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Dear Parents and Teachers

RENEWAL OF SCHOOL REGISTRATION

It is a condition of government funding that private schools comply with numerous laws, regulations and standards.

As some parents may have noticed, all day on Monday 26 October 2015 Rhonda, and from time to time other teachers, were busy meeting with three compliance assessor from the Department of Education Services.

The Board does not escape scrutiny and as chair of the Board, I was part of the compliance assessment process and I can assure you that it is most rigorous.

The assessors all had impressive extensive teaching and education experience.

Although I was frankly unsurprised, I was at the same time enormously gratified by the report card that the Beehive School received at the end of the day.

Each of the assessors took responsibility for assessing the Beehive School’s compliance with 4 of the 12 standards that the School had to meet.

Each of the assessors took the time to comment on the high standard of the Beehive School’s submission and stated that it was one of the finest they had worked on.

The assessors specifically amongst other things remarked upon the –

- uniqueness of the Beehive School’s approach to working first and foremost from the Montessori Curriculum and demonstrating how the School’s authentic Montessori teaching practices and rich curriculum met national and state requirements;
- Beehive School’s exemplary systems and processes for enabling teachers to track student progress.
- students’ level of engagement in learning and interaction.
- high standard of the student learning program particularly the Early Primary program and including, the Adolescent Program.

The maximum registration renewal period is 5 years. The assessors verbally confirmed that the Beehive School had met all the compliance requirements for renewal of its registration. The assessors stated that they would recommend a 4 year registration renewal period, which is generally the longest that is given.
The assessors will provide the School with a written report requesting that some minor amendments be made to some of the Beehive School policies.

Rhonda has asked me to convey her extreme pride in the effort of the teachers and the overall performance of the School. In this I require no prompting.

Kind regards

Bettina Mangan
Chair Beehive Montessori School Board