

Good evening everyone.

On behalf of the Sacred Heart School Advisory Council, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Chris and the staff for all their hard work in 2021.

During 2021, the School Advisory Council oversaw many additions to the school, these projects being -

- The Development, completion, publishing and launch of our 2021 - 2024 Strategic Plan which gives the school a road map for the next few years to allow our school room to grow. The Students, Staff, School Advisory Council, P & F and Parish were all given a chance to contribute in the development of this plan.
- Roll over of Class Teacher laptops, to more modern Apple devices, and a roll out of new iPads for the students across the school. A substantial saving was generated since the last loan ceased thanks to Dee and Les.
- Very successful brick fundraiser for the History Garden, which saw over 170 bricks sold. Plants and other garden supplies have been purchased, through a grant from Woolworths, thanks to Jaimee Robert. Work will commence to start the garden next year after the bricks have been delivered. Thank you to staff and the community for their feedback and in particular to Anna Bywaters and Jacqui Edwards for their input in to the gardens design, and to Cherie Broadhurst for generating an artist's impression of the completed garden.
- New flag pole installed with limestone base, and the school now flies the Aboriginal and Australian flag side by side each day for the first time in 110 years.
- Urinals replaced to ensure that toilets are clean and hygienic and the school has gone back to the water flush system.
- The roll out of the updated school sports uniform, which has been brought forward by the School Advisory Council, endorsing a move to ensure that all students are in the new sports uniform next year and the Little Possums will be in their new shirts at the start of 2022. Families are able to place these uniforms on their school fees. The Uniform Committee (which was made up of representatives from the School Advisory Council, P & F and School Staff) are to be congratulated on the final outcome and thank you for the extra time that you have all put in.

- Installation of the new AoS operating and finance system which provides further options for school families to pay off their school fees in a manner that suits them, thus ensuring our school fees are accessible for families in the town. A massive congratulations to Les and Dee for mastering this system in such a small amount of time.
- Strengthening of relationships - in town with Goomalling Gumnuts, as well as an enrolment agreement with St Josephs Northam, to ensure students can finish their schooling here at Sacred Heart.
- New line marking in car park including the provision of a disabled bay.
- Upgrades to lighting at the school at night to ensure safety and security.
- And Tree lopping works to ensure safety of our students.

As previously mentioned, 2021 saw the Sacred Heart School community engage in our School Strategic Plan which will be implemented until 2024. Under the 'Rural Domain', which focuses on the stewardship of the school, Strategic Intent One states that Sacred Heart will consolidate the budget. Put simply, any major projects will not be undertaken without significant grant contribution. We are currently focused on this and are tracking well in this regard.

Although no major improvements are planned in the short term, the School Advisory Council would like to advise that in 2022,

- Painting of the Office Block will go ahead in April, with a staged approach to maintenance painting across the school over the coming years.
- Also, the installation of the new History Garden (as noted) will go ahead as planned.

At Sacred Heart, our students have been blessed over the years to have been taught by energetic and enthusiastic staff with varying degrees of invaluable knowledge. One of these teachers is Loretta Higgins, who from the 1st of January 2022, will be taking maternity leave. Loretta - Thank you for all your commitment and dedication to Sacred Heart. The School Advisory Council also extends our best wishes to Loretta and Troy in what will be an exciting time for your family.

The School Advisory Council also acknowledges the work and effort put in by our new staff who arrived in 2021. Emma Mercuri (Year 3 & 4), Madison Jenkins (Little Possums) and Jack Newman (who took Term Three Long Service Leave for Loretta), have all done exceptionally well and thank you to our very professional and dedicated staff who assisted, and acted as mentors to these new comers.

Once again, the School Advisory Council is staying committed to the 4-classroom structure, believing that this is in the best interest for both students and staff going forward at Sacred Heart.

In 2022, Sacred Heart will begin the school year with 53 enrolments from Kindergarten to Year 6, having starting this year with 48. This increase in enrolments, along with the Little Possums Three-Year-Old program will ensure that enrolments will stay strong, particularly in the early childhood years.

Lastly, I would also like to thank the following members of the School Advisory Council for their contributions during the year:

Fiona Siegert (Parish Rep.)

Sonia King (Secretary)

Dan Dempster (Treasurer)

Graham Taylor

Steve Lord

Kate Candeloro (P & F Rep)

Father Daniel

Thank you must go to Kate for all of her time and efforts, not only as the P & F Rep, but also during her time as treasurer. Thank you for your contribution and we wish you well for your future endeavors. Personally, this will be my last year on the School Advisory Council having served the last 6 years. I extend my best wishes to the School Advisory Council going forward in the years to come.

Once again, I extend our gratitude to Chris and our wonderful staff, and congratulate them on the work they have achieved in 2021 and wish them every success, as they start off again in 2022.

Travis Robert - Chair