

AGM – 22 November 2017

Principal's Report

I would like to thank the parent community for entrusting your child/children into our care. Your continued positive reflection and comments about our school – staff, students and parents continues to hold our school in high regard throughout the wider community.

The parent body is a vital part of our school. The contribution that the P&F make in supporting initiatives, resourcing the classrooms and in building community is to be commended. Thank you to the Executive, led by Teresa Lawson, Marina Hayward, Leah Rheinberger and Rebecca Exham together with various representatives and committee members, your dedication and genuine hard work does not go unnoticed and is appreciated by us all. Thank you to Teresa and Marina for your time on the Executive and your contribution to our school.

The School Board is the advisory group to the Principal, Leadership Team and Finance Officer. Each person comes to the Board with a genuine wish to support the school and to be the public face and voice within our community. Thank you very much to all Board Members in particular to Brad Pymont, Julian Symons, Thomas Heinzle and Francois Langlois. Your service, commitment for the good of all our children and staff is highly valued and greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Brad for being an exemplary Treasurer. You truly have been one of the wise men on the Board and always affirming and appreciative of what the staff do. You have been a wonderful role model for the new members of our School Board and I am sure will continue to support the new Treasurer if called upon.

Farewell and thank you to the following staff members. Whether you have been here for six months or 27 years, in your own special way you have been an integral part of our staff as well as School and Parish Community.

Vicky Brennan

Sister Emmanuel Crocetti

Courtney Dunsire

Ivana Kezic

Danielle McEwen

Wendy O'Dea

Nicole Russell

Welcome to:

AP – Nik Hofmeester

PP – April Stewart

Yr 2 – Cassandra Mortimer

Yr 2 - Kate Cosnett

Yr 5 – Nicole Nuttall

Yr 3 – Welcome back to Kayla Trimble/Stacey Williamson

Admin Officer – Rebekah D’Souza

Thank you to all the staff

- Grounds/Maintenance – Anthony Jenkins, Edward Martin, Luke Scott
- Office Staff – Paula Nichols, Wendy O’Dea
- Robin Giles
- Amanda Burke
- Courtney Dunsire & Nicole Woodhouse

Mater Christi School and Parish is unified because of Jesus and is at the centre of who we are, why we are here and what we do. I would like to acknowledge the support of Fr Dat as our Parish Priest and Marina Hayward as Parish Secretary and Sacramental Coordinator.

To all my staff:

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to and passion for your own learning which flows through to enthusing and supporting our children in their learning.

For your professionalism and the pride you take in all that you do.

For the way you collaborate with each other. We truly have a high degree of collected teacher efficacy and trust at Mater Christi and it is evident in the way you work together for the benefit of all our children.

For continuing to dream new possibilities and challenge yourselves and each other in where to next? It’s important to ask ‘what is my dream?’ To not let that dream go, and to reflect on it will give clarity for the way ahead.

A Negro baseball player – Satchel Paige who died in 1982 at 75 years of age became the oldest major league novice – playing for the Cleveland Indians at

the age of 42. He said, 'Dance like no one's watching!' I think this is something we do well.

The following anonymous quote truly sums up you as the 2017 Mater Christi Staff:

'People don't care how much we know till they know how much we care'.

We can all vouch that you know a lot, but more importantly we know with great confidence that you care in abundance.

From me and all of us – Thank you