



# Floreat Park Primary School Board

## JUNE 2017 BOARD REPORT

### June 2017

It's been a busy very start to the school year and thanks to the support of our whole school community, a very productive start, especially in regards to completing our first formal Independent Public School (IPS) review. Also a highlight so far this year is the selection of new staff representatives to the Board, and a change to the structure of the Board's open meeting program.

### **INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL REVIEW**

Conducted by the Department of Education Services (at the time of the Review, this office was independent of the Department of Education), the IPS Review took place in the first week of term 2 and was the culmination of more than 12 months of self review by administration, staff and the Board of our 2015-2018 Business Plan and Delivery and Performance Agreement. The aim of these three-yearly reviews is to verify our judgements on our areas of strength, affirm areas for development as identified in our planning and review processes, and if applicable, recommend further areas for improvement. A sincere thanks to our staff, leadership team and Board members who invested a significant amount of time out-of-hours in many workshops and meetings, in addition to the regular day-to-day operation of their classes, and to all staff, students and parents who spoke with the reviewers over the two days. The successful completion of the review was a whole school achievement and one of which we deserve to be proud. We anticipate receiving the reviewers final report in term 3, which will be publicly available and published on our school website.

**2017 OPEN MEETING** – This year's Open Board meeting will be held on October 24 at 5pm, and will begin with a presentation of the school's 2017 NAPLAN results, which should take about an hour, and include a question and answer session. The Board's regular scheduled meeting, which members of the school community are welcome to stay for and observe, will follow this. Further details will be provided in term 3.

**ACCOMMODATION** – As it has been for a number of years, the issue of acceptable student and staff classroom and accommodation facilities in light of increasing enrolments, and the need for appropriate and adequate play space, is an ongoing area of interest for the Board. It's a situation constantly monitored and discussed with the leadership team, who themselves frequently represent the school's best interests to the Department of Education. Projected 2018 enrolments are on the agenda for consideration at our August 1 meeting and the implications of these numbers on planning, accommodation and workforce.

**NEW STAFF BOARD MEMBERS** – The Board will welcome new staff members who begin their terms from our next meeting on June 13. Joining Principal Jane Rowlands will be Deputy Principal Mark Walters and PP1/Year 1 teacher Leechelle Ruscoe (3 year terms),

Year 2 teacher Kerry Pym (2 year term) and Year 6 teacher Simon Heyting (1 year term) – all elected by the teaching staff. The teachers’ positions on the Board come in addition to their classroom and wider school responsibilities and reflect both the depth of experience at our school, and the breath of educational responsibility across all year groups. Nine staff members nominated for the four positions, which is a fantastic endorsement of our school and its future. Sincere thanks to parting Board members, Deputy Principal Rod Cohen and Year 3 teacher Jayne Prentice. Rod and Jayne’s expertise, professionalism and significant contribution to our school’s growth and strategic direction has been invaluable and paves the way for our new members to continue further achievements. Nominations for new parent Board members will be called for in semester 2.

**OTHER INITIATIVES OF THE BOARD** – The school’s 2016 Annual Report was approved by the Board at the end of term 1 and is available on our website. Approval of the Annual Report is an important yearly Board function, as is approval of the school’s Budget, which took place last month. Ongoing also to the Board’s responsibilities is the monitoring and review of school policies, responsibility for which is allocated to staff and parent member sub-committees. Due for review in terms 2 and 3 are the Interschool Athletics (Participation Selection guidelines), Sponsorship, Bicycle Safety, Healthy Food and Drink, Media, Medical Administration and Attendance policies.

**BOARD COMMUNICATION REMINDERS** – Minutes of Board meetings are on the school’s website as soon as possible after each meeting. The Board meets in weeks 3 and 8 of each term and any FPPS parent or caregiver is welcome to raise a matter for consideration on the Board’s meeting agenda in accordance with the School Board and School Community Communication Guidelines. Items are required to be put forward to the Board Secretary ([fppsboardsecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:fppsboardsecretary@hotmail.com)) by email, at least two weeks prior to the published Board meeting schedule. At any time, should any member of our school community wish to clarify or query the Board’s involvement in any strategic school issue, your contact with any representative is always welcome.

**JUSTINE BURNETT**  
**BOARD CHAIR**

**2017 FLOREAT PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS (as of June 13 2017)**

**CHAIR - Justine Burnett**

**PRINCIPAL - Jane Rowlands**

**STAFF MEMBERS – Mark Walters, Kerry Pym, Leechelle Ruscoe, Simon Heyting**

**PARENT MEMBERS – Andrea Lam, Emily Chee, Ian Gordon**

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS – Jacky Yardley**

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS – Kim Batina**