

# Board Chairman Report for the 2015 St Maria Goretti's Catholic School Board Annual School Community Meeting

Good evening and thank you for attending the St Maria Goretti's Catholic School Board Annual School Community Meeting.

Registering your attendance is important. Please record your name in the register and the name of anyone offering their apology.

I would like to formally open the meeting at 7.00pm and commence with an opening prayer read by Father Nelson / Mr Keith Mumme.

As per Section 9.2 of the Catholic School Board Constitution ("the Constitution"), the purpose of this meeting is:

- (a) the election in the manner provided for in this clause of persons as members of the Board for the next two year period;
- (b) the presentation of a report by the Board chairman; and
- (c) the presentation of a budget for the ensuing year.

The order of business for the meeting will be:

- Item 1 Acceptance of the 2014 AGM minutes
- Item 2 A report by the current Board chairman to the School community on the operation of the Board during the preceding 12 months. The Board will make the report available to the School Community via the school website;
- Item 3 An announcement of the criteria for Board membership, as stated in Section 8.1 of this Constitution;
- Item 4 Voting for the election of members to the Board; and
- Item 5 Announcement of the names of the new members of the Board.
- Item 6 Treasurer's report
- Item 7 Chair closing

Item 1  
Review of the 2014 AGM meetings and acceptance

Noting there was no business arising.

Move that the 2014 minutes be accepted

Seconded by:

Item 2  
Chairman's Report for the 2015 activities

## Expenditure

Stage 11 Building expenditure	\$875,000
Stage 12 Building Expenditure	\$155,000

ECE Playground	\$230,000
3 part-time TA's commenced 4 June 2015	\$ 40,000 (approx.)
2 part time cleaners	\$ 45,000 (approx.)
PATHS kits	\$ 5,000
iPads x 20	\$ 11,000
Surface Pros x 21	\$ 28,000
Marquees (tents)	\$ 4,500
PP classroom furniture	\$ 11,500

### Income

Donation from the P&F towards iPads, Surface Pros & tents	\$ 25,000
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### Item 3

#### Criteria for Board Membership

In accordance with Section 8.1 of the Constitution, criteria for membership of the Board shall be:

- (a) possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board;
- (b) a deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff;
- (c) a desire to give service to the Catholic School Community;
- (d) a keenness to promote Catholic schooling;
- (e) an ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the Board;  
and
- (f) a sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties.

### Item 4

#### **Voting for the election of members**

#### Preamble

The Board comprises:

- The Principal (Ex Officio)
- The Parish Priest (Ex Officio)
- Between 4-6 persons elected according to the established process
- P&F Representative
- Optionally up to 2 co-opted members

All non-Ex Officio positions are elected members for a 2 year period.

The non-Ex Officio current members are:

Danny Penny  
Amber Lee  
Mark Hall  
Chris Wiegele  
Chris Casale  
Simone Northcott  
Jeff McCulloch

Simone Northcott is the P&F Representative. She will be replaced by Karen Wellman in 2016.

Simone Northcott will be a co-opted member in 2016.

Myself and Chris Casale have completed our 2 year term. We have both renominated for a further 2 year term.

Chris Wiegele is required to step down after 6 years of very dedicated service.

We sincerely thank Chris for his extensive service to the school. Chris has a very demanding career, family commitments and numerous other voluntary roles within the community yet sacrifices his personal time for the school. It has been an absolute privilege to work with a man of this calibre. From myself and on behalf of the Board and the school community a huge thank you to Chris for his outstanding contribution.

After taking into account the current members stepping down and re-nominating, we have three (3) of the six (6) elected member positions vacant. Three (3) current members continue on into the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their 2 year term.

Voting for the election of members to the Board:

We have received three (3) nominations by the nomination closing date (17 November 2015) for the three (3) elected positions. Could I request the nominees to identify themselves as their names are announced please?

Erica May  
Chris Casale  
Jeff McCulloch

Thank you to the Nominees for your willingness to provide your service to St Maria Goretti's Catholic School.

It is taken that all candidates meet the Board Membership Criteria unless anyone has any objection. Are there any objections?

< Objections will be assessed by the St Maria Goretti's Catholic School Principal and he shall determine if the nominee(s) is eligible for Membership >

On the basis that there are no objections, please welcome Erica May as a new board member and continuing members Chris Casale and myself, Jeff McCulloch.

## Item 5

Announcement of the names of the new members of the Board.

On the basis that there are no objections, please welcome Erica May as a new board member and continuing members Chris Casale and myself, Jeff McCulloch.

The 2016 members are:

Erica May

Mark Hall

Danny Penny

Amber Lee

Chris Casale

Jeff McCulloch

Karen Wellman as the P&F representative and Simone Northcott as a co-opted member.

## Item 6 Treasurer's Report

- a. 2016 School fees
- b. Proposed budget for 2016

Move to have the Treasure's report accepted

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Item 7 Closing remarks

This completes the formalities of the St Maria Goretti's Catholic School Board AGM.

In closing I would like to thank the current Board for their hard work throughout the year. There have been many challenges and I commend you all for your hard work and dedication to the school and most importantly for always putting the students of St Maria Goretti's Catholic School first. Most of your work is invisible to the school community so please accept my sincere thanks on behalf of the St Maria Goretti's Catholic School community.

I would like to thank the Board members that held offices including Chris Weigele Deputy Chair, Chris Casale Treasurer and Simone Northcott Secretary. These roles add additional responsibility and time commitments. This should be acknowledged and I thank you all.

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Amber Lee in the design and project oversight of the new playground. Amber has significant experience in this specialised area and her contribution to the process resulted in an award winning playground. I know the kids love it and I'm sure they would all like to give you a huge hug and a glowing smile for your efforts.

I would also like to thank our teaching staff. The dedication and professionalism of our staff is nothing short of amazing. Our kids all hold you in the highest of esteem and love you dearly. Thankyou for your commitment to your profession and providing our kids with not only a fantastic education but also for making coming to school an enjoyable experience.

A special thanks to the Admin staff, Marion and Sharon and Liz in the canteen and uniform shop. You are the glue that holds us all together and enables the school to function efficiently. You are also the face of the school and you maintain smiling and welcoming faces no matter what adversities are thrown at you.

I would also like to commend the P&F for their hard work and brilliant fund raising. The P&F members work tirelessly throughout the entire year to raise funds that benefit the students. On behalf of the students, a huge thank you!

To our Year 6 students that are graduating and leaving the St Maria Goretti's Catholic School family, we thank you for your leadership this year and wish you every success as you move into high school. I also welcome the new students and their families who are joining us next year.

Finally to our Principal, Martin Barrett. Martin has lead the school through a difficult year with the continuing building program and was also instrumental in delivering an award winning playground that is the showcase of our school and the envy of other schools. Together with the Board, Martin led St Maria Goretti's Catholic School through another funding application and conceptual plan development for further building programs. This has required countless additional hours of work which are largely invisible to most of the school stakeholders. On behalf of the entire school community, a sincere thank you Martin for your dedication and leadership.

Thank you for your attendance and participation in this meeting.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a brilliant 2016. For those lucky enough to have some vacation time, please take the time to relax and contemplate the triumphs and goals that you achieved during 2015. Have a safe festive season and I look forward to seeing you next year.

I hereby declare the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Jeff McCulloch  
St Maria Goretti's Catholic School School Board Chair