

St Joseph's School

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Newsletter

St Joseph's School Board of Trustees Newsletter

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Greetings to all our Parents, Caregivers, Students, Staff and Parish Community.

Spring has officially arrived, which I'm sure will be welcomed by all of us. Spring brings new life in our farming community, spring flowers, longer daylight hours, and warmer temperatures.

Over the last month we have had changes amongst our BOT members. Odette Sommerhalder has tendered her resignation as Proprietor's Appointee. Many thanks Odette for your hard work, enthusiasm and up beat manner during your term as BOT trustee.

We welcome David Nickalls to the BOT, as a Proprietor's Appointee. David was appointed by Father JeLo, on behalf of the Hamilton diocese. David brings a wide variety of both practical and visionary skills to the BOT.

The current BOT trustees are:

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| • Andrea Colebourn | Principal |
| • Simone Campbell | Staff Representative |
| • Marcus Warr | Parent Representative |
| • Hayley Scott | Parent Representative |
| • Chris Mourits | Parent Representative |
| • Campbell Bootten | Parent Representative |
| • Jason Devaney | Parent Representative |
| • Andrea Bruin | Proprietor's Appointee |
| • David Nickalls | Proprietor's Appointee |
| • Barbara Marneth-Rust | Proprietor's Appointee |

Please feel free to discuss Governance matters with a BOT trustee at any stage. They will take your compliments or concerns to the next BOT meeting.

The school's new playground has been ordered and we eagerly await the arrival of all components prior to the on-site construction. At this point in time we are aiming for an November construction date.

Teachers are working hard with all students to enable them to reach their personal academic goals for 2017. At the end of Term 2, all teachers completed a six month educational paper on Modern Learning Practice and now they are putting that pedagogy into practice. With the future learning of our students, it's vital that we are preparing to shape our learning into the future. The pedagogy is such a critical factor and we want to ensure this is in place before we spend the Diocesan allocated funds for reshaping the class rooms.

Sincere thanks to all the Teaching and Auxiliary Staff. We appreciate the long hours you dedicate to our special school. Many thanks also to our Parish Community, especially Father JeLo and Father Fernando, whose prayerful and practical support we truly appreciate.

Following is a prayer I came across, reminding us of the presence of our loving God in our everyday lives:

Dear God

Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor.

Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited.

To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth.

As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too.

Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring.

Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

by Rev. Mark Bekkedahl

Kindest regards,
Barbara Marneth-Rust
Chairperson, Board of Trustees