

St Therese School Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 27 May 2026

25/6/26

Present: Mr B. Kurian (Proprietor's, Presiding Member), Ms L. Geaney (Principal), Ms S. Tanya (Parent Rep), Mrs L. Ata (Parent Rep), Mr M. Kebede (Parent Rep), Mrs C. Bankien (Staff Rep), Mrs R. Paterson (Minute Secretary)

Apologies Father Arul

The Meeting opened at 6.30pm with a prayer from Laura Geaney

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of 26 March 2026 were passed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Mr B. Kurian

Seconded: Mrs L. Ata

Action Plan

Trustee Profiles awaiting one

AI Policy is being reviewed

Board of Trustee dates distributed

Art Show Date to be determined

School van ongoing

Principal's Report

As tabled by Laura Geaney and placed on the screen for trustees to view and discuss. Laura spoke about our Strategic Goals Faith and Catholic Character, Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting and recent successful events regarding Community Engagement. Liturgies and masses have been well attended and further plans for opportunities for students to engage in service are underway.

Laura reported the MITEY Programme is to start in Term 3 and the implementation of Linewize across the school's IT system is almost complete.

The Hearts and Hands Parent Groups next event will be the St Therese Cultural Festival following the highly successful Glow Party and Mother's Day Spa Experience.

Laura spoke of the wide range of learning opportunities and events happening this term. Rugby sessions and swimming lessons have taken place. Pentecost was celebrated with an opportunity for students to wear cultural clothing and proudly share the diversity in our school. Interactive learning sessions with Project Jonah include a life-sized inflatable whale the children can walk through. The Duffy theatre will perform and two sessions of Let's Siva focusing on movement and performance will also take place. School cultural groups will begin preparation for the St Therese Cultural Festival which will be held on Thursday 18 June.

Budget

The Board discussed and approved the purchase of student laptops estimating considerable savings over the next three years. The cost of replacement desks and chairs as discussed at previous meetings has risen considerably due to the global crisis but will need to be purchased soon. A new sign at the top of the driveway advertising the school has been organised, replacing the original damaged in the recent car accident on that site.

May roll count is 80 students.

Laura shared a message from the Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools advising of new governance resources available on their website. These resources highlight areas of shared responsibility and the roles of proprietors and the board.

Laura spoke of the Privacy Act Changes that come into effect on 1 May 2026 and the handling of a person's personal information.

At 7.30pm Lute Ata left the meeting

Policies

The Swimming Off Site Policy was tabled for discussion and is yet to be ratified.

The Education Outside the Classroom Policy was placed on the screen for trustees to read and discuss.

Laura Geaney moved the Education Outside the Classroom Policy be ratified.

Seconded Ms S. Tanya

The board engaged in further discussion on Education Outside of the Classroom Governance Roles and Responsibilities together with Risk Assessment and Management.

Laura Geaney moved the Principal's Report be accepted.

Seconded: Mr M. Kebede

Benjamin spoke to the Board regarding the setting up of school emails for Board documents and correspondence. We will work with our usual format of communication until this is ready to be put into effect.

Finance Report

As tabled by Benjamin Kurian. There was \$544,239 in the bank as at the end of April.

Moved Mr B. Kurian

Seconded Mr M. Kebede

The Board engaged in around the table review.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm with a prayer from Laura Geaney. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 25 June at 6pm.

Action Plan

Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
Trustee Profile to be forwarded to the Principal.	Shiery Tanya	As soon as possible
AI Policy in progress	Benjamin Kurian / Laura Geaney	As soon as possible
The Swimming Offsite Policy to be ratified	Laura Geaney	At next meeting 25 June 2026
Art Show date to be determined	Mehari Kebede / Laura Geaney	To be decided
Investigation of purchasing a school van	Laura Geaney	Ongoing