

Mount Lawley Primary School

School Board Chair Report 2019

It is with great pleasure that I present our 2019 Mount Lawley Primary School Board Chair annual report highlighting our roles and activities over the past 12 months.

I would like to begin by thanking my fellow board members, who take time out of their busy schedules to commit to achieving the best possible outcomes for the children of Mount Lawley Primary School. I would also like to congratulate our students on their outstanding improvements in both the academic and non-academic programs offered at MLPS. The impressive results that we are seeing from our students is not only a testament to them but also to the teaching staff, the principal, the leadership team and support staff. During my time as chair, I have seen firsthand that the MLPS community is a positive, caring and friendly one, that is only too happy to help when called upon. This all further reinforces Mount Lawley Primary School's reputation as the school of choice.

On behalf of the Board I would like to especially thank all the students, teachers and families who continue to maintain a cooperative and supportive attitude throughout the year. Being able to see every situation from another's point of view is paramount to the successful and positive education of our children as well as maintaining a healthy and happy workplace for our staff.

The School Board has been very satisfied by the school's planning, implementation and execution of strategies that were set out in our 2017 – 2019 Business Plan. We have provided oversight of the school's achievement targets against the Business Plan, have monitored financial arrangements put in place for resourcing, and had input into policies and the general direction of the school.

During the past year we have worked collaboratively with the school in a number of areas. Board members made themselves available to deliver short presentations and answer questions at the parent information evenings held in Term 1 and in partnership with the P&C, have hosted small events to acknowledge our amazing staff and administration team at MLPS.

In order to ensure the efficiency of our purpose, we developed a yearly calendar of Board activities, formalised Board inductions and produced induction packs, participated in formal Board training modules and hosted a Board training event for network schools.

We had the privilege of contributing to the concept and planning of the Nature Playground project, we have had robust discussions around potential school policies and sponsorship arrangements and are currently working on our next Business Plan cycle. The Board has reviewed and discussed survey results from students, staff and parents as well as reflecting on our own effectiveness. In all of these activities we act as an avenue of consultation and a representation of the wider school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school's highly effective and professional leadership team, led by our Principal; Cavelle Monck, Deputies; Sandra Martin and Grace Adam, the Administration, Finance and Support team; led by Lisa Freegard and most importantly every teacher and education assistant who support, teach, encourage and inspire our children on a daily basis. The Board would like to thank you all for everything you have done and look forward to many more years of excellence at Mount Lawley Primary School.

The Board also acknowledges the outstanding work and contribution of the P&C who are instrumental in so many facets of school life for our children from raising funds for Nature Playgrounds and iPads to organising social and community events for the families of the school with the aim of keeping our community vibrant and connected.

It has been an absolute privilege to serve on the Mount Lawley Primary School Board this year. I can confidently speak for all my fellow board members when I say that we are all united in our focus to contribute and create better outcomes for the School, its students, staff, parents and community. I encourage anyone with that same focus to engage with the school to nominate for Board positions, join the P&C, volunteer for before school supervision and further galvanise the strong community that is Mount Lawley Primary School.

Thank you

Alberto Tassone