MARY’S MOUNT SCHOOL BOARD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
17 November 2015
Commenced 7.40pm

1. Welcome

2. Attendance:
Natalie Hainsworth, Denise Pollaers, Lindsay West, Jasmin O’Brien, Natasha Morisco, Jane Taylor, Angela Smith, Allyson Bignell, Sarah Skrzypek, Veronica Giancono, Nicole Smith, Tamara Ellenbroek, Annmarie Baltov, Antonietta Christie, Nancy Wratten, Lance Roughsedge, Andrew Hollis, Belinda Henderson, Cassandra Underwood, Maree Ferritto, Lourdes Sasidharan, Natalie Boyd-Ratcliff, Quinton Hoffmann, Gabrielle Hoffmann, Michelle Sanderson, Sacha Upton, Merrisa McDougall, Amanda Tallon, Karen Basinski, Clinton Payne, Jo DeBarro, Tony DeBarro, Loretta Hackner, Anna Scanlan, Paula Rafferty, Christine Barnett, Sandro Coniglio, Simon Di Rosso

Apologies:
Debbie Cockman, Sharon Perrella, Finette Macolino, Patricia Sanchez, Father Suresh

3. Minutes from Previous AGM
3.1. Acceptance of minutes
Accepted: Nicole Smith
Seconded: Angela Smith

Business arising
Nil

4. Reports
4.1. President’s Report – see attached
- Simon introduced himself as Chair of the School Board and spoke about how excited he was to be part of the board this year, especially since he is an old boy of the school.
- He also introduced the various board members and thanked them for their work this year.
- Simon spoke about the strategic elements that Sandro reports to the board on each month. One of the areas is Stewardship and this is what he is concentrating on in his report. The School Board is responsible for the governance of the school which is strongly linked to Stewardship.
- The presentation then showed some of the initiatives that the board had introduced throughout the year. Especially about the IT Development and the new exciting Computer Learning Hub.
- The Nature Playground commenced this year and will continue to be a focus in 2016, with Alan Barnett driving this project.
Another area of the school that we focus on is giving back to the local community which generously supports us in our endeavours. We hire the school hall out at competitive rates to the local community. We also allow the Kalamunda cricket club the use of our oval.

Simon then went on to thank the P&F for the wonderful work they do in the school community. The funds raised are phenomenal and the school community is greatly enriched by your generosity to the school. The work that you do is fantastic, and it also builds great community. To the Executive, we thank you sincerely for everything you have done this year, Merrisa, Sacha, Amanda and Michelle. Please give them a round of applause.

Simon spoke to the slide about the direction and focus of the school for 2016.

On behalf of the School Board I would like to thank you the parents, teachers and assistants for all you do in making this such a great school community. Thanks specifically to Sandro for all your work that you give to the school. You a true embodiment of catholic identity. He also thanked the school board for all they have done throughout the year and a special thanks to Travis Linaker who is retiring from the board this year.

Simon then thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a great Christmas and New Year.

Accepted: Amanda Tallon
Seconded: Cassandra Underwood

### 4.2 Treasurer’s Report – see attached

Quinton spoke to his report. He thanked the P&F for their generosity in donating money back to the school for the various resources and capital development of the school.

- Capital expenditure this year was huge with painting of the whole school, commencement of adventure playground, and major signage around the school.
- 2016 Budget has been submitted and fees have increased by 5% which is within the guidelines set by CE.
- Quinton talked to the slide about improvements around the school for 2016.
- He then went on to explain the new funding model which is being implemented in 2016. There has been a major change in how funding is distributed to schools. It is now based on a per capita basis. For 2016 no school has been disadvantaged with less money than last year.
- He also explained that the State Government funding has not changed for 2016.
- Quinton then asked if anyone had questions about the report.
- Amanda asked if swimming will happen next year given there was a survey earlier this term re this. Yes it will and it has been included in the fee schedule.
Lourdes asked about the language fee: Both Quinton and Sandro spoke re this. Funding for Italo which enable them to provide the Italian teachers free of charge has stopped. Language is part of the curriculum and CE has partly subsidised Italian for next year. 2016 will allow us to explore other avenues and languages for 2017 and beyond.

Lourdes then asked if it was possible to do a fundraiser to raise funds for Italian. Sandro advised that we can’t specifically fundraise for Italian but the Italian night sounded like something the P&F could explore.

Amanda asked is the Canteen closing? Quinton advised that we have not included it in our budget for 2016. We don’t want to close it but we can’t run it as a loss. Quinton then spoke about comments on facebook and how it had generated positive interest. But really the only way we can keep it open is to get the volunteers to commit to volunteering. Forms were due back yesterday and we will be meeting to discuss this shortly.

Accepted: Angela Smith
Seconded: Naomi Holly

4.3 Principal’s Report – See Attached

Sandro welcomed Loretta Hackner to the meeting and introduced her as the new Assistant Principal for 2016. (round of applause)

Sandro then spoke to his report re Assessment within the school. As a school we are very excited to see our results continuing to improve in Naplan, Bishops RE Testing and PIPS. This tells us that the programs that we are using within the school with the dedicated help of teachers and assistants are working.

Pips testing – this is the best it has been with very positive results. This is the result of the teachers and assistants in the ECE area. Thank you to Annemarie, Tamara, Jasmine, Veronica, Nancy, Antonietta and Belinda.

The slide Value Added is the list of extracurricular activities and events that we do around the school to enhance the learning of the students at the school. Eg Smarties, Dance Troupe, Performing Arts, Speak up Awards.

The School/Parish relationship works very well and we look forward to continuing to build this relationship. Thanks to Father Greg who retired from the Parish this year who was a strong contributor to this relationship and we look forward to developing this further with Father Suresh.

Focus for 2016
• Some of our main goals are to continue the work with student engagement.
• Further enhance our ITC within the school – this year we will form a work party with key stakeholders to work out the best direction the school needs to take with both software and hardware to move forward with this.
Social Justice - Sandro explained that as a school community we do this very well however it appears to be an area of concern on our surveys so this will become a focus next year - possibly a workshop with guest speaker for staff and parents to discuss and define what social justice is.

Staffing for 2016
- At Mary’s Mount Primary School to become a member of staff there are a number of registrations and checks that need to be completed with the most important one being a reference from their Parish Priest. This allows us as a school to employ quality staff members.

- Firstly I would like to advise of those staff members leaving us at the end of the year.
  - Mrs Natalie Hainsworth will be moving on after 12 years of service. Natalie is commencing a new business venture - Kip McGrath a tutoring company in Midland. We wish her every success with this.
  - Mrs Debbie Cockman will be retiring after 17 years of outstanding service. A fantastic fun person in the office who is an incredibly hard worker. I thank Debbie for all she has done and wish her all the best in her retirement.

Staff who have left during the year
- Sarah Williams who went on maternity leave in Term 3 and is thoroughly enjoying motherhood. Sarah will be on maternity leave next year.
- Michael and Assunta Giovinazzo who retired after 60 years of combined service. We farewelled them early this year.

Staff Changes
- We welcome Loretta Hackner to Mary’s Mount as Assistant Principal.
- Carolyn Gamble who is back from maternity leave two days per week.
- Kiara Barnes - who is returning one day per week.
- Gabby Hoffmann will increase to three days per week and will also be helping with IT a role she is very competent in.
- Slide went up with classroom staffing - only change is Lindsay moving to Year 4 and Carolyn and Natasha job sharing in Year 3.

Thank You
- Sandro then thanked the finance committee, Quinton, Clinton, Sarah and Jane for their work in this area. The committee meet each month to review figures and are responsible for the review of the budget. The 2016 budget was one of the hardest we have done and I thank you for your hard work.

- Thank you to the board for all the time and dedication that they give to the school. They really do an outstanding job in governing the school.
- Thanks to Travis Linaker who is retiring from the board at the end of the year, we thank you for all you have done during your time on the board.
To the P&F, Merrissa, Sacha, Amanda and Michelle thank you for the fantastic job you have done this year. A very young group of mums with 10 young children between them your commitment and dedication is outstanding. (round of applause)

To the staff thank you for all that you do. Each and every one of you do an outstanding job. I know that the parents and students appreciate all you do for the school community.

Also thank you to all the parents in the community for your help and support of the students.

Accept: Annemarie Baltov
Seconded: Tamara Ellenbroek

5. Elections
We have received 3 new nominations for the Board this year: Lance Roughsedge, Andrew Hollis, and Alan Barnett. And Natalie Boyd-Raftcliff renominated for another term on the board.

Motion that we accept all nominations to be accepted onto the Board.

Motion: Quinton Hoffmann
Seconded: Amanda Tallon
Show of hands
Motion Passed unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm