

**Principal's Report to the Community**  
**School Advisory Council ACM**  
**2021**

**“I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known.”**

Anonymous

Here we are at the end of another very successful year and the final days of primary school for our Year 6 students. I remember talking to them at the end of Year 5 about how special their role would be as leaders in the school, and now I cannot believe how quickly 2021 has gone. Their commitment to enhancing our school through their leadership teams has been outstanding, and the staff and students will remember the contributions that they have made for many years to come. They have been wonderful role models to the children in our school, and I trust that they have enjoyed their time to shine as leaders in our school.

Next year, our Year 5 boys and girls will step up into the role of leaders at our school. We look forward to them sharing their skills and talents with us as they share their insights and lead us in new directions for 2022.

I am very proud of everything that we have been able to accomplish this year as a school community. The relationships that we have formed between our staff, students, families and parish are strong and visitors to our school continually comment on the rich and positive culture that is evident when they walk through our gates. This is something that we should continue to embrace and wear as a 'badge of honour'. This very special ethos does not happen in every school, and we are so very fortunate to be a part of St Jude's Catholic School community where it is clearly evident and truly valued.

We look forward to the possibility of taking a step toward our Capital Development Submission in 2022, beginning with the removal of the asbestos eaves over the Christmas holiday. The SAC and school staff have worked closely with me to present our proposal to CEWA.

It has been a pleasure to work alongside the staff of St Jude's this year. Quality teaching and learning does not happen in isolation. Their enthusiasm for building a professional team of exceptional educators has been a joy to witness. I thank them dearly for their dedication to providing outstanding opportunities for students. Their willingness to develop a culture of continuous improvement has ensured that the school continues to provide an excellent, robust education not only academically, but also in affirming and nurturing the unique gifts and talents of every child in our school.

Their passion and commitment to living our Catholic Vision in real and meaningful ways has ensured that our school inspires Christ-centred leaders. We take pride in offering accessible, affordable and sustainable education to every family who seeks a place with us, encouraging personal excellence within a pastoral and caring community.

I especially wish to thank Mr Graham Maher, who has worked so closely beside me this year. He has taken on the role of two Assistant Principals and has performed both roles with aplomb. I would also like to thank Mrs Arlene Dique and Mrs Joleen Scott, who support me with all of the members of our community through their interactions in our office.

I am always so impressed with the boys and girls in our school and their commitment to becoming WEST people. This means that they are welcoming, encouraging, they say sorry and forgive others if

they make a mistake, and they give thanks for all the wonderful opportunities that they have. Parents, your children are very special people. Thank you for sharing them with us!

We are very fortunate to continue our strong connection with the St Jude's Parish. Father Terry Raj is a special part of our school community and we are pleased to be able to work closely with him as we prepare children for the Sacraments, Masses and prayer services throughout the year. Father Terry always joins us for school events and we look forward to this continued partnership in 2022.

Parents, I thank you for choosing St Jude's for your child. I am so pleased to be able to share this journey through primary school with you. I have enjoyed the chance to chat with you throughout the year, and the opportunity to share a smile and a wave at the 'kiss-n-drop' is something that I really look forward to each day. Thank you for joining us on special occasions such as sports carnivals, Mother's Day morning tea, Father's Day breakfast, our Edudance concert, Open Afternoon and all the other opportunities that have been offered.

I particularly thank the parents who have been a part of the School Advisory Council and Friends of St Jude Committee. These parents give so willingly of their time and expertise to provide for the current and future needs of our school. We continue to benefit from the resources and beautiful environments that we are blessed to have access to. Thank you to these parents for your friendship, your support and your amazing vision for our school.

2022 will be a year of new beginnings for us all. There will be new friendships and many new experiences around the corner. Treasure them all!

To our Year 6 students, I hope that the future is everything that you ever dreamed of and so much more. As we head into the holidays and prepare for the new school year, I encourage you, as Neil Gaiman once said, to:

**Go, and make interesting mistakes, make amazing mistakes, make glorious and fantastic mistakes. Break rules. Leave the world more interesting for your being here.**

Mrs Jonnda Simpson  
Principal