

## AGM 2015 St Joseph's Primary School Pinjarra

### **Chairpersons Report.**

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to the 2015 Annual General Meeting of St Joseph's Primary School. I'm Michael Ferraro and I chair the Board here at St Joseph's. On behalf of the St Joseph's School Board it is with great pleasure that I present the Chairperson's Report for 2015.

Firstly I acknowledge my fellow Board Members, Evelyn Slattery, Janet Conte, Tim McClements, Janine Elliott and Tara Hey, our Parish Priest Father Wayne Bendotti, the Principal Joy Ketteringham, the Assistant Principal Lisa Ripley, plus the wonderful, dedicated and committed teaching and support staff. It has been a pleasure to work with the school Leadership team and Father Wayne throughout 2015.

For those of you who are new to St Joseph's I'd like to give a brief overview of the role of the School Board. The School Board oversees the financial running of the school and acts in an advisory capacity to the Principal when required on financial and strategic matters. The Board meets once a month on a Thursday evening to discuss matters relating to policy, financial matters, resourcing of equipment, building and general maintenance as well as future development and planning.

Our Principal Joy Ketteringham will be absent from St Joseph's for the first six months of 2016 as she is taking on the role of short-term Principal at Ringer Soak which is 160 kilometres South East of Halls Creek and 40 kilometres from the Territory Border. We wish Joy all the best and look forward to having her back at St Joseph's in the second half of next year. During Joys six month absence, Mr Darrin Croft will be assuming the Principalship at our school. Darrin is currently the Assistant Principal at Assumption Catholic Primary

School in Mandurah. Darrin if you could please stand. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Darrin and we hope that his time at St Joseph's will be a happy and productive one.

It is with great sadness that we farewell our Parish Priest Father Wayne Bendotti this year. Father Wayne has been transferred to Dardanup and I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the School Board to thank Father for his contribution and support within the school community, and his work with the School Board. We will miss his sense of humour at the meetings and we wish him all the best in his new Parish.

St Joseph's inaugural intake of three year olds, pre-kindergarten, commenced in 2015 and it was a resounding success and will be run again in 2016. Due to the number of students in the pre-kindergarten class in 2015 it has been decided that a bubble year will be implemented and two kindergarten classes will run in 2016. At this stage we should have our Capital Development Plan ready for submission by the end of 2016. However it will be at least a two year turnaround depending on student numbers and immediate needs.

The main maintenance and repair projects for 2016 will be the renovation of the convent, in particular the repair of the toilets and the repainting of selected rooms in the convent, at this stage we are looking at the possibility of a busy bee to keep costs down.

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 to the teaching staff, teaching support staff, administration staff, the cleaners, grounds person and the canteen ladies, for their continued efforts this year.

On behalf of the board I would also like to thank the parent volunteers that work tirelessly in the P&F, in the Uniform Shop and the Canteen. We're also

very lucky to have many dedicated parents that contribute in so many different ways, such as the parents on the fair committee that put in so much effort and raise much needed funds through the school fair, the parent helpers in the classrooms, parents that assist with sport carnivals and the list goes on. We are very grateful to all the parents that do so much at St Joseph's and I can't thank them enough.

Finally, as we look ahead to 2016, I encourage everyone to make a positive and constructive contribution to make St Joseph's a special place of learning for our children.

Thank-you God Bless and have a wonderful Christmas.

Michael Ferraro

Chairperson of the St. Joseph's School Board

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