

St John's School Board of Trustees Annual Report to Parents

August 2017

Our roll ended in 2016 with 61 children. We currently have 58 children on our roll.

Listed below are staff as at August 2017.

Susan Mulholland	Principal/Teacher Yrs 0 – 2
Claire Mulholland	Teacher Yrs 3 – 5/Director of Religious Studies (DRS)
Geraldine Duncan	Teacher Yrs 6 – 8
Jayne Hazlett	Principal and Teacher Release
Heather Dowling	Special Needs Teacher and Teacher for ELL – English Language Learners
Erin Elworthy	Principal Release teacher
Fiona Weir	Office Administration
Dolina Keenan	Cleaner

At the Board of Trustees AGM, Philip Dowling was re-elected as Chairperson and Natalie Bruhns as Secretary. Mat Kinney recently stood down after 13 years as Treasurer on the Board and Ryan Dowling is currently doing the Treasurer's job. Our Proprietors representatives remain the same: Fr Pat McGettigan, Joe Ferdinands, Debbie Dowling and Eric Fetalver.

The Board follows a three year self-review cycle, looking in depth at staff reports on curriculum areas, programmes within these, student achievement and how they can help children who need extra help or challenging in a specific curriculum area.

Data was collected in reading, writing and mathematics at the end of 2016, and the results, which are also reported to the Ministry of Education, are attached. Please note this data is based on 58 children. Year 0 children are not measured against these standards.

Staff have focused on the curriculum area of writing this year, with particular emphasis on boys writing. Mrs Geraldine Duncan has been part of a Ministry of Education funded literacy programme called ALL (Accelerated Literacy Learning) where children from different levels are withdrawn from the classroom to work on writing (ideas, punctuation, grammar, editing etc) to help "accelerate" their learning. These children are encouraged to write and share their ideas.

Our Special Character continues to be a major focus in our school. Our Monday "Focus" time looks at various special character themes, celebrations and values for the week ahead. Parents and extended family members are welcome to come along and join us for Focus time from 8.50 – 9.15a.m. each Monday morning. This is held in the Middle Classroom. Although we do not have a resident Parish Priest, Fr Gerard Anysley, comes to Focus once a month when he is rostered on to say Mass in Ranfurly on a Sunday. Fr Pat McGettigan also comes along when he is available.

The PTA continues to support our school financially and through parent support. The multi-turf area was a major project and it is a credit to the enormous fund-raising effort by the PTA that this is now up and running and all finished. Thanks to the PTA.

The PTA also subsidise the cost of a lot of other school activities; ice-skating, curling, transport costs, end of year prizegiving books, visiting musicians and performers. So a huge thanks to them.

The Board of Trustees thanks the parents and staff for their continued support and help during the year.

Susan Mulholland
Principal

Philip Dowling
Chairperson Board of Trustees