

**MARY'S MOUNT SCHOOL BOARD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
27 November 2018
Commenced 7.11pm**

1. Welcome

Sandro welcomed Chris Smith and Loretta Hackner to the front to commence meeting with a prayer.

- Chris made an acknowledgement of the land and the history of the Aboriginal People.
- Loretta then led the meeting in a meaningful prayer acknowledging the work done by our staff, parents, students and further afield in this eventful year in our endeavours. She also looked to our future and asked that we are all blessed and that our endeavours are fruitful.

Jarod Avila as Chairperson of the meeting took the floor to lead the meeting. He asked for everyone to make sure that they had filled in the attendance sheet and to record any absentees should they have any.

2. Attendance:

Cassandra Underwood, Melissa Antoine, Sandro Coniglio, Veronica Giancono, Quinton Hoffmann, Kristen Callaghan, Gabby Hoffmann, Patrick Hanna, Loretta Hackner, Bettina Hanna, Lindsay Crompton, Nancy Wratten, Teagan Thresher, Carolyn Gamble, Allyson Bignell, Kate MacRae, Angela Smith, Sue Blair, Nicole Smith, Sacha Upton, Stephen Sorgiovanni, Fay Valli. Christopher Smith, Lisa Echeverria, Michelle Retel, Daniel Bersan, Evelyn Pappas, Victoria Mappin, Devina Branche, Tamara Ellenbroek, Andrea Martin, Adrian Martin, Michelle Batten, Marina Raschella, Kristine Williams, Karlie De Marte, Belinda Henderson, Emma Hayward, Jo DeBarro, Tony DeBarro, Jarod Avila, Annmarie Baltov, Fiona Wittenbaker, David Vallis, Lourdes Benedictos-Sasidharan, Michelle Sanderson, Naomi Holly, Sascha Upton, Daniel Bersan, Merrisa McDougall

Apologies:

Natalie O'Brien, Gerard Sasidharan, Phil Van Eck, Finnete Macolino, Simon DiRosso, Fr Suresh, Anna Scanlan, Karen Forster, Natalie Hainsworth, Shanti Gelmi, Jenny Avila

3. Minutes from Previous AGM

- Jarod asked for someone to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

Accepted: Annmarie Baltov

Seconded: Andrea Martin

4. Business arising

- Jarod then asked if there was any business arising
- Nil

5. Reports

5.1. President's Report – see attached

- Jarod welcomed everyone to the AGM and acknowledged the various committee members of the Board and their roles. He then went on to explain *who we are and what we do*. He acknowledges Quinton in particular as he leads the finance role at the board meetings and reports to the Board on the financial position of the school each month. Pleased to report we are in a good financial position.
- He also talked through the projects and areas around the school for improvement to future proof, the school eg maintenance, improvements, ICT upgrades to keep us abreast with the changes in the 21st century learning.
- Highlights of the year for the Board was being involved in the naming of the Art Room to Giovinazzo Creative Learning Centre, and development of the Art room. Some of the other major achievements were the upgrade of the music room, commencement of the nature play area stage 2, upgrade of the sick room, and our ICT program. Particular thanks to Gabby Hoffmann for her role in future enhancing the ICT area. We also upgraded our security systems and added higher definition for the security system and cameras. These have already proved to be a significant improvement as we have managed to locate areas and culprits of damage etc around the school.
- Jarod acknowledged Quinton's work in overseeing our budget and making sure we run at a profit and not a deficit. He also acknowledged the amount of work made in the advancement of the cash to accrual system by Jane and Gabby in 2018.
- Jarod took us on a sneak peak to the year ahead –with plans for the upgrade of the basketball courts including: basketball hoops, resurfacing, introduction of new soft fall mulch in the ECE, investment in ICT infrastructure, carpet and or vinyl rollout in classrooms (in stages), and furniture for classrooms to bring us into 21st century learning classrooms.
- Thanks to:
 - Mary's Mount school staff, teachers and aides
 - P&F
 - All the other community groups and volunteers who make Mary's Mount what it is – MMADS, Netball Club, BIP committee, parents groups, etc.
 - And You!
- In closing, Jarod wished to summarise the ethos of the Board: in the immortal words of Star Wars - **Do or Do Not there is no Try - Yoda**.
- On behalf of the Board, thank you for attending tonight. We wish you all a happy, safe and Holy Christmas.

Jarod asked for someone to accept his report.

Accepted: Angela Smith

Seconded: Andrea Martin

5.2 Treasurer's Report – see attached

Proposed Projects include:

Quinton talked to his report and spoke about the differences in the 2017 and 2018 Budget.

	2017	2018
Salaries & Allowances:	81%	76%
Teaching Expenses:	6%	3%
Administration	2%	7%
Sundries	4%	4%
Buildings & Grounds:	2%	3%
Capital Development:	5%	7%
Total Expenses:	100%	100%

1. Marginal increase in Fees due to a 2% increase offset by a slight decrease in enrolments
2. Thank you to the P&F and all families for their support - over \$28K in donations
3. State & Federal Grants increased by 4.5% on average
4. Other income up due to CEWA funded training initiatives

He particularly thanked the P&F for their generous donation to the school of \$28 019.42 which is quite significant considering the size of our school community. This resulted in a round of applause in acknowledgement.

2018 Highlights

- ✓ Art room refurbishment & music room upgrade
- ✓ Sick bay refurbishment
- ✓ WiFi upgrade across the school
- ✓ Introduction of Family Zone for school and home
- ✓ Upgrade of network cabling to improve network performance
- ✓ CCTV upgrade to HD with additional cameras
- ✓ Alarm system upgrade
- ✓ Lighting to oval access paths and LED lighting upgrade to flood lighting
- ✓ And the list goes on...

The Art Room and Sickbay improvement allowed us to meet our Capex budget for 2018.

Now to the 2019 Budget

- Pleased to announce the Board has endorsed the school fees for 2019 with no fee increase for 2019. Spending will be similar so no major change from the 2018 budget.
- We will have a Recurrent Surplus of \$32 000.00.
- We will have a Capital deficit of \$113 000.00 as we allow for the planned projects.
- He talked to the list of what will be happening in 2019 see - List.
- 3K fees - up by \$400.00 due to increased costs and low numbers as this needs to be self-funded.
- Year 6 Canberra Camp has been added as this is being administered by the school in the hope to keep costs down for families in 2019.
- Sibling discounts, HCC and 24 hour insurance continues. School fees will be available on the website prior to the end of the school year.

Quinton then asked for his report to be accepted.

Accepted: Christopher Smith

Seconded: Evelyn Pappas

5.3 Principal's Report – See Attached

Sandro talked to his report.

- He explained the difference between some of the testing and he reminded families that Naplan is only one day and the other testing held throughout the year is a better indicator on student growth. The graph showed, affect size of growth along with other tests, our students are progressing well and our growth is moving in the right direction. This is a credit to our staff and their hard work.
- Bishop's Visitation - very impressed with children's responses and functioning of the whole school.
- Cyclic review - he explained what happens in the review and the panel takes away a report on how the school is performing. Final report was affirming and acknowledged the hard work of our staff, students, strong parent partnership and parish partnership in all Areas of LEAD. As a school community we should be very proud of this achievement.
- Value added - We are so blessed with the amount of valued added programs in the school community, not only for our students but our families as well. One in particular I would like to mention in the *Waste Wise Initiative* implemented by the Green Team led by Belinda Henderson. We are in the first full year of implementing all the changes of our program which has gathered huge interest within the whole school community and everyone getting behind it. So much so we were nominated as one of the 6 finalists in the 2018 Infinity Awards in the Sustainability Section for Schools. Although we didn't win, to be acknowledged for the work achieved in such a short time is impressive. A round of applause for Belinda please.

Some other value added includes: MMADs, Year 3 and Kindy STEM performance and our first shot at the Big Voice. Huge thanks to Paul Leeder for his commitment to this. Getting the kids ready for this phenomenal event required dedication as he had to attend 3 weekends learning what is needed to get them ready. We will order a school copy of the DVD.

Loquat Grove - Stage 2 commenced. Thanks to Fay and Kate for their drive and commitment.

Strategic Plan launched this year for our next 3 years.

Staff Leaving:

- Paul Leeder is going on a secondment to a school closer to his home - Salvado Catholic College - we will miss him as in the last couple of years the music program has grown immensely.
- Nicole Smith - is off on maternity leave. On behalf of our community, we would like to thank you for all you do within the school community and for your students - and you will make a great mum. Round of applause for Nicole please.
- New staff - We warmly welcome Stephen Sorgiovanni who is here tonight, and advised him that he has come to a great community and know will be warmly welcomed. A round of applause please for Stephen.
- Stephanie Freeman - to take over our music program next year.
- Please continue to keep Wendy in your prayers - as she recovers from her surgery.
- Grounds - please keep Daniel in your prayers as he is not travelling too well with his back.

Future Focus for 2019

- Continue implementation of the Western Australian Curriculum.
- Continue implementing Explicit Teaching into classrooms.
- Agile Learning Sprints.
- Homework club.
- Develop and Implement an Aboriginal Education Plan.
- Flexible Learning classrooms.
- Staff Growth and Development Process...cont.
- IT Committee to continue working on plan - focus on goals. Year 4 1:1 i-Pad program.
- National Quality Standards - ongoing.
- School Improvement Plan.
- Quality Improvement Plan (QIP).
- Quality Catholic Schooling - ongoing.
- Board and P&F joint projects.
- Professional Development days shared with other schools.

- Regional network with surrounding Catholic schools.
- OT specialist working in the school 2 days a week.
- Speech Therapist in the school working 1 day per week.
- Stage 2 of Loquat Grove play area to continue.
- Social Justice Awareness – maintain.
- Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum.

Thank You

- Huge thanks to all our school Board members. Would like to thank our departing Board members Phil van Eck who is finishing 2nd round on the board and Anna Scanlan who has completed 5 years as a secretary and done a fantastic job. It was great to have an educator on board to bounce ideas off. Round of applause please.
- Finance Committee – a huge thanks to Jane Taylor, Gabby Hoffmann, Quinton Hoffmann, Loretta Hackner, Christopher Smith and Patrick Hanna as Shadow Treasurer. Total gratitude to this team for our early starts working together to ensure that the finances are accountable.
- To our P&F : Natalie Hainsworth, Shanti Gelmi, Kate MacRae, Marina Raschella, Daniel Bersan and Cassandra Underwood – we can't thank you enough for what you do and the amount that you contribute to the school. Thanks to Naomi for her work with Quiz Night.
- To my staff – Sandro mentioned he feels very lucky to be where he is with the staff he has. Their commitment to their learning, students, and school is phenomenal. Every staff member within the school is valuable, whatever their role.
- Jane and Gabby - thank you for keeping me on track and filling my diary.
- Loretta and Christopher - huge, huge, thanks. In my eyes you are already Principals and count my lucky stars that we support each other and I truly appreciate all your efforts.

Accepted: Daniel Bersan

Seconded: Fay Valli

6. Elections

Jarod then advised we had received two nominations for the Board. He asked each of them to introduce themselves to the meeting.

- David Vallis- David spoke about himself, explained that he is old boy Class of 1970 and his brother Class of 1958. He is involved at St Brigid's College and works at Mazenod.
- He has a business that specialises in earthworks and works with Schools, Churches and Nursing Homes.
- Recognised after 70 years of service to St Brigid's College which commenced with his parents. His family now offers a student Scholarship for years 4 – 6 at the school.

- Lady of Grace - Parish member.
- Pickering Brook - on the Heritage Committee.
- Donated an original numberplate of the first car at the school which was a Dodge.
- Very community minded and involved in lots of Community Events.

Daniel Bersan

- Lived in the hills most of his life.
- Executive Board Member of Jason Glass.
- 30 years in IT work.
- Volunteers on the Leeuwin and helps with IT.
- Believer in the school and community.

Jarod thanked both David and Daniel and asked if there were any more nominees from the floor however no response.

Motion: Jarod moved that Daniel Bersan and David Vallis be passed as members of the Board for 2019.

Moved: Angela Smith

Seconded: Adrian Martin

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.