



Welcome

I can't believe we are nearly half way through the second term already! What a busy year so far, and a rather hectic time for our new principal, Ms Laura O'Hara to join us! Laura has told me how impressed she is with the level of community involvement at North Beach Primary School, and is rapt with the wonderful, caring ethos of students, staff and parents.

On behalf of the Board, a big North Beach welcome to you Laura, I know you are happy to be here and we are really excited to have you at our school. We are sure you will enjoy your time here.

Open Meeting

The Board hosted its annual Open Meeting on Monday 15 May 2017. It was fantastic to see such a wonderful and interested group of parents brave the rather chilly and blustery conditions to come and see what the Board is all about. I presented an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Board, then Mike Black and Paula Yost wowed us with a very informative presentation on the school's Business Plan and IPS Review. There were lots of questions and positive comments from our parent group and I know the Board members found the evening really valuable, I hope the parents did too!

A big thank you to our member, Olivia House for all her hard work in creating so much interest around the Board and its activities, to Mike and Paula for their great presentation, and to Sue Logan for all the behind the scenes work to ensure the evening went smoothly.

Board Vacancy

There will be a vacancy on the Board for a parent member from the beginning of Term 3 this year.

The Board meets twice a term, usually in Weeks 4 and 9, on Monday nights between 7 and 9pm. There is some pre-reading of papers required and while most matters are resolved in meetings, on occasion there is work required outside of these times. Often this work is broken up into smaller tasks and distributed amongst members, so the individual's contribution is not overwhelming.

The school will be developing its new Business Plan for 2018 - 2020, and this is a really interesting process to work through. The Business Plan guides the direction for the school for the next three years and it is a fantastic opportunity to be involved in the path the school takes over the coming years.

Being a Board member is a rewarding opportunity, it is interesting, and it is a lot of fun (truly!). We are so lucky to have such a committed group of parents, teachers and school staff, and the meetings aren't at all stuffy or boring.

Whilst there are no formal pre-requisites, and no need to have formal qualifications, just a genuine desire to be involved and contribute to your child's school. From time to time we may look for a specific skill set, but we would love to hear from anyone interested in joining us.

I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have about the role or the time commitments (which probably isn't as much as you're thinking!), or feel free to chat to our other parent Board members (Julie Dunmore, Olivia House and Charlotte Ellery) if you see them around the school.

If you would like to nominate, please forward your details and a CV if you have one, to Mrs O'Hara at Laura.Ohara@education.wa.edu.au

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at kelster456@gmail.com.

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