

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
ACM
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CHAIR REPORT

Welcome everyone to the 2015 Annual Committee Meeting of St Joseph's School. My name is Marisa Dawson and I have the honour of being the Chairman of the School Board.

On behalf of the School Board, I would like to thank you for attending, and for showing your continued support of this terrific school. I am both proud and honoured to be presenting to the School Community the Chairperson's Report for 2015.

In my report I would like to cover of a number of topics including School projects, maintenance, upgrading of IT within the school, and more.

This year the Board, has been happy to approve several projects.

- We have engaged Bernhard Kaiser, from Natural Play Environment, to complete a nature play area. This play area will be based on along the border of the oval and the Early Childhood Fence.
- We approved Reita to complete the beautiful centenary artwork mural in the Undercover Area.

Our use of technology and upgrading our system has continued this year, with the following changes being made.

- Upgrade of all switches from 24 – 48 ports
- Performing Arts added to wireless
- SEQTA Reports introduced
- Oliver replaced Alice as the new Software package
- Upgrade laptops to whiteboards

We have had few maintenance issues this year including

- Painting in and around the school
- Replacement of emergency valves for plumbing
- Pin-up boards
- Line marking
- Brick work around school
- Stage door replaced.

This year we received some money for a school chaplaincy worker. We were able to have Olivia Palermo step into this role, and she has done a fabulous job. We are happy for this program to continue into 2016.

The Board approved a decision to change the Kindy days from 2.5 days per week, to a 5 day fortnight.

The Board worked closely with the P&F in particular the President, Dan Nancarrow, with the set up of an Official School Facebook Group. This group will allow another avenue for communication among our school community.

In Term 1 of this year, the Board was informed that Peter Yensch was to be transferred to Xavier Primary School for 7 weeks. During this time, Chris Lamb stepped into the role of Acting Principal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris for the great job he did during this time. I would also like to thank Aoife Cooksley for stepping into the Acting Assistant Principal role. During this time the school continued to run smoothly with no disruption and that is a credit to all involved.

This year we had to appoint both a new Admin Assistant Principal, and RE Assistant Principal for 2016. During the interview process we received good quality applicants, and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Kaye Savage Morton, for her successful appointment as the RE AP and Ronan Kelly for his appointment as the Admin AP.

In 2016 all Catholic Primary schools will see a change in the financial funding formula. For St Joseph's this does not affect us greatly. We will continue to receive approximately the same amount of funding as we have in previous years. Funding will be allocated according to a base and loadings. Here is a breakdown of how the new funding formula will be allocated.

POWER POINT:

I have been really pleased with the continued relationship we have had with the P&F. We would like to sincerely thank the P&F and the broader community for their efforts to help improve the experience our children have at St Joseph's School.

I would like to pass on a special thanks to Dan Nancarrow as our President of the P&F. Dan you have been a great source of energy for the P&F and you and your team continue to go above and beyond for our school and our community.

I would like to thank the Members of our School Board who have been a great support to Peter and myself. Your School Board Members are Elisa Rangitoheriri, Danielle Miller, Marion Vargg, Mike Saunders, Lucy Sawkins and Marit Collingwood our P&F representative, Laura Giovanzo and Father Peter, our parish representatives.

This ACM is the last for one of our current Board members and I would like to thank Danielle Miller for her contribution. Please come forward to accept this small token of our appreciation. Danielle has served on the Board for 5 years, 3 of which she has served as the Treasurer. On behalf of the Board and the school we would like to thank you for your contribution over the years. Thanks Danielle.

On behalf of the School Board, I would like to thank everyone involved with the running of the school this year. I would also like to make a special mention to the students and staff who continually strive to do their best and make this school such a wonderful place to be.

With the end of the year approaching I would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy Christmas.

Thank you.

Marisa Dawson

Chairman - St Joseph's School Board