



# ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARDTALK

June 2018

## Introduction

I hope that everyone is staying warm and dry in this very unseasonal winter weather we are experiencing. Whilst we normally communicate with our school community once a term, we have two very important notifications we'd like to advise you of;

Firstly, a casual vacancy for a Parent Representative has arisen on our Board, and secondly, with the Government recently implementing a review of education in New Zealand, you have the opportunity to have your voice heard and participate in two important surveys.

## Board of Trustees Casual Vacancy – Parent Representative

Margo Thomas has resigned her position as Parent Representative on the St. Ignatius Board of Trustees due to a change in her work commitment's and the expansion of her gorgeous family. We would like to thank Margo for her time and her commitment that she so willingly gave to our school community and our Board over the past two years. Margo has been an integral part of our Board team, serving on the Our Place and Our People committees. Margo proactively contributed to our successful Catholic Schools Office and ERO Reviews, and in her final trimester, actively participated with the appointment of our new Principal Mrs Swann.

With Margo's resignation, there is now a casual vacancy for a parent representative on the Board. The Board has agreed to fill this position through a by-election, we have appointed CES as the Returning Officer for the election. Further information regarding the process will be communicated in the coming weeks along with the timeline. The first step will be a call for nominations, you can nominate yourself, if there is more than one candidate for the position then an election will be held.

The successful candidate will hold the role until the next round of Board elections in June 2019. The board would like any candidates considering the role to commit to running again in the elections next year for the three year term commencing June 2019 to help in building a succession planning platform, as some of the current board members will not continue into the next term.

If you are interested in running in the election please feel free to talk to a current board member about what the role involves or e-mail [stignatiusbot@gmail.com](mailto:stignatiusbot@gmail.com)

The Board is made up of:

- Five parent representatives (elected)
- Four proprietors representatives (appointed by Bishop Pat)
- Principal
- Staff representative (elected)

### **Board of Trustee Members:**

Clodagh Hoare (Chair / Proprietor Rep)  
Jane Penney (Staff Representative)  
Stephen O'Neill (Parent Rep)  
Greg Pinches (Parent Rep)  
Karen Rassie (Proprietor rep)  
**VACANCY (Parent Rep)**

Anna Swann (Principal)  
Nikki Peck (Parent Rep)  
Alexandra Lonergan (Parent Rep)  
Peter Brown (Proprietor rep)  
Kim Ballinger (Proprietor rep)

## **Curriculum Progress & Achievement – Survey**

Following the removal of National Standards last year, the Ministry of Education is working with schools, students, parents, whanau, iwi and communities to focus on progress and achievement across the curricula, for students in Years 1 to 10.

A focus on progress and achievement across the curricula will mean tamariki have the support and learning opportunities they need to develop the key capabilities for success in life, learning and work.

We encourage you to take the opportunity to have a say about what is important to you and your family, so that the work the Ministry does reflects your aspirations and expectations.

When you begin the survey, you will be asked to identify your interest, please select the parent option.

The survey is available at:

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/curriculum-progress-and-achievement>

## **Tomorrow's Schools Review – Consultation Website**

It has been nearly 30 years since Tomorrow's Schools was introduced and our new Government felt that the time is right for a full review. The review will consider the fitness of our schooling system to equip all learners for the 21st century.

This review looks at the changes needed in regards to governance (school Boards), management and administration to better support all learners throughout their schooling.

The Ministry of Education has launched a brief public consultation survey asking what's working well, what's not working well, and what would you change, and how.

The survey should take you about 10 minutes to complete and is available until 6<sup>th</sup> August;  
<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review>

**“Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God”**

*Saint Mary MacKillop (1891)*