



## Deanmore Primary School Board

### Chairperson's Report

27<sup>th</sup> November 2018

It is with pleasure that I provide 2018 Chairperson's Report on behalf of the Deanmore Primary School Board. This year has seen my first year in the role of Chairperson and I feel privileged to contribute to, and work with the committed members of, the Board and school's leadership team to influence strategic direction and planning.

As an Independent Public School (IPS), the Deanmore Primary School Board provides a consultative and decision making function, offering additional skills and expertise to assist the school in achieving the best outcomes for students.

The School Board participates in the:

- Development, endorsement and oversight of implementation of the school's Business Plan;
- Development and endorsement of the school's Annual Report and Budget;
- Establishment and review of the school's objectives, priorities and policy directions;
- Review of the school's performance;
- Development and endorsement of Codes of Conduct;
- Development of processes to determine levels of satisfaction of parents, students and staff.

We welcomed four new members in 2018. Members of the Board generously give up their time and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts and dedication.

#### Members

- Parent representatives: Jodee Eaves (Chair), Alex Bradley, Katherine Drakeford, Justin Juracich and Chris Lovelock;
- Staff representatives: George Craig, Ralmo Diaz, Ashlee Brydon and Dan Rodgers;
- Community representative: Gerry Hopfmueller;
- Executive Officer: Danielle Reimer.

In term 1, the Board ratified the School Business Plan 2018- 2020. This plan describes the strategic direction for the school and community for the next 3 years and focuses on 4 key areas:

- High Quality Teachers and High Quality Teaching
- High Performing Students
- Whole School Health and Well- being
- School and Community

The Business Plan is available for review on the school's website.

In many respects, this year was one of progressing and consolidating the Improvement Plan arising from the 2017 Expert Review Group (ERG) findings. The school has developed a clear plan outlining how the recommended improvement strategies will be implemented. Last year the school developed sub-committees focussing on the five key areas of Teaching, Resources, Learning Environment, Leadership and Relationships. Feedback from a 6 month review by the ERG was very positive and a credit to the school's leadership group and senior teaching staff. It has been rewarding to see whole of school strategies embedded with encouraging progress throughout the year. The Board recognises the significant contribution and effort that all committees and staff have made towards achievement of the 2017 recommendations. The Board remains confident that Deanmore Primary School will meet all milestones and requirements of the ERG recommendations and the School's Business Plan.

In September, with George Craig, Ashlee Brydon and Chris Lovelock, I attended a collaborative meeting with members of School Boards within the Ocean Net school group. Representatives from Scarborough, Newborough and Doubleview Primary Schools attended and provided feedback on their various schools' activities. This proved to be a fantastic networking opportunity and provided valuable insight when reflecting on Deanmore Primary School's progress and achievements comparative to like schools in the area.

163 families responded to the 2018 Parent Feedback Survey. This response was very pleasing and provided vital feedback on a number of issues that will guide future planning for the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the families who took the time to provide their valuable feedback.

The teaching staff at Deanmore Primary School are of a high standard, committed to the delivery of excellent and innovative teaching strategies and I thank them for their dedication throughout 2018. On behalf of the Board, I would also like to acknowledge and thank Greg Downes and Jo Marwick for their significant roles in leading the Deanmore community. Both are retiring at the end of 2018 and we wish them well with their future endeavours.

At the end of this year Alex Bradley and Justin Juracich will step down from the Deanmore PS Board. On behalf of the Deanmore community, I would like to sincerely thank them both for their valuable contribution and expertise to the functioning of the Board during their various terms. In 2019 we will be joined by two new Board Members, Alison Quinn and Darren Forster. I look forward to welcoming and working with them both.

As always, the Board welcomes the input of Deanmore families and community. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or any of my fellow Board members via the school's administration with any feedback.

In a final note, I would like to congratulate the graduating year 6 students on their achievements throughout their time at Deanmore and wish them every success for the future.

Wishing all Deanmore families all the very best for a safe and happy festive season and looking forward to the upcoming year ahead.

Jodee Eaves  
Chairperson  
Deanmore Primary School Board