

Chairperson Report

2019 AGM St Jude's School

The school Board is responsible not only to the local school community, but also to the Catholic Education of WA (CEWA) for the financial administration of the school. It is also entrusted with the duty of planning on behalf of the school community, with the school staff and with CEWA to meet the present and future needs of students.

This is my fourth year on the school Board and the second year that I have had the privilege of chairing the Board. I thank all the members of the Board for their dedication and support over the year – our Principal Jonnda Simpson, Father Terry Raj, our Assistant Principals Mel Allen and Graham Maher, Secretary - Jenny Cook, Treasurer - Mark Duchesne, Rupinda Kaur and Samantha Moonemalle.

It has been an exciting year with our school celebrating its 40th anniversary, commencing with an open night and sundowner with past staff and students attending. This was followed with an Anniversary Mass, morning tea, a time capsule commemoration and a fun day of activities for all.

It has certainly been another busy and productive year at St Jude's, with a lot of hard work by students, teachers and support staff.

The school is in a strong financial position and we look forward to implementing new projects and initiatives in the future. Some of our projects this year have included the following:

- Reviewing marketing strategies for increasing future enrolments.
- Maintenance around the school and the upgrading of the school hall sound system.
- The School Strategic Plan was reviewed, and a plan will be developed over the next 3 years.
- Successful financial audit report from Deloitte (Independent Auditors).
- Code of Conduct Statements were reviewed and considered upon.
- Literacy Pro Program commenced with the introduction of our library being open before school for book exchange.
- The Mini-Lit trial was a success and we will continue to work with these resources.
- Prime Maths is a further trial program we are looking at for 2020.
- Play group commenced along with our 3-year-old Kindy program.
- School Improvement Plan was developed with a continuing focus on EALD, Leading Lights and online NAPLAN reporting.
- National introduction of year 3 and 5 students participating in NAPLAN online. Compared to technical problems nationally, the school only had some minor technical issues. Mel Allen was a great support to the students.

- Staff participated in the Building Teacher Capacity project with a focus on mathematics and in the Aboriginal Education planning day which will help form the Aboriginal Education Plan.
- The school was successful in receiving the Makerspace Grant for the STEM room, funding new furniture, which has transformed this learning space. A grant was also received from Woolworths Landcare, funding gardening gloves for the children, compost bins and plants.

I would like to thank the many volunteers that help around the school, from mums, dads, grandparents, guardians and even brothers and sisters. They have aided in the classroom, with book club, school banking, school sports events and discos. The Friends of St Jude's have assisted in fund raising, raffles, stalls and organising many successful social events. All these things help make our school strong and to provide a caring and loving culture.

We are blessed to have a dedicated and committed staff at St Jude's and this is demonstrated not only through the high standard of teaching but through their engagement with all families in the school community, through Sacramental programs, in the classroom, school Masses, Edudance, family fun night with Play 4 Life, athletic carnivals, discos and Harmony Day.

I would also like to thank Mrs Simpson for her support of the staff and the Board to ensure the smooth running of the school and to Fr Terry for his continued support and dedication to the school and the Board. A close relationship between school and Parish is always treasured.

Finally, I wish all our Year Six students the very best of luck as you enter the next phase of your lives in high school. I hope that you take many pleasant memories of St Jude's with you.

On behalf of the Board, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe 2020.

God Bless
Larni Doherty
Board Chairperson