

# **ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PINJARRA**

## **2018 AGM**

### **Board Chairperson's Report**

Good evening everyone and welcome to the 2018 Annual General Meeting of St Joseph's Primary School. For those whom I haven't met, my name is Janine Elliott and I am the Acting Chairperson of the St Joseph's School Board. On behalf of the School Board it is my pleasure to present the Chairperson's Report for 2018.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and thank my fellow board members – Tara Hey, Selina Trainor, Mairead Venn and Gemma Iseppi, the Principal Joy Ketteringham, the Assistant Principals Lisa Ripley and Vanessa Lenzarini and the fantastic teaching and support staff. It has been a pleasure to work with you all throughout 2018. A special thank you goes out to Michael O'Dwyer, who stepped in and did a wonderful job as the Acting Principal for the last term of 2018.

During 2018, the Board farewelled Father Gayan and our previous Chairperson, Michael Ferraro. Michael had been a member of the Board for six years and we would like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution and commitment he made during his time in the School Board.

2018 has been a busy year at St Joseph's. The year started with the completion of the extension to our Kindergarten classroom. The extension makes this room able to accommodate up to 30 kindergarten students. As this project completed, work began applying for funding to undertake further capital works. I am pleased to advise that St

Joseph's Primary School was successful with their application, obtaining a Federal Government Capital Works Grant to upgrade the junior primary roofing and construct a staff car park. These works will be undertaken over 2019.

As well as focussing on capital development, the Board and School Leadership spent much of late 2018 working through the proposal from Catholic Education to join the Affordable Schooling Project pilot group. This project, underwritten by Catholic Education, allows St Joseph's School to offer a simplified reduced school fee. As communicated at the end of last year, the decision was made to join this pilot group. You will have already seen the impact of this decision in your 2019 Family Statement.

We are fortunate at St Joseph's School to have an active Parents and Friends Association. I would like to take this opportunity to make a special mention of this group and thank them for their outstanding contribution. In particular, I would like to thank them for running the 2018 Annual Fair, which was a great success. Well done everyone and thank you for all your hard work and great ideas.

I'd like to finish by thanking all the people who contribute to our school community of St Joseph's. I would like to extend a special thank you for the teaching staff, teaching support staff, administration staff, the cleaners, grounds person and canteen ladies for their continued efforts in 2018.

On behalf of the Board, I would also like to thank the parent volunteers that work tirelessly in the P&F and Canteen. We are very lucky to have many dedicated

parents that contribute in so many different ways. We are very grateful to all the parents that do so much at St Joseph's and I cannot thank them enough.

Part of tonight's meeting is to elect new members to the Board, to fill vacancies created in 2018. Any person who is eligible to be a Board member, present tonight, may put their name forward for consideration.

Finally, as we begin the 2019 school year, I would like to encourage everyone to become an active part of our School community and help make St Joseph's School a special place of learning and community spirit for our children.

Thank you and God Bless.

Janine Elliott

A/Chairperson of the St Joseph's School Board