



Board of Trustees Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2015

From the Chair

Dear parents and caregivers

As we enter the last third of the year and welcome the new Spring season, the Board is progressing our new plan for the commencement of 2016. The plan will continue many elements of the work overseen by the Board and will focus our resources in the areas of most importance to you and your children.

Strategic Plan

Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback on our consultation evening or has completed the survey as part seeking your input to guide the Board's thinking on our strategic plan commencing 2016.

If you are yet to complete the survey, please take this opportunity to **complete it before Friday 18 September**, by going to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OLSH2015>

Your feedback will ensure that the plan we put into place will be achievable and will support us to realise our vision to:

Ignite in our children the passion for limitless learning navigated by Catholic Values

Consultation Evening

The Board was delighted to get your initial thoughts on our overall direction and also share with your insights into the School's overall student achievement, finances and property. The slides from that evening are on the Board section of the School's website, and the information that was displayed can be accessed off the home page of the survey.

Next Steps

The Survey and information you provided on the evening will be reviewed and inform the Board as we finalise our Strategic Plan. The Board will review your input through October and expect to share the plan with later in the year.

Thanks to the PTFA

We would like to thank the PTFA for all their work in organising the successful 2015 raffle. We would also like to acknowledge everyone who donated prizes and thank everyone who sold tickets. The funds raised through these events enables the Board to invest in additional teaching staff, learning resources and technology equipment.

We trust you all are looking forward to your term break and will communicate with you again in Term 4.

Best wishes
Kevin and your Board

**A quote from
Catherine McAuley**

"Put your whole confidence in God. He never will let you want necessities for yourself or children."
Catherine McAuley is the Founder of the Sisters of Mercy



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Student Achievement – Half year National Standards performance

At our Board Meeting on August 5, the Management Team reported on our children’s progress towards meeting National Standards at half year.

The national target set by the Ministry of Education is for 85% of children to meet National Standards in reading, writing and numeracy by 2017.

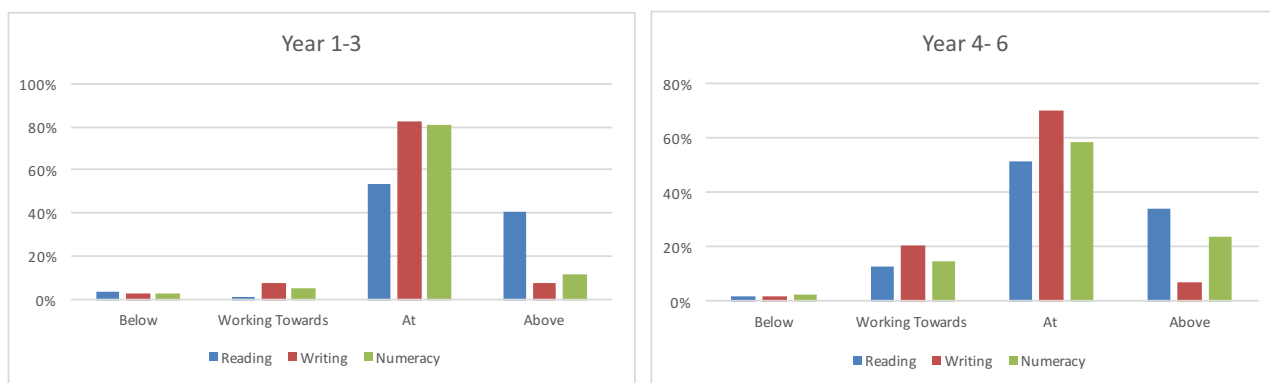
Our targets for this year are to:

- Support progress of all children towards standards;
- Extend those children already at or above standards
- To support target groups to progress to standard.

National Standards

Rosemary and her team provided the Board with insight into the progress of our students. Carmel Williamson outlined a number of actions in progress to support achievement of our School’s targets. The update assured the Board that most targets are on track and actions in place to support students in need of additional support.

Our overall pupils’ progress at half year is summarised in the two graphs below:



A number of recommendations were endorsed by the Board to continue to support our students to progress to the best of their ability – in progressing towards standard, achieving standard or being extended above the standard.

Property Development – Status Update

In our July newsletter we updated you on the work the Board has been progressing on our property upgrade. We reported status on 3 milestones – all of which are now complete, being:

Milestone	Status
Resource Consent obtained	✓ Granted
Building Consent submitted to Council	✓ Submitted to Council
Financial Constraints	✓ Initial Scope confirmed

Our next milestones are:

- Review of your feedback from the Consultation Survey, around scope preferences;
- Receipt of Building Consent from Council;
- Confirmation of funding plan with the Diocese; and
- Confirmation of start date and temporary accommodation while initial works progress.