



Dear North Beach Families,

We are nearly half way through the year already, and it seems to me that it has only rained on the nights we host Board meetings! If it's considered good luck on your wedding day, I'll consider it good luck for our meetings – we had another very successful (although a little long!) meeting this week.

### **IPS Review**

The school presented the complete report on the Independent Public Schools Review for North Beach Primary School. This report, whilst a little unemotional in its language, is high praise indeed for the school and community. The findings of the report represent an outstanding result, and demonstrate the commitment from the school Principal, teachers and staff, the Board and the P&C and the community to not only implement the recommendations from the previous report, but to ensure NPBS continues to flourish.

The report will be used to inform the new Business Plan for the school, for the period 2018-2020, and developing the new Business Plan will be a focus area for the Board over the coming terms.

If you would like to read a copy of the report, it will be available on the [My School](#) website or the [NBPS](#) website soon.

### **Parent Surveys**

Parent Surveys will be sent to each family in Term 3. It is compulsory for the school to survey parents annually, and I realise we can all suffer from 'survey overload', what with providing feedback on all those online purchases (What, me? Shop online? Never...! 😊) but you may not realise your input is reviewed by the school, and also the Board. Your responses inform the Business Plan, which is the document that serves as a road map for the schools' direction in the coming years. It also gives a 'voice' to your comments, as Board members can ask school staff about issues we might not otherwise be aware of.

Please take the time (it really doesn't take long) to complete the survey when it is sent out, and provide us with information that can be used to continue to improve NPBS.

### **Open invitation**

Are you looking for something to do on a Monday night? Are you keen to meet with a fascinating group of committed people and see what a Board meeting is all about? Then please don't feel that you have to wait until next years' Open Meeting – you are able to attend any Board meeting as an observer, and we welcome anyone that would like to attend.

### **Farewell**

Having completed my tenure as Board Chair, this was my last Board meeting, and I would like to thank all the past and present Board members I have had the privilege of serving with. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and committed group who are genuinely interested in seeing NPBS continue to develop as a wonderful school for our kids.

It would be remiss of me not to make special mention of Laura O'Hara, Michael Black and Paula Yost for their assistance, Sue Logan, your blood is worth bottling, I don't know what any of us would do without you! To the parent and community members, Julie Dunmore, Olivia House, Charlotte Ellery and Elise Irwin, you ladies are wonderful – somehow you all make the time to serve on the Board as well as all the other commitments you have – please know your contributions and insights are so valued.

Julie Dunmore will take over the role of Board Chair commencing in Term 3. I wish Julie every success (I know she will do a fantastic job) and I know everyone will continue to support her in this role.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, please contact me at [kelster456@gmail.com](mailto:kelster456@gmail.com) and I will either respond or pass your query to the Board.

Thank you once again everyone for your support.

Kind regards



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