

St Pius X Catholic Primary School

Annual General Meeting

15th November 2016

Chairman's Report

Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen to the 2016 St Pius X Catholic Primary School AGM. On behalf of the School Board, I would like to thank you all for attending and for your continued support of this fantastic school.

My name is Nick Sertis and I have the privilege of being the Chairman of the Board at St Pius X. I currently have one son in Year 3 and going into Year 4 next year and my youngest son in Kindy moving into Pre- Primary.

Firstly, I would like to introduce my fellow board members who are all very proud to be assisting the Community as well as the Teachers, AP s and Principal to further develop our school.

(Could each of you please stand for a few seconds when I call your name) –

Nicole Ho (Secretary), Renea Capararo (Treasurer), Steven Zaninovich, Paul Cartwright, Tara Pike, and our ex officio members Parish Priest, Father Blasco and Principal, Daine Burnett, also Assistant Principals Brett Wilkie & Tiffany Johnson and more recently our newly appointed AP for next year Stephanie Johnson (who is not here tonight) who also attend as part of their leadership roles. Our P&F representative and President of the P&F, Lidia Pino and our Parish representative, Lawrence Pang.

Tonight you will also hear from our Principal, Daine Burnett who will deliver the Treasurers and Principals Report.

School Board

For the new parents to the school this year and as a refresher for the rest of the school community I thought I would just touch on the role of the board.

The School Board is accountable to Catholic Education of WA (CEWA) and the Principal as an Ex Officio member is answerable to the School Board in the areas that are designated in the Constitution.

The general objective of the Board is to assist the School to fulfil its educational responsibilities in accordance with the Catholic School Board Constitution.

The School Board's primary responsibility is to provide financial management and strategic

direction to the school via the leadership team who is ultimately charged with the operational responsibilities and running the school day to day.

The financial governance of the school covers reviewing and monitoring operating budgets and also development of a Capital Expenditure Plan and Strategic Plan for the school over the next 3 - 5 years. It also involves managing all of the finances related to the school with assistance from Margaret Tatasciore and of course our treasurer Renea Capararo.

In addition, the Strategic planning for the present and future Operation of the school, forming part of the selection panel for the employment of staff to the school and advising the Principal with respect to School Policy.

In addition, the board also supports the Principal where required in relation to the running of the school. This support extends to providing advice and ensuring that school operates within CEWA policies and guidelines. To this end the obligations of the school board are contained in the Catholic School Board Constitution, a copy of which can be found on our school website.

2016

This year once again the Board along with Daine and the leadership team have been consistently focused on ensuring that St Pius X remains a Catholic School of choice by the local community.

Each year we strive to provide the best education and facilities we can to our students and teachers however we are mindful of the cost pressures involved in delivering this. As a board we are committed to providing increasing value to the children and wider school community.

Capital Development Plan Completion

As you all would be aware the school underwent some major redevelopment work of the school library, canteen and toilet facilities, administration building and classroom upgrades to maximise and improve the use of the available space we have here at St Pius.

We were also delighted to be able to build a new area for Telethon Speech and Hearing, with these new facilities able to better assist the children. We are proud to announce that this capital development project was successfully completed under budget.

The feedback has been very positive from staff, students and parents alike, and we are committed to providing the best facilities we can to our students and teachers – given the limitations of space we work within.

Josephite 150th Anniversary

The Sister's of St Joseph 150th Anniversary was commemorated with the unveiling and official opening of the new library and named the 'Josephite Learning Place'. This was to acknowledge all the work that the sisters have done for the school over many years. St Pius X Catholic Primary School was founded in 1957 by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (fondly known as the Brown Joeys). Daine will elaborate on this shortly.

A special thanks goes out to all of those involved in arranging this special day in the school's history.

Nature Playground

I will keep this brief as I'm sure Daine will also elaborate on this, however on behalf of the school board I would like to give a special thanks to Dirk Gildenhuis (& Sean Breen) who offered up their time to project manage the construction of the Nature Playground. I would also like to thank Lidia Pino and all of the volunteers that gave up their valuable time to ensure the success of the project. This has been very well received by the children and is a clever use of the space we have at the school.

Specialist Areas

We once again have maintained the specialist areas that we have been able to provide to the students which is an impressive achievement given the size of the school – such as: Art, Science, Gifted and Talented, Italian, Music Classes / Instrumental Lessons and Phys Ed. Thanks to Brett, Tiffany, Alex, Zina and Linda for initiating and supporting these.

Finances

I am pleased to confirm that St Pius X continues to be in a sound financial position even after the finalisation of the Capital Development costs. The school finances are managed very carefully by Daine, Margaret and Marni day to day and supported from a Board perspective by Renea Capararo. Our School Treasurer, Renea will provide some more detail shortly when she hands down the Treasurer's Report, however, I would like to update you on a number of financial matters.

At one of our recent Board meeting we approved the recommended fee increase by CEWA of 8%. This increase is lower than previous years as the Board is very conscience of the impact this may have on the broader community. The recommended increase, typically takes into consideration St Pius X's position on the Socio Economic Index. St Pius X's fees still remains well below our comparable peer schools.

I would like to thank Renea our school board treasurer who has helped us focus on the important items in the budget this year. Thanks Renea!

I would also like to thank Margaret for her continued hard work and contribution in supporting the board and managing school finances on a day to day basis. Margaret could you please come forward to accept a small token of the Board's Appreciation.

Also to Marni Nichol who last year took on an administrative position and together with Margaret looks after our Front Office responsibilities - I would also like to recognise your contributions – could you please come forward and accept this small gift.

Parents & Friends

We have been very fortunate once again this year to have had an active and dedicated P&F team that has been led by Lidia Pino and Vice President Lisa Peacock. Thanks to the P&F executive committee, Class Reps, Uniform Shop staff, and all the volunteers that helped out with P&F activities throughout the year.

The board and school sincerely appreciate your efforts for what you have been able to achieve this year. I would also like to formally acknowledge the contributions that the P&F have already made to the school this year.

Parish

Also thank you to Father Blasco who has provided the community with Spiritual guidance and a Parish connection to our school. Thank you Father.

Teachers

On behalf of the board I would also like to thank our dedicated team of teachers for your commitment, hard work and contribution to the school and towards our children's development. Thank you!

Principal

Thank you to our school principal, Daine Burnett who is in his fourth year at the school and as you would be aware, was last year appointed for a further 5 year term.

Daine is relentless in his pursuit of excellence for the school, that it is and continues to be a school of choice, high achieving, progressive in its offerings and teaching, and that it continues to operate within the CEWA policy and guidelines.

Daine has also been particularly focused last year and early this year on the school's capital development project and worked tirelessly to project the manage the entire development on his own accord. His work and time dedicated to other key school projects throughout the

year including the nature playground, Joshephite 150th Anniversary and a host of others should also be recognised.

Daine has more recently also been acting on a number of Group Catholic Education projects which benefits not only our school but the wider Catholic Education system. Eg. Studio Curious.

At the forefront of all of this is our children s education.

Thanks Daine!

Assistant Principals

Thanks also goes to our Assistant Principals Brett Wilkie and Tiffany Johnson for their efforts this year and the support that they offer the children, teachers and Principal. Thank-you!

School Board Thanks

I would like to thank the Members of our School Board who have been a great support to me, the Principal and the leadership team. They have all made significant contributions at board and subcommittee levels and have gone above and beyond what was required of them.

Retiring Members

A special thank-you to our retiring board member – Renea Capararo for her contribution to the board and school over the last year. I wish you all the very best for the future. Please come forward to accept this small token of our appreciation.

And to Nicole Ho who has re-nominated for the board – I wish you well.

Students

And I would like to make a special mention about the students who contribute to making St Pius such a wonderful place. I believe it is a school we can all be proud of and I think its one that will continue to be envy of other schools in the region.

Parents

And finally we would like to thank you the parents for your individual contributions to the school no matter how big or small they are and as a School Board we are honoured to represent you and should be called upon if you have any ideas or concerns.

Closing

In closing - On behalf of the Board I would like to thank everyone involved with the school throughout the year and wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and I am sure 2017 will be a very exciting one.

Thank you**Nick Sertis****Chairman – St Pius X Catholic Primary School Board****15 November 2016**