

2022 MINUTES of MATER CHRISTI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Wednesday 23 November 2022 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Toni Kalat, Julie Southwell, Renae Zelich, Amanda Burke, Paula Nichols, Tanya Hetherington, Barbara Neville, Luke Zammit, Jacob O'Reilly, Debi Choudhury, Sophia-Rose Berini, Ryan Donnelly, Michelle Kelly, Sandie Collinson, Christina Houdek, Miriam Gough, Diana Wake, Glenn Turner, Kelly Kinahan, Angela Goldsmith, Alissa Fazio, Susannah Griffiths, Reuben Brennan, Danielle Wade, Con O'Halloran, Carmen Forde, Cassie Mortimer, Anne Simpson, April Chalak, Rebecca McMahon, Corey Neira, Renee Conran, Kirsty Cunningham, Katie Williamson, Pot Pottier, Vicky Hartill, Lesley Pascuzzi, Oscar D'Souza, Sarah Jeans, Alyce Toomey, Zoe Spencer, Narainee Gunness, Lisa Collins, Karen Pitcher, Eileen Erzay, Bianca Chia, Sylvia Cheng, Alan Macainsh, Monica Carrello, Madeline Harwood, Nicole Nuttall, Chelsey Lamb, Tracy Toh, Shayna Whitmore, Mandy Ikin, Ana Rita Apps, Nelson Mendes, Adele Paino, Tania Marraffa, Courtney Edmondson, Michelle Tipic, Anna Queiros, Emily Gowland, Alison Clunies-Ross, Janella Corona, Sarina Paratore, Stacey Harding, Rachael Sita, Gemma Conway

APOLOGIES: Karina Minervini, Anthony Jenkins, Fr Dat, Ian Edwards, Susan Cattalini, Alyssa Iacopetta, Deborah Gladwell, Natalie Fardella, Jennifer Higgins, Katy Hanretty, Katie De Bes, Grace Richards, Natasha Prka, Alysha Hunter, Donna Ward, Jo Grandy, Lisa Breglia

WELCOME : Luke Zammit

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

OF COUNTRY: Julie Southwell

PRAYER: Julie Southwell

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

2021 AGM Minutes Accepted: Glenn Turner, Seconded: Leslie Pascuzzi

Chairperson's Report: Luke Zammit tabled the Chairperson's report (attached)

Treasurer's Report: Con O'Halloran tabled the Finance report (attached)

Principal's Report: Toni Kalat tabled the Principal's report (attached)

School Advisory Council for 2023

Parish Priest	-	Fr Dat Vuong
Principal	-	Toni Kalat
Chairperson	-	*
Vice Chairperson	-	*
Treasurer	-	*
Secretary	-	*
Capital Dev't Team	-	*
P & F Rep	-	*

General SAC Members: Con O'Halloran, Lachlan Clyne, Glenn Turner, Lesley Pascuzzi, Ian Edwards, Corey Neira, Luke Zammit (1 yr secondment) ***Positions to be filled at first SAC meeting in 2023.**

School Advisory Council Meeting Closed: 6.49pm

PARENTS and FRIENDS

Luke Zammit occupied the Chair and the following Motions were introduced and voted on by parents present:

1. Under Clause 26. Distribution of Surplus Property on winding up of the association.

Motion: Transfer all assets, debts and liabilities of Mater Christi P&F Association to Mater Christi Catholic Primary School in line with new Catholic Schools Parents and Friends Groups Terms of Reference as a committee of the school.

Passed with Majority (28 parents in favour)

2. Under Clause 18. Amendment.

Motion: Waive Clause 18 a.) (Notice of any proposed amendment or proposed alteration shall have been given in writing to all members at least one month prior to such meeting). This is because the AGM on 23 November is less than one month from date of this newsletter.

Passed with Majority (28 parents in favour)

3. Under Clause 18. Amendment.

Motion: Rescind 2018 Mater Christi P&F Association Constitution and adopt the new Catholic Schools Parents and Friends Groups Terms of Reference.

Passed with Majority (28 parents in favour)

President's Report: - Lesley Pascuzzi tabled the President's Report (attached)

Treasurer's Report: - Vicky Hartill tabled the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Barbara Thurston (attached)

Elections: Luke Zammit occupied the Chair.

P&F Elected members for 2023

President:	Lesley Pascuzzi
Vice President:	Kelly Kinahan and Angela Goldsmith
Treasurer:	Vacant
Secretary:	Susannah Griffiths
CSPWA Rep:	Vicky Hartill
Sunsmart Rep:	Denise Rowe
Dad's Rep:	Drew Williamson
Mental Health/Wellbeing:	Ana Apps
Social Media:	Michelle Pozzi
Class Rep. Coordinator:	Vacant
Food Coordinator:	Vacant
Parish Rep:	Vacant
General Committee:	Alissa Fazio, Renee Conran, Rebecca Bates

General Business: Staff prizes awarded with randomised spin wheel by Lesley Pascuzzi and Car Bay Raffle was drawn for 2023 with the following winners announced:

Term 1 - Anne Simpson
Term 2 - Katie Williamson
Term 3 - Tracy Toh
Term 4 - Susannah Griffiths

Meeting closed with refreshments at 7.25pm



MATER CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

It is my privilege and pleasure to present to you the 2022 School Advisory Council Chairperson's Report.

It is good to finally have a report that isn't dominated by COVID impacts. Despite challenges early in the year resulting in postponements of anything from Year 6 Camp to P&F events to Sacramental Programs the Staff at Mater Christi Community have banded together to deliver outstanding results once again.

None greater I think that the opening of Stage 15 Year two Three block. Anyone who has been to these AGM's for the past 6 years will be aware of the amount of planning that has gone in to execute this vision and the results speak for themselves. On the back end of Stage 15 and striking whilst the iron is hot Stage 16 was approved in 2022 which encompasses the demolition and rebuild of Early Learning Facilities. These works will be underway from the 12th December with the intention to have the demolition completed prior to the start of the School year and completion of works around mid-year. I once again want to thank all the staff that have worked so hard over this period of Major Capital Works delivering a fantastic learning experience for the children whilst eagerly awaiting the first-class facilities we now see. I know that Stage 16 will be no different.

A 360 review of Principal and School was conducted by the SAC, P&F, Staff and Children this semester. In the simplest terms the purpose of a 360 review is to ensure transparency from all areas on where the school has been and where it is going. I take great pleasure, and not small amount of amusement, in the response of the children but in all seriousness the 360 reviews give great insight and feedback for the School and Catholic Education Office to act on, ultimately for the betterment of the education and experience for our children and everyone with touch points to the school. I would like to thank those involved in the review for their time, their openness and honesty in ensuring the Mater Christi has relevant information to act on.

A school does not run without the dedicated individuals that make up the high performing team that is the staff at Mater Christi. As is the case with high performing talent we will lose some very valuable people next year to new opportunities with Adele Paino, Lisa Collins and Jacob O'Reilly taking on new challenges. Personally, my children through the years have been lucky enough to have you guide and teach them so I can personally thank you for everything you have done for them and all the children in your care, you will all be very missed.

When one door closes another opens and we will gratefully gain some fresh insights from new starters and the always engaged and blessed work of the people continuing in their existing or in new roles within the school. Toni will cover off staffing in detail in her report, but I do want to thank everyone that makes the day to day of Mater Christi such an awesome place for the children to learn and grow and an environment that is the envy of other communities.

A school cannot operate to its full potential without the engagement of its community and the P&F continue to help, support, and drive that engagement.

We are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated and caring group of volunteers. The P&F has always done a great job in working with the school for the benefit of the children and it was excellent to see the initiatives of last year carried over to 2022 to maximise community involvement from the wider group under varying circumstances. I am looking forward to the P&F report on achievements and their planning for next year. Absolutely want to acknowledge and thank Lesley, Vicky, Barbara and the entire P&F for dedicating so much of your time for the benefit of others.

It is very important as a Catholic School to work collaboratively with Parish and this year is no different, communications have always remained open and honest about the needs of both sides of the coin and how to best work together to achieve shared goals

I'd like to acknowledge Father Dat for his contributions to the school and the overarching relationships within the Parish. With a Parish the size of ours it is very difficult for one man to manage however Father has put in place structures to ensure operational consistency which will allow him to dedicate more of his time to matters of importance that only he can address or attend to. I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support and delivery of the sacramental programs, as well as acknowledging the sacramental teachers especially given disruptions to the program earlier in the year.

I'd like to thank the 2022 School Advisory Council. As members our primary role is to act as a sounding board and advisory committee for the principal and school as a whole. The SAC team has such a diverse background and as such it has been a pleasure to sit in the meetings and listen to ideas, propositions, and advice in support of the school. This year threw some significant challenges our way however through robust discussion and feedback I believe the school is a better place for our advice.

As you may or may not know this is my last year full time on the SAC, I would dearly like to thank Amanda, Julie, Renae and Barbara for all your support over the years and the tireless effort you continually put in. I have worked with you all in so many ways on so many projects, reviews, interviews, strategic planning and everything else under the sun through highs and lows and have learned so much from you. I am a better person for knowing you and thank you for your ready smiles and ongoing friendships.

Lastly and certainly not least to Toni. In the past 6 years I have had the honour to hold the roles of Capital Development, Treasurer and Chairperson working very closely with you in each of those areas and seen firsthand the ridiculous hours, background and unseen work culminating in the delivery of all we see around us. 2022 was no different. Stage 16 was a real chance of being postponed however eleventh hour follow ups, meetings and difficult calls has made it a reality.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again Toni you have been and are a true Visionary for embarking on these grand plans for the school and further that you would not be deterred no matter what hurdles have been put in your way. The school is future proofed for whatever comes next. Your skill in progressing long term projects whilst addressing day to day operations and commitments is second to none. I have also learned so much from you and thank you for your patience through some of our more difficult conversations we have had over the journey. Thank you Toni, I will always be only a phone call away for anything you may need of me.

Finally, and in closing, the school is in a very strong position spiritually, financially, educationally and is embarking on a bright path of development for the future. I look forward to partially sitting on the sidelines and watching the new and existing people in the Parish, the school, the SAC, the P&F continue to deliver an outstanding experience for the children and the community

Luke Zammit

Chairperson



Mater Christi Catholic Primary School

2022 AGM

Treasurer's Report



2022 - Income Statement

		Oct-22	
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	8,290,580	8,495,589	(205,009)
Expenditure	6,244,713	6,428,327	(183,614)
Surplus / (Deficit) Before Depreciation	2,045,867	2,067,262	(21,395)
Depreciation	533,542	559,150	(25,608)
Surplus	1,512,325	1,508,112	4,213



2022 - Operational (Excl Capital)

	Oct-22		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	7,620,777	7,766,550	(145,773)
Expenditure	5,778,119	5,954,937	(176,818)
Surplus	1,842,658	1,811,613	31,045



2022 - Capital

	Oct-22		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	669,803	729,039	(59,236)
Expenditure	466,594	473,390	(6,796)
Surplus	203,209	255,649	(52,440)



2022 - Capital Maintenance

Capex - FY 2022 as at October 2022	Actual	Full Year Budget	% Of Budget	
			Spent	Remaining
Property Maintenance	392,136	472,470	83.0%	17.0%
Ground Maintenance	74,459	87,530	85.1%	14.9%
Total	466,594	560,000	83.3%	16.7%



2022 Capital Development

2022 - WIP Capital Works -Stage 15

School Contribution	\$ 907,272.94
2019-2021	\$ 2,623,038.48
2022	\$ 1,846,277.88
	\$ 5,376,589.30

2022 WIP Capital Works - Stage 16

School Contribution (Original)	\$ 400,462.00
Paid to date	\$ 369,802.26
School Contribution Outstanding	\$ 30,659.74



2023 - Budget

	Budget 2023		
	Operational	Capital	Total
Income	8,432,628	1,150,160	9,582,788
Expenditure	8,431,052		8,431,052
Surplus / (Deficit) Before Depreciation	1,576	1,150,160	1,151,736
Depreciation		937,800	937,800
Surplus	1,576	212,360	213,936



Year End Review

The School is in a secure financial position with adequate cash reserves, some of which will be utilised in Stage 16 capital development.

Enjoy the Summer Break



MATER CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Good evening everyone,

As a Catholic community, the School shares in the mission of the Church and partnership with parents as the first faith educators of their children and the parish community. Mater Christi seeks to educate and form young people in the Catholic faith. Our Parish Priest, Fr Dat and the new Parish Office and Sacramental Teams have served us well as we continue working hard to develop greater bonds between Parish and School. Faith formation opportunities have been provided for students, staff and parents. The year level and school Masses and sacramental celebrations have been wonderful experiences for all children. We have continued to respond well to social justice initiatives through our food drives, project compassion, Life Link and other charitable organisations. This is Christianity at its best as our school continues to work for the good of all.

2022 has been a momentous year for Mater Christi as we officially blessed and opened the Year Two & Three Building. The state of the art building design is based on the school's learning direction, where each room is equipped with the latest technology. The spaces are configured in such a way as to allow for individual, paired, group and whole class work. The Blessing and Opening allowed our students and staff to be part of something extraordinary, especially with the Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country led by Mrs Robyn Collard, an Aboriginal Elder; the wonderful band music and singing led by Ms Ross and Miss Carvalho and the participation and involvement of the Year Two and Three students in the formal ceremony. Dr Debra Sayce, Executive Director of Catholic Education, commented on how amazing the music, singing, and involvement of the students and the classroom crosses were.

So many critical layers of leadership make it possible to bring 'Using our gifts and talents for the good of all' to fruition in 2022. The School Advisory Council is an outstanding group of parents who serve the community through their engagement at every meeting, vision for our capital development needs, strategic planning and financial advice. They turn hope for good things into action. They all provide excellent support and encouragement to the Leadership Team, Staff and the Mater Christi community. I thank Luke Zammit, our Chair, for his hard work during his tenure on the Capital Development Team as Treasurer and Chair. Luke's commitment to assisting in that the best staff are employed at Mater Christi, the long term vision for the oval, bush area behind the school and various maintenance and capital works has been exemplary. He has been a great support to the leadership team and me. Luke concludes his time as Chair and will continue on the Council in an advisory capacity next year.

Thank you to Glenn Turner, who was a great MC during the Blessing and Opening Ceremony, and also for his work on the Capital Development Team in assisting to bring to fruition Stages 15 & 16.

Oscar D'Souza has been a great contributor to the work of the Advisory Council and the P&F. Oscar is a very gracious and positive person and I thank him for all he has done during his time at Mater Christi.

Due to work commitments, Paul Bott cannot continue on the Council. Paul is hoping that one day he will be able to return. Thank you, Paul, for putting your hand up to join the team and I hope you will one day be able to return.

The School Advisory Council has also actively contributed to our Vision for Learning and Strategic Plan. I sincerely thank them and look forward to what 2023 will bring.

The Parents & Friends were once again active in the life of the school and each meeting had as a focus – community engagement and what are the needs of our children and staff. Thank you for all you have done this year. The nomination of the Administration Ladies for the Catholic School Parents WA Award was a delightful surprise, especially in winning the award. Thank you to Lesley, Vicky, and Barbara for your leadership and incredibly hard work. I am sorry that you did not take out the recognition from our nomination of you with the CSPWA. To us, you deserved it.

The Leadership Team, staff and student leaders continued to work for the common good of all, focusing on strengthening the happy environment that is MCCPS. As a result, the students were given many opportunities to participate in sports, drama, dance, music, enrichment, the Library and many academic offerings. These included the continuation of the school's involvement in the Catholic Schools Performing Arts, Spelling Bee, debating, Numero, band, choir, Coding Club, Active After School Sports, World Mania, St Vincent de Paul appeals, Caritas and LifeLink. In addition, the students are well served in the sporting area, which enables the students to participate in regional sports such as touch rugby, soccer, swimming, AFL, cricket, athletics, cross country and netball.

Throughout Science, sustainability continues to grow in prominence with the continuation of various recycling programs within our school. We have bins for soft plastics, coffee pods, plastic bottle tops (Green Batch) and one for textas, wind-ups and pens. Staff, students and parents are highly supportive of this program. Thank you to Grace for coordinating and promoting this initiative.

At Mater Christi, all students are encouraged to participate in all activities and are supported in doing their personal best.

The enrolment pattern of the past five years sits comfortably between 695 - 710 students. Although we are often seen as the school of choice due to our strong academic results and pastoral care of our students, we are in an aging location. In the last year or two, we have had families move out of the area and relocate to England, over the east, north of the river and to other areas. With the addition of the new Kindy and Pre-Primary building, we can offer a fourth Kindy day which may attract further enrolments. The expectation is for the school to grow to approximately 705 students.

Each staff member's ongoing professional learning (PL) is highly valued. PL can take many forms, including whole school staff days, subject specific in-services, meetings and conferences and a range of programs. The School takes responsibility for planning, implementing, evaluating and tracking staff PL. All teachers have been involved in PL opportunities during the year related to improving student outcomes. The following table provides specific information on the focus of these staff development days.

Staff Professional Development

Professional Development	Summary of Professional Learning
<p>Through the work with 24/7 Ministry & Mario Borg, staff gained a deeper appreciation for the scriptural understanding of spiritual gifts listed in the Old & New Testament.</p>	<p>Staff explored ‘Charism’ passages relating to gifts and reflected on our giftedness. We appreciated the spiritual gifts being exercised by staff members within the school. We explored our school Faith Story and Witness, focusing on interviews with the founding Parish Priest and long term staff.</p> <p>The 2022 mantra: Using our Gifts and Talents for the Good of all (Peter 4:16) was chosen.</p> <p>The Charism for Mater Christi was established – CHARITY, CONNECTIONS and COMMUNITY. This work will form part of our Vision for Learning and the SIP for 2023.</p>
<p>Growth Plans</p>	<p>Growth Plan PD, led by Nancy Bonfiglio-Pavisich provided research informed and practical knowledge to all staff on the importance and the need for reflection, setting goals and professional feedback.</p> <p>A Growth Plan team was formed and through staff consultation, a final Growth Plan document and procedures were established.</p> <p>During Term Four all staff trialled the faith Goal: Praying in the classroom.</p> <p>This was to focus on prayer in the classroom – morning prayer, lunch prayer and end of the day prayer.</p> <p>In Week 8 of Term Four, during a PLC, classroom teachers and specialists reflected on their goal, what to celebrate, what they learned and what they will carry into 2023.</p>
<p>Whole School Approach to the teaching and learning within Spelling.</p>	<p>Using PD services and resources from PLD, Diana Rigg led the staff through an understanding of spelling, testing required to measure where students are at and how they are tracking, spelling strategies, resources etc.</p> <p>Teaching staff continued completing PLD modules online following this day and the resources were updated (both hard copy and online).</p> <p>Teachers used the knowledge and data to inform their groupings and explicit teaching.</p>
<p>MCCPS Vision For Learning</p>	<p>In Term Three, the Vision For Learning was launched. The Curriculum Team presented the final work to the staff and the School Advisory Council. It was also presented to the system School Improvement Advisor and Curriculum Consultant.</p> <p>Each term, we will take one Principle and unpack what this means as a staff. Elements will be shared in the Newsletter, at Advisory Council and P&F Meetings, and at Parent Information Evening in</p>

	2023. By Term One, 2024, all Principles will be covered.
2023 – 2025 MCCPS Strategic Plan	<p>Strategic planning ensures a common purpose and agreed values are established. With the current Strategic Plan ending in Term two, the Leadership Team met with Daniel Groenewald, CEWA consultant, to go through the Strategic Plan process. A Strategic Plan Team was formed to lead the staff through the consultation process.</p> <p>In August and September, the community consultation began with the Advisory Council, P&F and Staff. We explored what we have to celebrate at Mater Christi, what we would like to see moving forward, what may be some challenges and how these could be overcome.</p> <p>In October, the Team presented the accumulated data to the staff and working on one of the four pillars of Catholic Education; the staff began to focus on the vital element/s for each pillar.</p> <p>Further work is to be done in Term One 2023, where the Leadership Team, Strategic Team and Curriculum Leaders work together to finalise the first draft of the Plan for staff and student feedback. The final version of the Strategic Plan will be presented to staff, Advisory Council, P&F, and families via the school newsletter and on the school website.</p> <p>This plan will become our school's compass, guiding us in our decision-making and helping to stay on course to achieve the mission and vision of our school community.</p>

The School provides an educational program based on, and taught in accordance with the WA Curriculum for primary education. In addition to this, the School implements the Diocesan Religious Education curriculum. Staff members are committed to continuous improvement of teaching and learning in all facets of the curriculum.

The fundamental beliefs inform the School's pastoral care and student wellbeing practices and procedures about safe, supportive and respectful school communities. These practices and procedures emphasise the importance of student safety and wellbeing as a prerequisite for effective learning in all Catholic school settings.

The learning support model takes advantage of wrap-around services by external providers, including OT and Speech. In addition, Mater Christi has the services of a School Counsellor four days a week and a psychologist for half a day a week. We continue to embed current programs – Reading Recovery and MiniLit and to evaluate the programs already in place.

PLC meetings focused on Vision For Learning, Spelling, Growth Plan, professional readings and spelling. There is a strong bond amongst the staff and a willingness to improve and learn new and exciting things constantly. Focusing on the student at the heart of all we do is paramount to our professional learning agendas. The collegiality amongst the staff is evident.

Sadly, at the end of the school year, we farewell the following people:

Lisa Collins has been an education assistant at Mater Christi for over 20 years. Lisa is heading off to America to begin a new chapter there.

Adele Paino is to be congratulated on her new position as Assistant Principal at St Brigid's Catholic Primary School in Collie. Adele will be an incredible leader and bring a wealth of knowledge to the school.

Tracy Duffy has been offered the ongoing position of Students with Disabilities Consultant at CEWA. We all wish Tracy the very best as she continues to work with and support schools in this area.

Brittany Carvalho finishes her one year tenure as a 0.6FTE Music Teacher and 0.2FTE PP Teacher. Thank you Brittany for your work with the School Rock Band and the music program throughout the school.

Monica Carrello will be working Mondays next year and I thank Monica for her three years of service at Mater Christi and her work in the area of dance for the annual Catholic Schools Performing Arts. Alison Ross and Jacob O'Reilly will take 2023 off for some rest and explore other possibilities.

The Mater Christi Community welcomes:

Gemma Conway – EA Year 3; Katy Hanretty – Yr 1 teacher; Chelsea Lamb – Yr 4 teacher; Jennifer Higgins – Music teacher and Michelle Kelly – one day a week as a Curriculum relief teacher.

A special welcome back to Katie de Bes – Yr 5 (Thursday/Friday) and Cassie Mortimer – Yr 1 (Monday – Wednesday).

Congratulations to Mater Christi on a highly successful Quality Catholic Education School Review and my own Principal Review was just as successful too. The School Review recommendations by the panel will be shared with the staff at the end of the year and the community next year.

Every workplace has heroes and extraordinary people. Mater Christi celebrates and thanks Amanda Burke, my PA who is without fault, is always gracious and understanding and makes sure that everyone she comes in contact with leaves that little bit better. I do not know how the school or I would function without this incredible person. Visitors often comment upon the welcome and vibrancy of Mater Christi in their interaction with the Office Staff – Mrs Paula Nichols and Mrs Tanya Hetherington are our school's 'face and voice'.

To Julie Southwell and Renae Zelich, who are my rock, support, backup, go to people and ensure that the students have a voice, are respected and their pastoral care is second to none. Thank you ladies for an incredible year and I wish Julie a very happy long service leave as she travels with her family to New South Wales to be with their family.

Finally, to the incredible Barbara Neville, Finance Manager. Barbara has had to juggle so many projects, balance sheets and budgets. My question is always, 'Can we afford it?' Her response is, 'Do the students or staff need it?' and then proceeds to see how she can make things happen. Thank you Barbara for your hard work and never wavering can do attitude.

I thank all the staff, students and families in Mater Christi. I wish everyone a Holy Christmas and a Blessed 2023.

Toni Kalat
Principal



MATER CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
P&F PRESIDENT'S REPORT

When thinking about how to review 2022 from the parents' perspective, I feel like I need to take a deep breath. I am sure you can all relate. So many of us I am sure have felt the intensity of 2022 and how nothing really could have prepared us for the way we would need to adapt to manage when Covid-19 entered our lives. I read somewhere that I think sums up 2022 for us all.....

“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference. **You just have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.**”

Whilst we have all played a significant part in making Mater Christi the place that it is this year, I'd like to thank Toni, Julie and Renae for leading us through the challenges of 2022. As parents we are grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in the development of the Vision for Learning and 360 Principal Review where we were able to reflect on our views as parents of the way our school functions. I have often referred this year to our 3 remaining executive members as Charlie's Angels. Able to achieve anything and still look glamorous. But I think it's fair to say that the three of you have shown the same - you too can handle anything that comes your way especially when Covid-19 was most challenging. Thank you all.

Whether you work in the classrooms, the canteen, the office or the uniform shop. For showing up and deciding that you want to make a positive difference to our children. Thank you.

I'd like to also thank Tracey, Vicky and Barbara who supported me in executive roles throughout 2022. I've no idea how many volunteering hours you have clocked up this year but if the volume of messages in our WhatsApp group chat is anything to go by we have been busy. All three of you, for different reasons, the time has come to step down from your roles.

Vicky, you have given us 3.5 years of your volunteering as secretary. Your knowledge and enthusiasm is rare. Your kindness and genuine care for using your gifts and talents for the good of all was evident when you agreed to “stand in” for 6 months to help the P&F back in 2019. I think it is right we thank your family too for giving you away to us for so long. At one of our mental health and wellness coffee van morning's, someone introduced me to their husband as “THE BOSS”. I smiled and said quite frankly, Vicky is the boss. And really you are. Working together with you has been enjoyable, I was writing the speech thinking I should have probably paid more attention to some of the things you do as I am not sure that cries of “WHAT WOULD VICKY DO” won't be heard around the playground next year. Thank you for making me look like I had my ducks in a line in some of our early P&F meetings when I was still finding my feet. You encapsulate what it means to have charity in your heart. I've a little something for you if you want to come up.

I'd like to acknowledge the parents who held Office Bearer positions this year and those who have acted as Class Representatives and those parents who put their hand up to volunteer at one of our

events. We are only as good as those who are willing to get involved so thank you to everyone who gave something to the community this year.

Some other thanks start with Oscar D'Souza, our outgoing Mental Health and Wellness Rep. Oscar has been my right hand man on this initiative, a real beacon of passion and commitment to raising the conversation and awareness that it is ok not to be ok. We wish your family well on your new journey and thank you for the commitment you gave to our P&F, especially this year.

Now, the A team. I didn't know this was their collective name until we joined up at the Catholic School Parents WA Awards of Excellence earlier this year. Annually, parents of affiliated schools are invited to nominate to categories of excellence. This year, Mater Christi had 3 nominations in the categories of Parent of the Year, Helen K, P&F group and Agnes Weymouth Award, our very own admin ladies. I am sure for those who attended the smiles will come across your face as we remember that evening. The calibre of entries was exceptionally high. The stories of staff members going over and above their roles and responsibilities. It was the last award of the night and I think because we are unassuming people the thought did cross all of our minds - would you win. But you did! The shock, excitement and prosecco that followed – it was a night we will all remember fondly. Thank you on behalf of the parents for going over and above your position descriptions, for answering our emails, phone calls asking for a favour and for caring about our children. We have a thank you gift for you all. I'd like to ask Amanda to accept this on behalf of you all.

Personally, I'd like to acknowledge Luke Zammit and echo appreciation for your dedication to your role within the School Advisory Council. Your passion for our school and your willingness to give up your time, even if it was Canon hours, to contribute to Mater Christi in a positive way is inspiring. You will be missed in the Chairperson's seat. I'd like to thank you for welcoming a P&F representative to the SAC and I have enjoyed getting to know you.

Final thanks, I'd like to thank Donna Johnson and Father Dat for their involvement in the sacramental journeys of our children this year. A real highlight in the school calendar for us all.

Ok, nearly there. As we have navigated this year with restrictions on what we could do and how we could gather the community, fundraising hasn't been our greatest year. We are fortunate at our school with the P&F Levy that we can still contribute financially to enhance the experiences our children have. At a time where some schools are operating without P&F committees for one reason or another, I believe we can reflect on 2022 and feel grateful to have had our opportunities to gather on Zoom for our P&F meetings, huddle around Ginger Nut Coffee Van to enjoy a wellness cuppa on the oval, celebrate Mother's Day, Father's Day and host our first comedy night in the new 2/3 building. I truly believe we all find in life the place we are meant to be. I think we can all take a deep breath and give thanks that the place we get to be is Mater Christi. Thank you.

Lesley Pascuzzi
President 2022

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School P&F Treasurers Report.

Opening balance at the start of the year \$38,469.46

Fundraising \$11,805.10	Events \$6,443.51	Parent Levies \$25,000
Income Total \$43,248.61		

Donations & projects \$17,996.59	Events & Activities \$21,448.99	Trading & Operating \$9,921.58
Expenses Total \$49,367.16		

Closing Balance as at 23 November 2022 \$32,350.91

Future Planned Purchases

Donation to Mater Christi Catholic Primary School
Playground \$12,000