

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT – Julie Blogg

Well another year has flown by and we will soon be saying goodbye to 2016. I am happy to say, that this year for me, my second as the chair of the board, has been a lot less busy than last year, and most importantly, I haven't managed to lose any of our leadership team, yet! After last year, my record was not looking great!

Having said that, as a school there have been lots of achievements, celebrations and significant events that have happened.

At the start of the year, we welcomed our new Principal, Karmela Messineo, to our school. She has settled in really well, and I think she likes us!

We also officially welcomed Kirsty Bryne to the leadership team as Assistant Principal. She did an amazing job acting in the role, and was successful in being awarded the position after a rigorous interview process, along with other applicants from outside of the school.

We opened the new drive on the southern boundary of the school. This has taken a load off the main drive-through. It was nice to see all the hard work of many years prior come to fruition.

We had some new goal posts installed on the oval, new winter uniforms for the school sports, and the community garden is now in progress. These would not have happened without the hard work, and generous donations, of the P&F and some outside organisations. We also recently had some new microscopes donated for the science program, thanks to the generosity of the Kwinana Rotary Club, and due to the hard work of Genevieve Carr.

The school now has a new website thanks to the IT brilliance of Steve Blake. It is lovely to have an up-to-date website to use, and now we are so technologically advanced we are submitting our absentee notes electronically, and reading our newsletters online.

The school took part in a compulsory cyclic review that went very well. The CEO was very pleased with all facets of our wonderful school.

Now our school is moving from building works, into a maintenance phase. We have established a maintenance committee to ensure we keep our school looking as good in years to come as it does now. This committee has so far considered issues such as maintenance of the paintwork, issues with the plumbing, and issues with the PA system. It takes money to maintain a facility, so we are working on ensuring it is used effectively.

Of course, who can forget the 60th Anniversary celebrations? What a beautiful mass we celebrated, and all the wonderful displays around the school. As a previous St Vincent's student myself from the early 80's, I was very proud of the work and dedication from all those involved. What a great job you did!

The board would like to say a big thank you to our Principal (Karmela), and our two assistant principals (Steve and Kirsty), for all their hard work in 2016, and to all the amazing teachers and support staff who have once again worked hard in teaching and shaping our children. Without all your hard work and dedication we would not have the wonderful school that we have. Thank you.

The Board would also like to thank the hard working administration staff in the front office Moira, Ann, Gaynor and Sam, our finance manager, who each year provide outstanding service to parents, students, and staff.

The Board thanks Lisa Johnson, our Canteen and Uniform shop Manager, for running a canteen that provides great food for our children, and also the uniform shop, all without running at a loss. I would also like to thank Genevieve Carr for all the help she provides Lisa with the uniform shop.

To Father Daniel and Father Marlon, thank you for all the work you do with our children, and the community, to spread the Catholic faith. Thank you for all the guidance and support you provide to our children and to the staff of our school. We are blessed to have you both.

We thank all members of the P&F, Tamara and her team, for their continued hard work this year. They spend hours volunteering their own time to organise fundraising and community events for the benefit of our school. The Board thanks them very much.

I would also like to thank my fellow Board Members, Gareth Iriks, Martin Lugod, Genevieve Carr, Jodie Heath, Ric Barjaktarevic, Rebecca Tennant (P & F Nominee), Adam Iriks (Parish Representative) and of course Father Daniel, Karmela, Steve and Kirsty for their commitment each month in attending the Board meetings to plan for the present and future operations of our school, for managing the finances, and to discuss school issues and policy with us. Sadly this year we are losing Gareth and Genevieve from the Board. Gareth has served his maximum number of years, and Genevieve's babies are all grown up and headed for high school. Thank you to both of you. Martin Lugod also left earlier in the year to move to the other side of the country for work.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank everyone that has volunteered in any way within the school community over the last 12 months. Our school relies upon many people to volunteer their precious time to help in all sorts of ways to benefit our school, our children and our families. Without these people, our school could not be as wonderful as it is. Thank you to all of you, no matter how big or small your contribution.

Everyone at St Vincent's Primary School should be proud of this school as we move into our first year as a fully fledged double stream school. It has been a long time in the making, but we made it!

And finally on behalf of the St Vincent's School Board we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Stay safe over the Christmas break.

1.0 Opening prayer – Father Daniel

2.0 Welcome.

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Annual General Meeting for the St Vincent's Primary School Board and the St Vincent's primary School P&F. Thank you for coming.

If everybody could please ensure their details are on the circulating forms to document their attendance it would be appreciated. Also do we have any additional apologies to notate?

3.0 The minutes of the previous AGM have been left for you. Would someone that was in attendance at this meeting last year like to move that they are correct? Anyone to second?

4.0 The first report on the agenda is the **Parish report**. I would like to call upon Father Daniel to deliver this on behalf of the parish.

5.0 The second report is my report as **Board Chair**.

6.0 I would like to call upon Gareth Iriks, **Treasurer** of the School Board to deliver the treasurer's report.

7.0 The final report in this section of the meeting is The **Principal's Report**. Over to you Karmela.

8.0 Thanks Karmela. As promulgated prior to the meeting we have three **Board positions** vacant for next year. We had received three nominations for those positions. However, due to some changes just prior to the meeting, Katie Thompson is moving over to the P&F side. This leaves us with two nominations. Prior to the meeting we did have two additional ladies nominate for board positions, Tracy Deery and Prue Filer. Ordinarily as the nominations had closed these would not be accepted. However, as we are now down to two nominations that would leave the board one position short for next year. We have decided to accept both these nominations and open up a fourth position as this will allow us to have a redundancy within the board. The nominations now are Adam Iriks, Rebecca Tennant, Tracy Deery and Prue Filer. Welcome to the Board!

The board next year will be Rick Barjakterevic, Jodie Health, Adam Iriks, Rebecca Tennant, Tracy Deery, Prue Filer and myself along with Karmela, Steve and Kirsty. We will be needed a new parish rep and also a new P&F representative which will be decided by the P&F and parish in the new year.

We now have a couple of thank you's to do. Gareth on behalf of the board, I would like to thank you for all your hard work managing our finances over the last 6 years. We are certainly going to miss you. Genevieve, thank you too for all your hard work as secretary over the last two years. It is one of the jobs that takes the most time, we are very grateful for the wonderful job you did and are going to miss you too.

This concludes the Board part of the meeting. I will now hand over to Tamara the current P&F President to commence the P&F section.