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“boardtalk”

As 2013 draws to an end, the Board would like to say **THANK YOU** to Carol, Robyn, the management team and all our staff for another full year of learning and achievement for all the children at our school. If you were able to attend **CELEBRATE** on Thursday night, you would have heard Carol thank all the people who help make our school the great place that it is and provide so many experiences and opportunities to the children, and the Board sends out its thanks to each and every one of those people too. We could not function as we do without you all, and we are grateful.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the Year 6 children on the successful completion of their primary school years as respectful, responsible, generous, happy learners. **FAREWELL** to the families who are now leaving our community as your children move on to their next place of learning. We know that you all take part of our school's special catholic character with you.

We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a happy and safe festive season.

Regards
Marcella



Buildings and Development

In our Term 2 BoardTalk distributed in May, we mentioned that building was anticipated to commence at the school in 2014 and we were hoping to share further details during an information evening once the Diocese made those decisions and advised us of the same. We were advised at the end of November that the building would go ahead and while building consent has been applied for, and building of a new two-storey learning space is planned for 2014, we do not yet know when that building will commence. However it is likely Room 9 will be relocated and the senior playground removed and stored during the holidays as the new building is to be built along the Speight Rd boundary in line with our Admin block and Rooms 6, 7 & 8.

Please keep Thursday 13th March free for a BOT Parent Information evening and we will then share more details of this building with you. It will be an exciting new modern learning space for the children of our school to enjoy for many years to come.



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Comings and Goings

As the end of the year approaches, the Board would like to thank the staff who are leaving our place. Moira Flannery, Rachel McGinty and Angela Skinner have recently resigned and we would like to thank them for their special contribution to our school, children & community during their time with us. Moira deserves special mention as she has been employed with the school for more than 12 years and has shared so much with so many during that time. These teachers will all be missed and we wish them the very best with their plans for 2014. We also send our blessings to Jane Penney as she is taking a year's leave of absence in 2014 and we look forward to her return to our school in 2015. The Board would also like to thank Jasmine Connolly for her service, commitment and professionalism as a Board of Trustee member. Jasmine will be missed and we wish her, Brendan and their family bon voyage as they move to Singapore.

School Bus Route

Thank you to all those who gave us feedback regarding the school bus route. Auckland Transport is considering all the feedback and possible changes to the route to try and cover a broader area and encourage more families to use it. They have proposed a route which we have included in this BoardTalk. This route is not yet final and Kohimarama Rd to Allum St may be by-passed altogether due to traffic around other schools. As an alternative, the bus may travel up Hampton Drive. Also the bus may by-pass the end of Riddell Road past Glendowie College.

If you wish to provide any further feedback to us regarding the bus route, please email StIgnatiusBot@gmail.com with "bus route" as the subject before 23 December.

If your children can use the bus in 2014, we urge you to do so, as this is a great service which could reduce traffic and parking issues around the school each afternoon and encourages our children's independence.

Our People

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 really honoured to have been elected to be involved with the Board of Trustees for the next three years. My husband, Andrew (the photographer!), and I have two sons. Adam will be going into Year 4 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 really looking forward to working with such a dedicated group of people and I hope to be able to contribute in a meaningful way. I will strive to represent the voices of the parents as well as to continue to build on the good work the board have been doing for families and the school up until now.



Board Tip

As parking is now at a premium around the perimeter of the school at drop-off and pick-up times why not park at the far end of Hanene St heading around the corner and down to St Heliers Bay Rd or on Pahaki St off Kotiri St and walk the 1 or 2 minutes to school? Great exercise and a great help to our parking problem.



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Upcoming By-Election

The Board resolved to fill the casual vacancy (following Jasmine Connolly's resignation due to her family moving overseas) by holding a by-election as more than one parent has expressed interest (which is great). This will allow our community to consider candidates and vote.

Nominations will be called for very early in Term 1 and voting will close the first week of March 2014. Watch this space for more information.

Proposed Bus Route



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