

Email to members

Dear brother and sister,

Following the AGM the Board has appointed a Capital Funding Committee which will be contacting you after the school holidays. The Committee is to lead the \$2.7m fundraising initiative which is needed to complete the capital works planned for 2016. The fundraising target is significant. It needs all our support and we pray that the Lord will bless us with giving hearts and provide the necessary funds for the school.

At the AGM the members overwhelmingly supported the Board's proposal to do extensive capital works, the main one being building a complete new school to assist our brothers and sisters of the Bunbury and Busselton Churches provide Reformed Education for their children. It is planned to commence this project in July this year, DV.

The AGM also overwhelmingly endorsed the Board's proposal to fund the capital works programme by raising the necessary funds outside the normal membership fees. The Board sees the need to keep normal membership fees as low and affordable as possible by linking them mainly to operating expenditure. It earnestly desires to maintain and promote the norm that membership of the FRSA is a privilege for all Church members regardless of whether they have children at school, and a means whereby all Church members can participate in the privilege of teaching the children of the Church in the covenant context.

Our schools are a precious gift, to be carefully nurtured and cared for. The Board wishes to be responsible custodians of this precious gift by keeping debt low so that if the Government changes funding of schools we are not hamstrung by debt. Taking out any type of loan to fund the 2016 capital works programme is to be avoided and is an option of last resort. Doing so will put pressure on membership fees for years to come and will reduce the financial options the FRSA has to respond to changes in circumstances and needs.

The Capital Funding Committee intends that the fundraising drive is completed by the end of June. It realises that it is unrealistic to expect complete payment in such a short time and will ask you to pledge on the understanding that you can make payment over the next 18 to 24 months.

You are asked to consider in faith your position and to pledge accordingly, understanding that all gifts, small or large, given from a thankful and believing heart are pleasing to the Lord, and that every gift is greatly valued and needed.

We ask you to advocate the Capital Funding Campaign with your friends and family, and to remember it in your prayers.

The Board and the committee wish you God's blessing and guidance in your considerations.

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Chairman FRSA.