Wembley Primary School Board
Chair’s Report 2014

Board Members in 2014

Principal – Les Day
P&C Rep - Mandy Brown
Community Reps - Jeff Healy, Heidi Rawson, John Raynor, Lisa Taylor
Teacher Reps - Sue Edwards
Leigh McCarthy
Shane Stott
Parent Reps - Katie Almeida (Chair)
Charlie Bond
Vince Smith

Achievements in 2014
The WPS Board met twice a term during 2014. Accurate minutes were kept of all meetings and have been made available to our community on the school website, along with copies of the policies developed during the year. Our principle achievements for the year have been:
- Embedding of good governance procedures and reporting frameworks
- Parent Forum Meeting to discuss the results of the School Survey 2013 with the community
- Working with P&C to resolve traffic safety concerns at Jersey/Grantham St intersection
- Developing an Environmental Sustainability Policy
- Reviewing the Business Plan Priorities and Board procedures
- Ensuring financial accountability
- Reviewing and endorsing fees, booklists, additional costs, suppliers
- Conducting the 2014 School Survey - to gain feedback from staff, students and parents

Board Evaluation
Each year Board members complete a ‘Board Effectiveness Survey’, which examines the Board processes and practises throughout the year. The survey ensures there is monitoring and continual improvement in carrying out the Board’s governance role. The broad diversity of expertise and experience within the Board has been a real asset and has boosted its ability to respond to the community and to value add to the strategic planning decisions of the school.

Acknowledgements
The Board would like to congratulate and wholeheartedly thank the P&C for organising such a wonderful and successful fete. The funds raised will enhance the educational opportunities provided here at Wembley. We would also like to thank all the staff and parents who have contributed so generously to the fete and throughout the year, often behind the scenes, to make Wembley such a great school for our children.

The Board has worked well as a team this year and has established a positive, respectful culture that has fostered healthy debate. I am grateful to all the Board members for their efforts and contributions, both during and between meetings. Jeff Healy and myself will step down from our positions on the Board at the end of the year and I am very pleased to announce that Vince Smith will take over as Chair of the WPS Board in 2015. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and admiration to our Principal, Les Day, and Deputies, Sue Edwards and Shane Stott, for their tireless work and dedication to Wembley Primary School.

Topics for Consideration in 2015
- Evaluate and address the feedback from the 2014 School Survey.
- Election of Parent Representatives to the Board in Term 3.
- Review of Business Plan targets and Board policies and procedures.
- Assess and monitor the impacts of the changes to the school budget.
- Provide strategic direction and planning in response to the ongoing evaluation of outcomes.

Katie Almeida
WPS Board Chair 2014