The St Mary’s Education Board is headed by the Principal, Mr David Kelly. He is supported by the Parish Priest, Fr Paul Tru, a staff member and six other members of the school community, one of whom is also a representative of the Parents and Friends Committee.

The education board provides an opportunity for all members to raise and discuss matters relating to school operations. Board members are given the opportunity to express their opinions and through open discussion, the Board is then able to provide guidance and support to the Principal.

Being a member of the Education Board has been a rewarding experience that has given me a clearer understanding of the school’s strategic plan and enabled me to make a small contribution towards the continued improvement and development of our wonderful school community. Being a member of the St Mary’s Education Board is an excellent forum that fosters effective partnerships between the parents and the school community, primarily for the benefit of our children. I would encourage other parents to become involved in their children’s education through the Education Board.

On behalf of the St Mary’s School Education Board Members I would like to table this report to the Annual General Meeting of May 13th, 2014. The board met four times from May, 2013 to May, 2014. A range of topics were discussed throughout the reporting period, including the following:

- St Mary’s Behaviour Management Policy
- Government funding- implications for St Mary’s
- HBDI Profile- Staff Professional Development
- Catholic Educational Leadership Conference- David shared his reflections
- Review School Fees and Curriculum Levy 2014 and School Fees Policy
- Class Structure for 2014
- Report on Parent/Teacher Forums 2014
- Review and amend various school Policy documents.

In conclusion, I would like to wish the remaining board members all the best for the next reporting period, and thank them and Mr Kelly for the opportunity to work with them.

Julie Whatman