

Good evening everyone.

On behalf of the Sacred Heart Board, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Steve and the staff for all their hard work over 2018.

I would also like to thank the following members of the school board for their contributions during the year.

- Kate Candeloro (Treasurer)
- Sue Carr (Secretary and Parish Rep.)
- Kara Romero
- Graham Taylor
- Zoe O'Brien
- Annette Syred (P & F Rep)
- Father Patrick

2018 saw the outgoing of our board member in Kara Romero. Thanks Kara for your 4 year stint and we appreciate your valuable contributions throughout this time. I would like to welcome Colin Fergusson to the board in 2019 and look forward to your involvement during your tenure.

During 2018, the board oversaw many additions to the school, these projects being –

- Completion of the new 3 Year ICT plan with new laptops, iPads and Server
- Purchased Coding/Robotics equipment to implement the Stems Curriculum
- New reading books and resources in literacy
- Installation of a new LCD screen into the year 3 and 4 class
- In serviced Staff on the Big Write PD & Diana Rigg Spelling program
- Purchased new contemporary furniture to complete the class transitions at the commencement of the year (With assistance from the P & F)
- Installation of an interactive LCD to the year 1 & 2 class (With assistance from the P & F)

I would like to take the opportunity to thank and recognize the efforts of previous staff and board members of utilizing government funding, particularly when it came to the purchase of the new classrooms, which has set up the school to where it is today.

As the current board now realises, funding can be cut at anytime and 2018 saw government cut funding to the education sector. In short, what this means for Sacred Heart is that we will lose funding of approximately \$100,000. Although Sacred Heart is financially sound, it will mean capital works and improvements will be placed on priority with a focus on a needs, rather than a wants attitude.

So in 2019, the board will look to ensure that Sacred Heart receives –

- New mathematics and literacy resources to further extend our teaching and learning programs
- Maintenance of the exterior admin building and under cover area

And with further funding / or funding permitting –

- Upgrading the main toilet block
- Refurbishment of the Basketball courts

The board will also look at a capital development plan to receive funding for an additional classroom for the 3 Year old's, and to also hold assemblies during the hot and cold weather extremities.

2018 was also a year that our principal, Steve Miranda, underwent a Principal Review Process. This process involved the Board, the P & F, our parish priest – Father Patrick, and also members of the staff. After the process was completed, Steve was awarded a contract period of 5 years starting from this year. This appointment and having retained the high calibre of teachers from last year, gives the school continuity and the best opportunity for our students to flourish at Sacred Heart.

In conclusion, I would like to advise the community that Sacred Heart will start this year with 66 enrolments which shows strong continuing support of our facilities, teachers and community. Within the 66 enrolments, students are not only enrolling from the Goomalling shire, but are also starting to enrol from the shires of surrounding towns. Sacred Heart is fast becoming a school of choice for many parents. I believe this is further acknowledgment of the tremendous things being done at Sacred Heart, with the school providing excellent opportunities for the children.

I will again extend our gratitude to the wonderful staff and congratulate them on the work they have done in 2018 and wish them every success, as they start off again in 2019.

Travis Robert – Chair