



MATER CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is my privilege and pleasure to present to you the 2021 School Advisory Council Chairperson Report.

Never a dull moment at Mater Christi, and 2021 has been no different.

A lot of work bubbles away under the surface and will continue to do so however after nearly 5 years of blood, sweat and more than a few tears we can now quite visually see the fruition of some of that work in the rather large construction project at the rear.

There are endless amounts of hours that goes into planning and approvals for a build like Stage 15 however the journey does not rest there. The Master plan for the school was created some 4 and a half years ago initially covering renovations to toilet blocks and maintenance projects before leading into the first major build of Stage 15 which will in turn lead in to the future stages. The planning and approvals process for these next stages are already well underway to ensure that the development and upkeep of the school continues at a steady and sustainable rate whilst managing and reducing interruptions. As you can imagine there is significant financial ramifications from current and future builds which Dinny will cover in his financial reports. I will say I very much look forward to firstly the completion of stage 15 and then the future announcements as the Master Plan for the school progresses

In relation to this it needs to be acknowledged how well the teachers and students utilised the Community Centre to make such a collaborative work environment and a unique and successful Year 6 experience. Well done to everyone involved

A school does not run without the staff and we will lose some very valuable people next year with Katie De Bes, Sarah Edwards and Siobhan O'Donnell all on Parental leave. I swear there is something in the water and half expect Jacob to inform us he is expecting also. We also lose Jane King who has taken an opportunity with Our Lady of the Cape Dunsborough, Juliette Ferris who will be with Newman College and Maddy Gibb off to Europe for the first half of next year. 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

We will gratefully gain some fresh insights from new starters and 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

As the world changes around us and we adapt to new normal and the P&F are proven to be no different

We are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated and caring group of volunteers. 2021 has been no easier than 2020 but the new initiatives and the continuation of existing programs has been wonderful to see. It's not just the ideas put forward but the practical execution of those ideas and more so the buy in of the school and the community. The P&F has always done a great job in working with the school for the benefit of the children however initiatives this year such as the Wellness Workshops and Comedy night designed specifically for parents adds another dimension to the care of the community as a whole and Zoom meetings opens the ability for communication to a wider group with varying circumstances. I'm very excited to hear the P&F report on their achievements this year and continuing into next year. Absolutely want to acknowledge and say thank you to Leslie and the entire P&F, such an amazing team such a fantastic year

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

I'd like to acknowledge Father Dat for his contributions to the SAC and the overarching relationships within the Parish and to Paul Zeigler in representing the Parish on the SAC when Father is not available. I would very much like to acknowledge Marina for her continued support with the sacramental programs, as well as the sacramental teachers that worked so very well with ever changing requirements or restrictions. The sacramental program has looked different year to year for the past few for obvious reasons but the continued delivery and experience of the spiritual journey of our children is so nice to see.

There is a very specific call out I'd like to make. I believe the Principals role to be one of the most difficult that I have ever encountered and with hand on heart I can say what Toni has achieved and the continued growth targets she has for the school and wider community is almost incomprehensible. I have seen firsthand the background and unseen work culminating in Capital Development Plans started all those many years ago. That was only the beginning, the overarching plans for the school, stages and elements have had to change literally yearly if not monthly on occasion due to events outside of our control. Firstly working in with CEWA, then the CoC and why not throw in a Global Pandemic to boot. I would go so far as to say that Toni you have

been and a true Visionary for firstly 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, they have been overcome and executed with outstanding results. Through my various roles on the SAC over the years I have seen all the past and future planning and I know that no matter what happens from here, the school is future proofed for whatever comes next. Your skill in progressing long term projects and newly arising whilst also balancing day to day commitments is second to none. Thank you, Toni.

Finally, and in closing I'd like to thank the 2021 School Advisory Council. As members our primary role is to act as a sounding board and advisory committee for the Principal and the School Executive within our remit. We had a lot of new members this year and I congratulate and thank them for being so willing to learn all previous undertakings whilst engaging in the new. The entire team has such a diverse background it is my pleasure to sit in the meetings and listen to ideas, propositions and advice in support of the school. The school is in a very strong position spiritually, financially, educationally and embarking on a bright path of development for the future. We 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.

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