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# “boardtalk”

**ST IGNATIUS**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

With the current three year Board of Trustee term coming to an end, we farewell three members of our Board - Graeme Tremlett, Anthony Matijasevich and Iain Campbell. These members have added huge value to the successful functioning of our Board over the last 6 years. They have been generous with their time and have shared their skills to benefit our school. They epitomize the values of a Trustee as they are honest, reliable, trustworthy, wise, fair and diligent, with a commitment to Catholic education. We have been blessed.

I'd like to thank those parents who have put their names forward as candidates for the upcoming election and I encourage you all to vote. We are very fortunate to have a number of parents keen to stand. We look forward to the next three years which will be a period of growth and development at the school, and continuing to work together with Carol and Robyn to ensure the ongoing smooth and efficient running of our school while fostering its special character.

Kind regards  
Marcella

## Roll Growth

The school's roll was recently increased from 250 to 321 after the Diocese submitted an application to the Ministry of Education.

As you are all aware, there is an overwhelming demand for Catholic education and our school has been turning away preference applicants for some time now, due to greater numbers applying than places available.

This roll growth will go some way to ensure Catholic children in our zone are receiving the Catholic education their parents wish them to have. However roll growth is conditional on us having the space available and it must be very carefully planned and implemented. As we are using our current facilities to capacity, additional learning spaces are to be built at the school, and it is anticipated that this building will commence during 2014. Roll growth will gradually increase next year and we expect the school to reach its maximum of 321 pupils during 2017.

**Next Cafe Saints** Please join us before pickup at 2.15pm on **Wednesday 12th June** in the staffroom. This is a great chance for new parents to meet others from the school and have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee so please mark the date in your diary.

## Buildings and Development

One issue that goes hand and hand with roll growth is building development.

A comprehensive development plan has been mapped out to scope the vision and guide the development of St Ignatius Catholic School from 2011 to 2020.

Consultation has also taken place with the Diocese being the owner of the school property in regard to future planning of these spaces. The development plan was shared at a BOT parent information evening in July 2012.



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St Ignatius School, in partnership with parents and within a caring and supportive Catholic environment, is committed to quality education and achievement where the focus is on the development of the whole child, guiding each child on their faith journey, and helping them to grow up as caring and contributing members of the community.

Respectful  
Responsible  
Generous  
Happy

As already mentioned, building is anticipated to commence in 2014 and further details will be shared in an information evening once the decisions have been made and finalised by the Diocese. We expect this information evening to take place during Term 3.

### **Election Update**

As we received 5 nominations for the 4 Parent Representative positions on the Board of Trustees, an election is to be held. Our election officer will complete election papers and candidate profiles and will have papers in the mail this week. **Voting closes at 12 noon next Thursday 30th May** and papers in the mail by this point will be counted. We urge you all to read the relevant information which will be posted to you, and vote. Results will be advised to the school verbally on **Wednesday 5 June** and we will then notify our candidates. The new Board takes office as of **6th June**.

Thank you to the five parents for their nominations and willingness to support the school and our children through their offer of service as a Trustee.

### **iPads for Our Place**

We recently received a generous donation of \$1000 from a school family and we will use this to purchase two iPads, which we had intended to purchase this year. The Board thanks that family for this wonderful gesture. If there is anyone else who would be interested in making a donation to enable the purchase of additional iPads for the school, please contact the office, Carol Sullivan or the BOT.

### **Our Way Tip**

Be Responsible in our communications.

The school website is now live ([www.stignatius.school.nz](http://www.stignatius.school.nz)) so please refer to it for communications including newsletters, events, reminders and reporting absences.

If you need to communicate with your child's teacher it is best to do so by e-mail as opposed to having a conversation before or after school drop off.

Refer to **Mind Matters** for relevant learning groups to understand your child's school routines and expectations. **Mind Matters** can be found on the school website and may clarify any concerns or queries you may have had.

Please use other parent's email addresses responsibly.

### **Keep our children safe - please DO NOT ...**

**Park in the bus stop at pick up.**

**Park or turn in driveways.**

**Park on the opposite side of the road to let children in or out.**

**Keep them safe by parking in a street further away and walk an extra 100 metres.**

**We want to keep our children safe!! Please pass this on to anyone who may drop off or pick up your children.**

**FOLLOW OUR ONE WAY RULE.**



In September last year we published this information from our Treasurer in a BoardTalk and we felt it worthwhile to provide it once again, as it is useful to know how the school is run financially, starting with a simplified version of our overall annual budget.

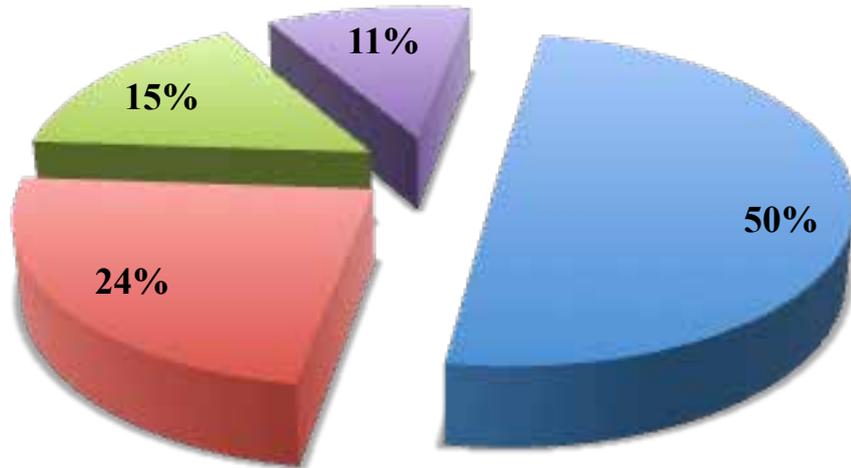
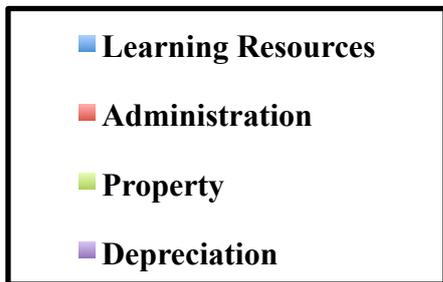
You will see below that the first item, teachers salaries is the same on both tables. This is the 'standard' amount paid by the MOE based on our school roll etc. This item is not strictly controlled by the BOT.

<b>INCOME</b>	
<b>Teachers salaries - paid by MOE</b>	<b>900,000</b>
<b>Gov't Funding - Other</b>	<b>236,000</b>
<b>BOT Contributions</b>	<b>116,000</b>
<b>PTA</b>	<b>70,000</b>
<b>Grants, Other Income</b>	<b>28,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,350,000</b>

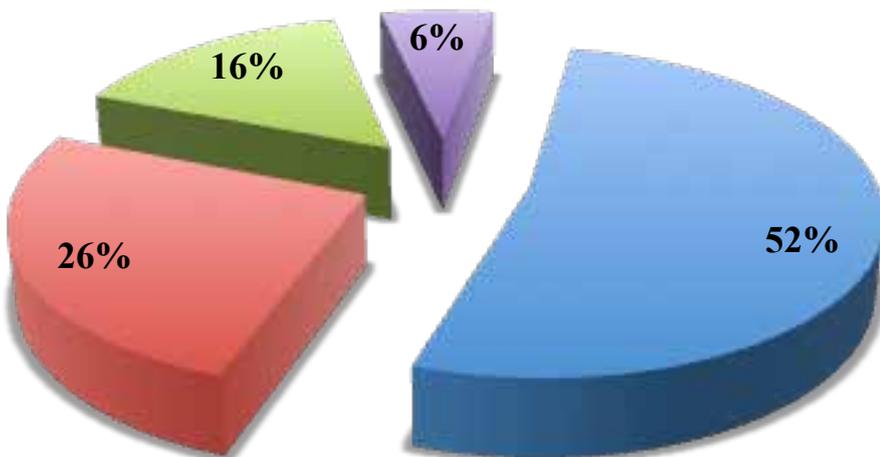
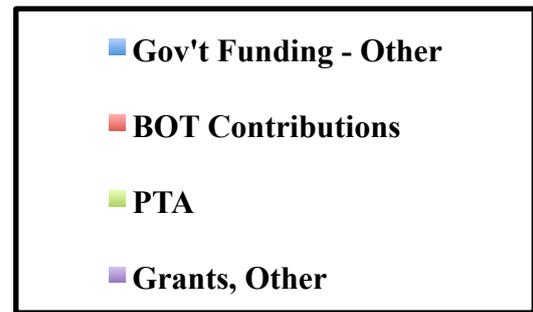
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>Teachers salaries - paid by MOE</b>	<b>900,000</b>
<b>Learning Resources</b>	<b>224,000</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>106,000</b>
<b>Property</b>	<b>70,000</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,350,000</b>

The BOT has always invested in extra staffing which has helped us consistently offer lower class sizes, extra tuition etc. These extra teaching costs are shown in “learning resources”. What the charts also show below is just how important the ‘Non Government’ funding from the BOT contributions, the marvelous work of our PTA and the huge efforts involved in obtaining grant money. Without these sources of income, we would have to drastically cut back on what our school can offer for our children.

### EXPENSES



### INCOME



Marcella Thomas (Parent Rep, Chair) All committees  
Ph 5284565 or 021 819979

Carol Sullivan (Principal) All committees Ph 5757081

Paula Dell (Parent rep) Our Place

Graeme Tremlett (Parent rep - Treasurer) Ph 5752127  
Our Place

Therese Arahill (Proprietor's rep) Our Learning,  
Our People, Our Faith

Iain Campbell CSC (Proprietor's rep) Our Faith

Anthony Matijasevich (Proprietor's rep) Ph 5758959  
Our Place, Our Faith

Robyn Lee (School rep) Our Learning Ph 5757081

Jasmine Connolly (Selected) Ph 5850181 Our People,  
Our Place

Joanne Humphrey (Co-opted) Ph 5216177 Our People,  
Our Place