

MBMA BOARD BULLETIN

WELCOME

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- ▶ As a new year begins the governance team of the Caboolture Montessori School would like to welcome you to our new quarterly newsletter.
- ▶ The Directors of the MBMA showed outstanding commitment with each renominating for 2016-17 to ensure continuity & strong governance to the Caboolture Montessori School.
- ▶ The coming months will see the school landscape change as the construction of the new 8 classroom building continues, creating a lot of excitement within the community. However during this time the MBMA Board will continue to focus on the current strategic plan to ensure goals are reached and progress made towards the ongoing growth and sustainability of the Caboolture Montessori School. We would like to thank the tireless commitment of the management team and staff as we move through this historic period. The future looks bright & we thank everyone for their ongoing support.
- ▶ **Helen Spry**
Vice-President

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Helen Spry – Vice-President

Jo-Anne Chaplin – Treasurer

Bronwyn Conway – Director

Roelie Hartwig – Director

Shanan Brandis – Director

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Soil Turning Ceremony 15 July 2016

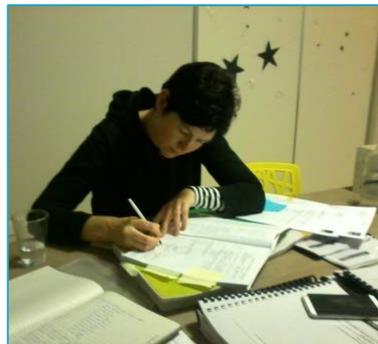


Classroom construction update

- ▶ Our new classroom building has finally started! The project has been a thorough process and the culmination of 2 years of planning, organising, designing and financing. The first stage will include two finished classrooms and an under-croft for use in school activities. We have been fortunate to have engaged an architect who understands Montessori Principles and has incorporated these into the design of the building. We believe the finished product will be a beautiful learning and living space for our children. The Builder and Architect have arranged their building site so there is minimal disruption to our School, and the children's safety during this time has been a paramount consideration. More details will follow in future bulletins.



Construction has commenced



Nick Willemsen & Shanan Brandis - signing the contracts

- ▶ **Jo-Anne Chaplin,**
- ▶ Treasurer



Independent Schools Queensland Governance Breakfast

- ▶ As a part of the ongoing education of all Board members on issues that concern independent schools across QLD, the ISQ Governance Breakfast was attended in May with the topic being "Digital disruption and the changing consumer behaviour". The presentation outlined the need to follow the consumer and to listen to the consumer, which means we need to transition our business into the digital age. The digital disruption discussed was more about a transition to a more digital mindset where traditional methods for reaching consumers were no longer applicable and businesses need learn to think two steps ahead to capture the attention of an over exposed market.

- ▶ **Nick Willemsen**
- ▶ President

Independent Schools Queensland Governance Forum

A regular event on the MBMA Inc calendar is attendance at the ISQ Governance Forum. The Forum is an opportunity to learn about the current trends within independent schools, with this year's theme being "Know your business". The day included four presentations and the opportunity to network and share experiences with Board members from other schools. The day provides a wealth of information to be considered by the Board with the presentations topics of being "The Board and the Principal – A key relationship", "Impacts on independent schooling", a "Strategic update on key issues for independent schools" and the day was closed out with a presentation on "The good school governance pledge". Overall the Forum provided many valuable 'nuggets' of information that will be used to guide the strategic direction of the school.

- ▶ **Nick Willemsen**
 - ▶ President

Our ten year goals include:

- Expanding our pre-primary and primary school
- Building the foundations for future expansion into secondary education
- Introducing an International Baccalaureate Program
- Providing expanded early childhood services



Board meeting 19 May 2016



Strategic Planning Day 21 November 2015



Caboolture Montessori School

Vision: To provide an exceptional Montessori environment that develops each child's potential.
Mission: To prepare the school community and environment, to foster our core values of respect, responsibility, resilience, empathy and love, so that each child develops a lifetime love of learning.