



## MARIAN SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### NEWSLETTER

Term 3 2009

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Members of the Marian Community,

The value focus for Marian School this term is "Excellence". In keeping with this value, the Board is pleased to celebrate the recent recognition of excellence given to our Principal and Marian School.

#### **Leadership in Catholic Education**

At the Catholic Education Convention held at the end of July, our Principal, Mr John Coulam, received a Laureate Award for his outstanding contribution to Catholic Education in New Zealand. His award was one of only four and recognised John's dedication and commitment to excellence in education. The Board appreciates the standard of excellence shown by Mr Coulam and also acknowledges the ongoing support John has from his wife Angela and sons, Steven, Nicholas and Justin.

#### **ERO Report**

The Education Review Office (ERO) report on Marian School was released on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June. The report recognised the high standards and review processes we have at Marian School and provided recommendations to the Board on continued improvement. As a result of the positive review, our school will be reviewed again in four to five years time. Both the ERO community letter and full ERO report are available through links on the school web site where you can also view previous ERO reports.

#### **Recognition from the Minister of Education**

As a result of our positive ERO report, the Chief Education Review Officer forwarded a copy of our report to the Minister of Education. Having reviewed our report, the Honourable Anne Tolley, Minister of Education wrote to the Board congratulating us on our improvement, educational results, and standards of leadership and governance. A copy of the letter from the Minister is attached as it is rare for Boards of Trustees to receive such individual praise from a Minister of Education.

#### **National Standards**

The Board welcomes the announcement of National Standards for schools. All schools will be required to assess students against the standards and report in plain language to parents about their child's progress and achievement. The standards will be released in October 2009 and fully implemented by 2012.

#### **H1N1 Pandemic Awareness**

The school has closely followed the developments of the H1N1 pandemic. The Board and school leadership team have responded to advice from the Ministry of Health on the containment and management of the virus in the community. As mentioned in the weekly school newsletter, the virus is now prevalent in the community. Acknowledgement should be given to the school administration for their emergency preparedness during the height of the pandemic concerns as well as their ongoing vigilance in maintaining the emergency contact database. Please ensure that the school continues to have up to date contact details for any emergency situation.

#### **Pool Update - Community Meeting**

Since the last Board newsletter, the soil surrounding the school pool was tested to assist in understanding the viability of the current pool and existing pool location. The tests confirmed the instability of the ground and will assist in determining "where to next?".

It is important for the Board to fully understand what the community wants with regard to aquatics education. A community meeting will be held by the end of October. At this meeting the pool subcommittee will present the facts surrounding our current pool and site, the possible options and ask the community "what do you want?". If you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to provide your views, please leave a comment in the Board communication book at the office or contact the subcommittee through the Board secretary.

## **Farewell and Welcome**

Since the last BoT newsletter, Mr Rob Powell has stepped down as a proprietor's representative on the Board of Trustees. The Board thanks Mr Powell for his thirteen years of dedication and commitment as a member of the Board. We also welcome Judith Burrows as our newly appointed proprietor's representative. Judith is an active parishioner of St Mary's and also a parent at our school.

## **The Board of Trustees – Who are we?**

Our Board of Trustees is made up of the School Principal who is the Chief Executive of the Board, one elected Teacher Representative, six elected Parent Representatives and four Proprietor's Representatives. The Board is subdivided into four committees: the Staffing and Children's Welfare Committee, the Policy Committee, the Property Committee, and the Finance Committee.

**Jeanette Stephens** is the Board of Trustees Secretary and Bursar at Marian School.

**John Coulam** is the School Principal and Chief Executive of the Board. He is on all the committees within the Board.

**Baden Hilton** is the Chairperson of the Board. He is an elected Parent Representative, convenor of the Policy Committee and a member of the Staffing and Children's Welfare Committee. Baden is a father of six and lawyer with the New Zealand Police.

**Andrea Savage** is the Deputy Chairperson of the Board. She is also the Chairperson of the Staffing and Children's Welfare Committee and a member of the Policy Committee. She is a Proprietor's Representative. Andrea is a mother of two and she is the Parish Pastoral Assistant for the Cathedral and St Pius X Parishes.

**Judith Burrows** is a member of the Staffing and Children's Welfare and Policy Committees. She is a Proprietor's Representative. Judith is a mother of two and works as a Research Technician at the University of Waikato.

**Matthew Cooper** is a member of the Finance and Property Committees. He is an elected parent representative. Matthew is a father of two and a Senior Sports Administrator.

**Freda Grace** is an elected Parent Representative. She is on the Staffing and Children's Welfare, Policy and Finance Committees. She is a mother of two and is a member of the New Zealand Police.

**Sue Kenrick** is the Treasurer of the Board and a member of the Property and Finance Committees. She is a Proprietor's Representative. Sue is a mother of two and a Human Resource Manager.

**Veronica MacKenzie** is a member of the Staffing and Children's Welfare and Policy Committees. She is a Proprietor's Representative. Veronica is a mother of two and works as a Teacher Aide.

**Marie Montgomery** is the elected Teacher Representative on the Board. She is a member of all the committees. Marie is a member of the teaching staff at Marian School.

**Nonu Tui Samoa** is a member of the Finance, Property, Policy and Staffing Committees. He is an elected Parent Representative.

**Mark Willcock** is a member of the Finance and Property Committees, he is convenor of the Property Committee. He is an elected Parent Representative. Mark is a father of five and works as an Information Technology Manager.

**Tammy Wong** is a member of the Staffing and Children's Welfare and Policy Committees. She is an elected Parent Representative. Tammy is a mother of three and a General Practitioner in private practice, WINTEC Health Centre and St Johns College School Clinic.

Members of the Board of Trustees can be contacted via the communication book for the Board of Trustees at the school office or through the Board secretary, Mrs Stephens ([jstephens@marian.school.nz](mailto:jstephens@marian.school.nz)). The Board also welcomes members of the community to our Board meetings. The upcoming meetings are on Tuesday 8 September, Tuesday 13 October, Monday 9 November and Tuesday 8 December 2009.

## **2010 School dates**

The dates for the 2010 school year are confirmed by the Board of Trustees as follows:

Term 1: Tuesday 2 February – Thursday 1 April; Term 2: Monday 19 April – Friday 2 July (Teacher only day Friday 30 April); Term 3: Monday 19 July – Friday 24 September (Mid term break Monday 23 August); Term 4: Monday 11 October – Friday 17 December

Baden Hilton  
Chairperson  
Board of Trustees  
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