St. Thomas Primary School

Board Chairperson’s Report

November 19\textsuperscript{th} 2013
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About the Board

The School Board is mandated by the Bishops of WA to:

• oversee the financial management of the school.
• plan for the resource needs of the school.
• advise the Principal on curriculum issues which have financial implications.
• act as a consultative body for the Principal when required.

• St Thomas’ Board operates with finance, maintenance and traffic subcommittees.

• We are but one element of a very dynamic community.
ST THOMAS’ PRIMARY SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN

2011 - 2014
2013 Year in Review

• We never want to hear the words ‘Gonski’ again!!! But our world is changing and we must prudently change with it.

• Strategy review / evaluation
  • Strong endorsement of both the historical links and faith as a bedrock.
  • Each of the key strategies discussed and evaluated.
  • Overall very positive results against ‘measures of our success’.
  • Evidence that educational strategies are working and that our mission of educating the whole child is being honoured.
  • As always, there is room for improvement and consultation is important.

• In our commitment to ensure appropriate resource management, a balanced recurrent budget delivered and maintenance plan was updated.

• All discussions reflected a faith and community centred approach and our theme of ‘Truth’.
Planning for 2014

• Strategic Planning renewal – beyond 2014.
• Commence planning for Early Learning redevelopment (design, capital loans, learning resources).
• Responding to the uncertain nature of educational reforms and their financial and curriculum demands.
• Work to continue support for additional teaching resources.
• Continued development of technology integration and staff PD.
• As a community, embrace the theme of ‘Inclusivity and Compassion’
The Power of Community

- CEO Board Symposium / Hulbert Street (TEDx Perth)
- We are very Blessed with a gifted, giving, embracing and faith based community.
- A long list of thank you’s
- Reflection with apologies to St Thomas

“On this Rock, I will build my Church”