



Mater Christi

Catholic Primary School

MATER CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

It is my privilege and pleasure to present to you the 2024 School Advisory Council Chairperson Report.

2024 got off to the perfect start with the opening of Stage 16, the new Kindy and Pre-Primary building. Although we had contingency plans for our contingency plans, the staff of Mater Christi worked tirelessly, and in the case of Ed and Luke our Ground Staff, into the wee small hours to ensure everything was ready to welcome students with the minimum of delay or disruption. This building is a fantastic addition to the school which will undoubtedly enhance the teaching and learning experience for many years to come.

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 and this allows us to gratefully gain some fresh insights from new starters as well as the always engaged and blessed work of the people continuing in existing or 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 a great place for the children to learn and grow and an environment that is the envy of other communities.

I'd also like to thank everyone who gives up their own time to support various activities throughout the year, such as Year 5 Sleepover, Year 6 Camp, MC Dream Team, training for various sporting carnivals to name just a few, and express my gratitude to their families for accommodating this time away, without which these activities could not take place.

Special thanks to the ever-wonderful Office Team, Paula and Tanya, who sit on The Front Line, act as Welcoming Committee and from time to time take me to task if it appears I might be dropping the kids off in a non-designated drop off area, although I still maintain this was a case of mistaken identity. Barbara for the outstanding work in preparing and submitting then resubmitting and finalising, then re-submitting the finally finalising the budgets, and being the only person that Con highlights every year we have no contingency plan for, no one else, just Barbara, and of course Amanda who as Toni's PA, provides an invaluable contribution here at Mater Christi.

Although already mentioned, I'd like to again thank the ground staff for maintaining the school to its usual impeccable standards, and apologise on behalf of dads who may have inadvertently pitched tents on the newly seeded lawns at last weekend's Dads and Kids Camp.

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 2024, along with some new initiatives, to maximise community involvement from the wider group. I am looking forward to the P&F report on achievements and their planning for next year and I want to acknowledge and thank Angela, Kelly and the entire P&F for dedicating so much of your time for the benefit of others.

I would like to give a special mention to Angela, who in her first year as President has continued to take the P&F from strength to strength. And also a special thanks to Drew Williamson for his organisation of the Dads and Kids Camp.

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 and thank Father Peter and Father Nicholas for their contributions to the school and the overarching relationships within the Parish, I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support and delivery of the sacramental programs, as well as acknowledging the sacramental teachers involved in preparing the children for their sacraments. I'd like to congratulate once again Father Peter who celebrated his Golden anniversary of becoming a priest, fittingly enough on Father's Day Weekend.

I'd like to thank the 2024 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, engage in robust discussions, and provide feedback in support of the school, and I believe the school is a better place for our contribution. I'd also like to thank Lachlan Clyne for his contribution as his time on the SAC will conclude at the end of the year. Lachlan's inquisitive mind and positive outlook will be missed, and I wish him and his family well for the future.

Lastly and certainly not least to Toni who continues to progress long term projects, while addressing day to day operational needs and commitments, done through a combination of long hours, a steadfast determination to do what is right for the school, some not to be underestimated negotiating skills and quite often sheer force of will to make things happen. Thanks to your vision and dedication, Mater Christi will continue to attract and retain the very best of teaching staff, which translates to an outstanding education for the families lucky enough to be part of our community.

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

Glenn Turner
SAC Chairperson
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