helpers for this great night with parents and children enjoying the activities and time spent together.

This year we have had some outstanding events that wouldn't have occurred without the dedication of the P&F team, subcommittees and parents. Thanks Maree and Paula for your leadership. Without your fundraising we would not have the facilities and resources that our students and staff enjoy. It is also great to see the Board and P&F working collaboratively on projects. Simon then went on to explain some of the projects that have been tackled this year which is detailed in his report.

Looking to 2017 we continue to work on our strategic plan, and planned projects.

Simon then thanked all of the Board members, parents and community members for their help throughout the year. Without your support Mary's Mount would not be the great community that we are.

Accepted: Jarod Avila

Seconded: Tracey Wincomb

4.2 Treasurer's Report – see attached

Quinton – talked to the 2016 expenditure – and explained where the money was spent. Then went on to explain where the funds have come from for 2016. In comparing 2015 to 2016 there has been limited change as we have remained quite static. He then thanked the P&F for their hard work in raising funds to assist with purchases for the school.

Quinton then talked about some of the achievements for this year.

The new AV system for St Joseph's Hall which can be used for Christmas Concert

Adding to the undercover area in the ECE area

The addition of chilled drink fountains

The commencement of the adventure playground and planning of the kiss and drop area.



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The budget for 2017 has been submitted and we have presented a balanced budget. We are now waiting for approval from CEWA.

Projects for 2017 include

- Completion of adventure playground
- Cricket pitch re surfaced
- Additional lighting around the school
- Ramp access to oval
- Transportable choir stage
- Renovation of the cottage - maintenance
- Softfall in upper playground
- HD security cameras

Fee Structure (see report)

Changes for 2017

Tuition increased by 4% as per recommendation by CEWA

Swimming fee has been removed (based on the Swimming Survey sent to Parents)

P&F Levy increased by \$20

Excursion fee increased by \$20 for years (PP _ Year 6)

Introduction of Maths Kit Fee for Years 1 and 2

Language fee increased by \$25.00 (as subsidy removed from this year)

Introduction of Ipad Lease for Year 5's this year (cost spread half 2017 and half 2018) from 2018 it will be introduced at Year 4 with costs spread over 3 years.

Fee Structure see attached

Fee Statement has changed making it easier to see total annual fee if you have more than one child.

Accepted: Jasmine O'Brien

Seconded: Anna Scanlan

4.3 Principal's Report – See Attached

Sandro commenced his report thanking Quinton, Andrew, Clinton, Loretta and Jane for their outstanding work on the Finance Committee. The committee worked hard on the budget to present a balance budget to CEWA.

He also thanked Jessica Hine for staying tonight especially as it's her birthday.

He then welcomed Devina Branche as one of the new teachers for next year and for her attending the meeting.



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He also thanked the parents for attending -it is one of the best turn out of parents!.

Sandro talked to his report- *School Assessments*.

These are used to monitor student achievement and we use a variety of assessments to do this.

Naplan, Bishops Testing, PAT tests - once a year in October and ongoing class assessments.

Teachers look at how we are going as a school then we peel it back to individual students to see their growth. We aim to see 0.4 growth over the course of the year.

Value added programs

These are many and varied.

Thanks to Belinda Henderson for all her work in the LEAD awards - a great initiative. This award is across the community.

Robotics programs - is going from strength to strength.

Sydney/Canberra Tour - thanks to Father Suresh for coming this year. Each year it gets better and better.

MMADS- another great initiative, where fathers are encouraged to meet and talk about various issues.

Thanks to Adrian Martin for leading this group.

Kalamunda Music Academy another great addition. Friday 15 November we have an assembly organised by them showcasing our students work. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Busy bee - the last busy bee has been the best the school has seen. So much was achieved not only for the maintenance work but on the adventure playground. Thanks to Alan Barnett for his drive in leading this committee. To Fay Valli and Kate MacRae for their vision and enthusiasm for getting the adventure playground commenced. The students love it.

School Improvement Plan

Our Annual School Improvement Plan for 2016 has had some of the tasks met while others are ongoing. Our Annual School Improvement Plan for 2017 is in draft form and a work in progress.

Staff Movement

At the end of 2016 we say farewell to Natasha Morisco, Jessica Hine, Antonietta Christie (13 yrs) and Sue Blair (30 yrs). Please give them a round of applause for their time and commitment to the school. They will be farewelled later this term.

Welcome to our new staff - Teagan Thresher, Devina Branche and our New EA - who is yet to be confirmed.

Future Focus -

Full implementation of explicit teaching.

PD by John Fleming - for staff.

IT - we continue to work on this plan - huge thanks to Lance Roughsedge, Gabby Hoffmann, Nicole Smith for all their work in this area to ensure we are up to date with current trends in this area. Next year we see the introduction of iPads one on one into Year 5 the following year will see them introduced to Year 4.



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Focus on the Maths area.

Thank You

Huge thanks to the members of the school Board, lots of care is taken to see what we achieve in the best interests of the school community.

To Alan Barnett and Natalie Boyd-Ratcliff, and Quinton Hoffmann who are retiring this year, your hard work and support has been greatly appreciated.

To the P&F Committee - your time and commitment has been exceptional. Thanks Paula Rafferty, Maree Ferrito, Cassandra Underwood and Marina Raschella. Special thanks to Marina for stepping in to take on role of treasurer in August (Cassandra unfortunately needed to step down from this role). Marina, thanks for the great job you have done in the short time you have been involved.

To Fr Suresh - your time and energy to the school is sensational and we enjoy your visits very much. Our staff, what can I say - we have a great staff and we all have a great working relationship. On behalf of the school Board a big heartfelt thanks to all of you for all you do. Personally I thank you as well for your support and all you do for Mary's Mount.

To Loretta and Clinton a huge thank you for your time and commitment not only to the school but for your ongoing support for myself and staff. I truly value your professionalism and friendship.

Accepted: Angela Smith

Seconded: Marina Raschella

4. Elections

With 3 of our board members retiring we have room on the board. We have had 3 nominations for the board from: - Andrea Martin, Phil Van Eek, Melissa McDougal. As we can take more members Simon asked for nominations from the floor but none were forthcoming.

Simon then asked each of the nominees to give a brief history about themselves.

Andrea Martin got up first and spoke about the long history with the school with her grandfather being a student at the school, that she herself was a student at the school and now her boys are here.

She worked in a variety of roles - currently she is a Social Worker - in the Dept Child Protection doing managerial roles eg audits etc.

Andrea has been actively involved in the school in a variety of roles - but would like to become involved at a different level and feels she has valuable attributes that she can contribute to the Board.

Phil van Eck- spoke about himself and his involvement in the school. Phil has been a past member of the school Board. His sons have been through as students at MMPS. They left briefly for a stint at SBC and returned this year and are so glad that they did. He is a General Manager at a steel processing plant and his wife is a teacher at Mazenod. He is actively involved in hockey and knows lots of parents and students through this. Phil is looking forward to being part of the Board again.

Merrisa declined to speak.

Motion: That Andrea Martin, Phil van Eck and Merrisa McDougal's nominations to be members of Mary's Mount School Board are accepted.



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Moved: *Quinton Hoffmann*

Seconded: *Andrew Hollis*

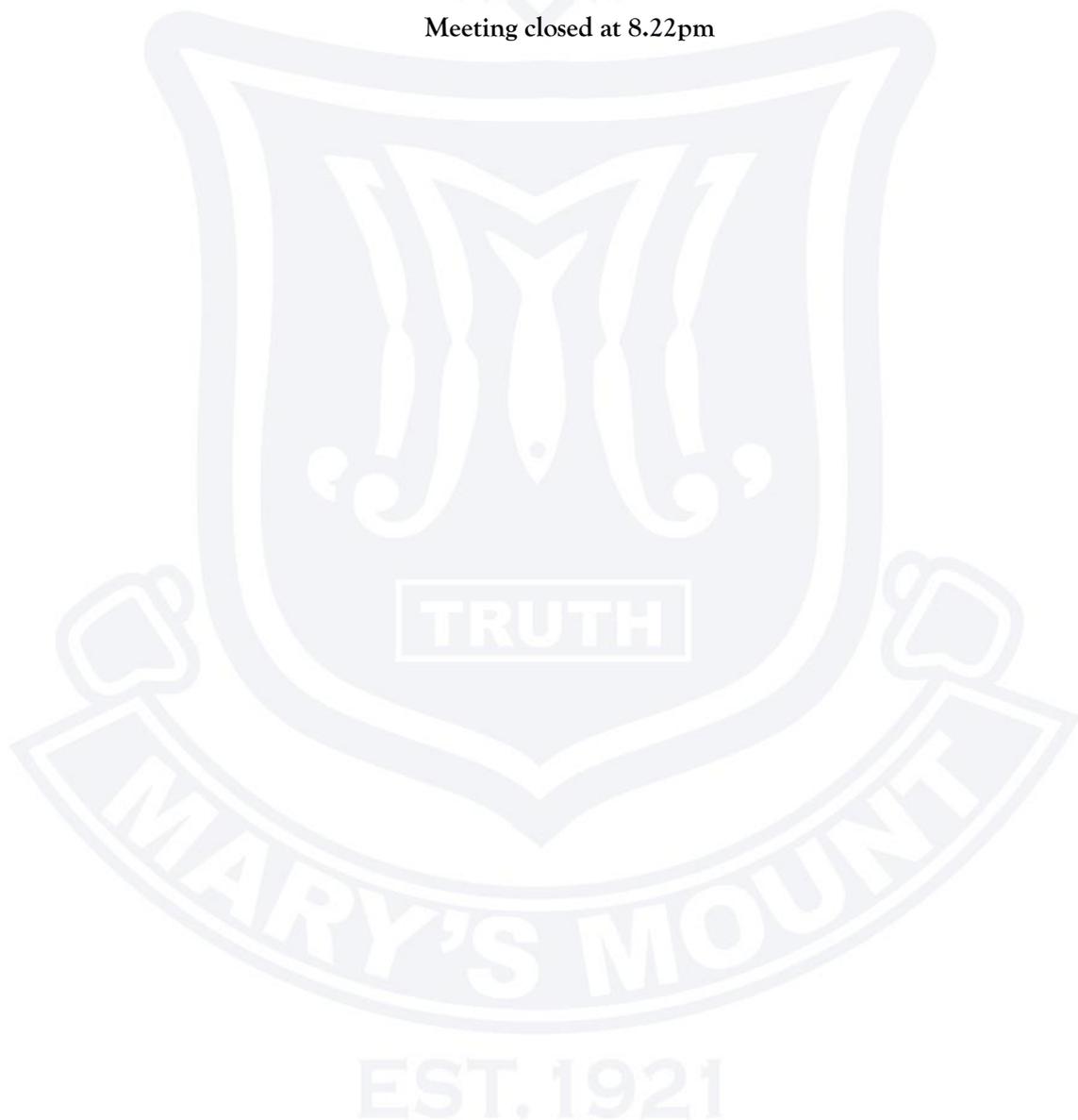
Show of hands please. Motion passed unanimously.

A round of applause followed their successful nominations.

Simon congratulated Phil on his son achieving Dux at Mazenod last year

Simon asked that at the end of the meeting that the new Board Members meet briefly in the meeting room. He then invited staff and parents to enjoy some refreshments before the P&F meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.22pm



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