



# Floreat Park Primary School Board

## Board Update – Term 2, June 2018

It is hard to believe, but we are halfway through the school year already! The School Board had two formal meetings this term, with discussions covering a number of significant topics, notably the endorsement of the Business Plan for the period of 2018 to 2020.

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## Business Plan 2018-2020

The new School Business Plan was formally endorsed by the Board at our recent meeting on 19 June 2018. The development of the Business Plan commenced in Term 3 last year, with a committee setup, meeting fortnightly, to ensure the Plan's alignment with the School's vision over the next 3 years. The Business Plan is modelled around the School's three strategic pillars:

- Successful students
- A safe and motivating learning environment
- Effective leadership and high-quality teaching

A copy of the 2018-2020 Business Plan will be available online via the school website. The Business Plan Committee will now develop a timeline for the milestones under each of the strategic pillars. This will help us identify how to best utilise resources in achieving the identified outcomes.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Ian Gordon and Emily Chee for their contributions, and to our school's Business Plan Committee members - Jane Rowlands, Mark Walters, Rod Cohen and Jayne Prentice for their planning, coordination and execution of our School's Business Plan.

The School Board will be working closely with the school Leadership Team, P&C, parents and the local community to support its implementation. Monitoring its progress will be a standing item at each Board meeting to ensure the Board is well informed on the plan's implementation and progress.

I am pleased to inform you that the school has already made progress towards the strategic pillars outlined. A recent presentation made by, Deputy Principal, Rod

Cohen on plans to develop the Student Engagement Policy and align it with the targets and vision set out in our Business Plan, shows the initiative and commitment of the Leadership Team in their focus on achieving these objectives. Personally, I feel very fortunate to be a part of a school community where the staff genuinely care about keeping our students engaged by applying strategies based on contemporary research and best practice.

### **School Strategic Matters**

Our new Board Members for the year have settled comfortably into their roles this term and there have been constructive discussions and actions which members have keenly taken on. We are extremely fortunate as we have a very talented group of Board Members, who actively participate, offering valuable advice and support to seek resolutions to the issues raised at Board Meetings.

- Currently, the school has 621 enrolled students. This number is expected to marginally increase in Term 3, with several new students expected to join us. The budget set and approved by Board earlier in the term was based on the enrolled student numbers on census day and we are currently on track in expending this.
- We are currently expecting a drop in student numbers for the 2019 school year, contrary to previous forecasts of an increase to the current 2018 intake. This is the result of significantly lower than expected enrolment numbers in Kindergarten. Lower numbers in Kindergarten has a flow-on effect on the size of the school population in the later years. This affects how teaching resources are deployed throughout the school. The School Board will continue to monitor this situation beyond the enrolment deadline of 20 July.
- The school grounds have been surveyed to identify potential for re-development due to the school population growth over the past few years. Notably, the floor space of buildings on the grounds have nearly doubled in size since the school was first established in 1951. If we are going to plan for future re-development, we need to carefully review and monitor future enrolments along with the constraints of school grounds. This issue will be an agenda item the Board will be looking into in Term 3.
- School Policies targeted for review in Term 3 include the Student Engagement Policy (Behaviour Policy), Uniform/Dress Code, Homework Policy and Assessment and Reporting Policy.

### **Ms Awena Jervis**

We received devastating news at the beginning of June. Our School Administrative Officer of 15 years, Awena suffered a fall at home as a result of an aneurysm and stroke. I want to share with the community that the quick thinking and response of our staff, particularly Deputy Principal Rod Cohen and our Manager Corporate Services, Sue Morgan meant they were on hand to help. This touching gesture reflects how close and supportive our community is. We appreciate how Jane has kept the community informed on Awena's progress, and we will continue to keep her and her family in our thoughts as we hope for the best outcome.

## **Student Councillors, Semester 1 – 2018**

As Semester One comes to an end, it also signifies the end of term for our six Year 6 Student Councillors. Our Student Councillors presented to the Board at our last meeting. They spoke proudly of their achievements and the lessons they learnt during their term of office. Not only are they bright young future leaders, but an inspiration to their peers, our Leadership Team, their teachers and Board Members. They have already left a legacy which includes the highly popular table tennis tables that were commissioned last week. They have left behind further plans which they hope to pass onto the six incoming Student Councillors who will be voted in before the end of Term 2. Good luck to all our Year 6 candidates.

## **Open Board Meeting**

The Board has planned an open meeting for Term 4 on the 23 October at 5:00pm. Over the past few years, attendance to the open meeting has been low. The Board welcomes all parents and stakeholders to attend these open meetings and participate in discussions on how we can improve our School. If there are any suggestions for the Board, topics of interest or any general feedback, please feel free to email [fppsboardsecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:fppsboardsecretary@hotmail.com).

## **FPPS Alumni**

Our school began educating local children in 1951 and has a long and proud history. As we are halfway through our 67<sup>th</sup> year, the Board is considering forming an Alumni Association; linking the past to the future. We would like to bring our ex-students and staff back to help us celebrate our history and achievements.

The School Board will be working closely with the School and the P&C in Term 3 in the hope of bringing the FPPS Alumni to some level of maturity.

If there are any community members who are interested in helping the school set up an Alumni, please speak to any members of the Board or contact our Board Secretary, Emily Chee, via [fppsboardsecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:fppsboardsecretary@hotmail.com). We are particularly interested in community members who have a background in media, marketing and/or graphic design.

## **Board Member - Mr Simon Heyting**

Finally, on behalf of the School Board, I would like to thank Simon Heyting for his invaluable contributions to the Board for the past 12 months. We have had a good balance of junior and senior school teachers on board. Simon's experience in the senior school and our new Leadership Program has certainly helped progress - board discussions. Simon's term will end at the end of Term 2, and we anticipate a staff member will be voted onto the School Board prior to the first Board Meeting in Term 3.

I wish you all a safe and restful Term 2 break.

**ANDREA LAM**  
**BOARD CHAIR – FLOREAT PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**