



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BOARDTALK

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'Find happiness
in making
others
happy.'

St Mary
MacKillop

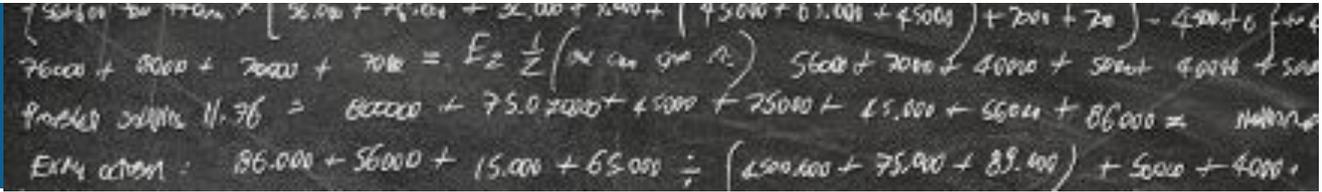
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WELCOME

Another term is coming to an end and we are half way through the year.



Thank you to the PTA who has had a busy term this term, with a great community quiz night, cake stalls and ladies night. Thank you to all who could attend and support these events as the fundraising the PTA does helps go towards the running of the school and is contributing to the new playground.

THANK YOU to all of our community who choose to send your children to our Catholic school. The Board has attended a few seminars by the Catholic Schools office this term and one of the important themes stressed by them has been that a "Catholic school is first and foremost "a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth". Its primary goal is "above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others".

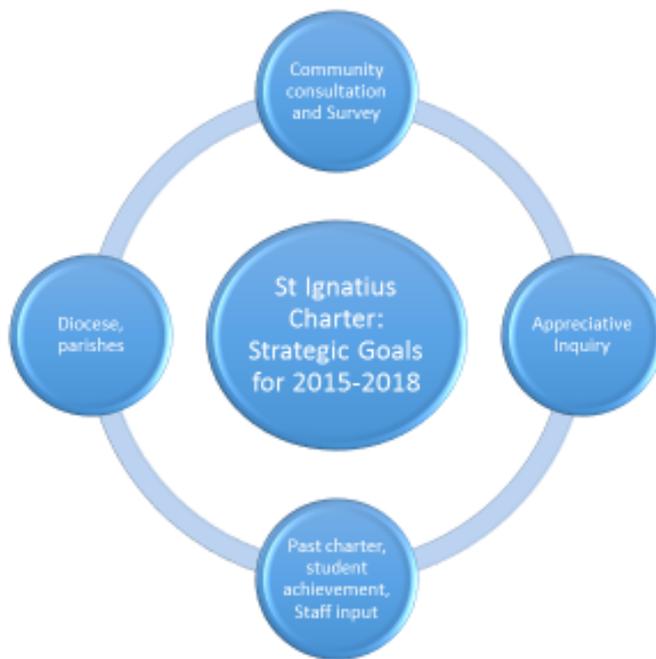
Last year the Bishops published a document "The Catholic Education of School-Age Children" to guide Catholic Schools and to form a document for Catholic Schools to work from for the school goals. Familiarity with this document was stressed as vital for determining the vision and strategic direction of our school. The Board were reminded of recognising the importance of "conducting their governance with Catholic eyes" and challenged to relook at the school's vision in terms of the Catholic Special Character. In choosing a Catholic school for your child/children, you are all accountable for your part in your child's/children's faith journey and in supporting the school as it makes Catholic learning, beliefs and values both authentic and meaningful.

CHARTER

St Ignatius Catholic School Charter 2015-2018

The start of this year saw the board finalise a new school charter for 2015-2018. The charter is the key working document for the board and is the basis for all board activity and school decision making. It sets strategic goals for the next three years.

There were several steps involved in formulating the charter as illustrated in the diagram below. Thank you to all those who contributed at all the various stages.



The charter for 2015-2018 has the following strategic goals:

1. To be a Christ centred community, celebrating with pride our Catholic spirituality and traditions and identity as a Josephite school.
2. To value and celebrate strong home, school and parish partnerships.
3. To have a learning culture that is relevant and personalised, evidence by children striving for excellence.
4. To embed contemporary teaching and learning practices which prepare our students for the future.
5. To continuously improve school facilities to provide contemporary teaching and learning spaces.

For these strategic goals to be achieved, core strategies have been developed for the 3 year period. A 2015 annual plan has also been created, with linked actions, expected outcomes and identified responsibilities. The current charter can be found on the website.

As part of the charter review and reporting process, ongoing review of the outcomes, annual plans and follow up of consultation (eg appreciative inquiry) continues throughout the year and at the beginning of each school year. See other articles in this edition of Board Talk for more information.

BUILDING AND OUTDOOR SPACE UPDATE

The first phase of our outdoor space update has been completed with the relocation and upgrade of the basketball hoops and netball and basketball court line marking.

This has created the space for the new senior playground location as per the initial concept plans on display in the school office. The children have been consulted on the first stage of the playground and the equipment that has been incorporated into the design. The construction will begin in the first week of the school holidays and is scheduled to take around three weeks.



**Builders,
Landscapers,
Designers. We
need your help!!**

APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY

We are working with our facilitator to set a date for furthering our inquiry, we will let you know as soon as we have been able to get one set.

Appreciative Inquiry is a particular way of asking questions and envisioning the future that fosters positive relationships and builds on the basic goodness in an organization. In so doing, it enhances a system's capacity for collaboration.



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COMINGS AND GOINGS



During this term we welcomed **Mrs Ronelle Clarke**. Mrs Clarke is teaching Years 3 & 4 in Atawhai. She joins us from Mt Carmel Catholic School in Meadowbank.

Ms Anjila Dixon has accepted a position as Senior Advisor with the MOE and leaves at the end of term.

Miss Donna Duane and **Miss Cailyn Webb**, Learning Assistants, have completed their contracts and return to their homelands – Ireland and Boston respectively.

After 20+ years incredible service to our learners at St Ignatius, **Mrs Chris Lawson**, Learning Support teacher retires from teaching at the end of this term. We thank her for the enormous contribution she has made to Our Place and to all our children, as each and every one of them has been influenced in some way by her wonderful skills, knowledge and commitment. A box will be left at the office if anyone would like to contribute to a farewell gift for Mrs Lawson.



INTRODUCING YOUR BOARD

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Joanne Humphrey	Co-opted Chair	
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Verna Love

As a lecturer at AUT University, I have an interest and desire to best prepare and equip our children and students for the future and am working with the Board of Trustees to support St Ignatius to fulfil its mission and vision.

My husband, Andrew and I have two sons. Adam is currently in Year 5 and Noah will start in 2016. As such, it is important to us what happens at the school and community not only now but also in the future. I am continually amazed by the dedicated

group of people who work to make the school and community a great place for our children.



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