

## **Board report for Community Meeting 2020 for School year 2019**

On behalf of the school community. I would like to thank the board of 2019 for their ongoing commitment to our school and for their support of myself in position of chair of the Board. I would also like to thank St Brigid's Admin and Staff for their continued hard work making our school the best school for our children. We thank Fr Rob for his positivity he brought to his Parish and the continued link between the parish and the school. It's been wonderful to see more families committing to their sacrament's.

During 2019 we have completed some projects for our students and staff. Our School budget and the Strategic plan were once again reviewed and we had a plan for the items that were near completion and what our goals were to be finalised by years end.

One of our goals for the year was to continue parent engagement, upholding our school identity, supporting our school admin and teachers in regards to numeracy and literacy outcomes and providing a safe learning environment. We feel very strongly about our school continually striving and moving forward.

We continued to implement our IT program for 1 to 1 access to technology, and we purchased 32 laptops for the Year 4 students. It is great to now have the students using our upgraded facilities and getting the very best out of their learning. We thank Mr Shane Kenyon as part of our IT committee and his tireless work at getting it right, and Mr Sarre setting them up for our students.

Safety of our school is always at the front of our minds when we are making changes to our school. After Admin ran a Fire drill, it was evident that we needed to upgrade our PA system so the entire school could be alerted to any alarm or information throughout the day. We now have PA systems in all rooms and areas of the school including outdoors.

The completion of the nature play area in the senior area was received with much excitement for our upper school students. Thank you to the many contributors and the school community for helping to ensure this project was completed.

Our major financial project was the review of our school bus. Our Board Treasurer, Carina Roney worked tirelessly to provide numerous financial scenarios for the board to work over and after many in depth discussions, a decision was made, to sell our school bus. Thank you to our school board for all of their time in coming to this decision.

During the year I was invited to a presentation for Board Chair members, so we can get support and information regarding the corporate structure of Catholic Education of Western Australia. We expect some changes to happen with regards to this, but we are not yet sure how this will affect the running of school boards in our future. It is a wait and see how things continue.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Marci Collins for again, stepping into the role of Acting Principal while Mr Daniel Graves was on long service. Once again your work in the busy final term of the school year, while at times was stressful due to finalising budgets and staffing, you were awesome! And I hope that you are adding up these brownie points for Daniel to pay you back!!!

Once again you can see we have had a fabulously successful School year in 2019. And trust that we will continue to imbed all our plans through hard work in 2020.

On a personal note, as of tonight, I will be stepping away from the Board. I would like to thank my fellow board members for their support they have given me over my time as Board Chair. I started on the board as P&F rep, where I got to see how our school is run, behind the scenes. It was really interesting and I wanted to continue in that learning. With the encouragement of Carina Roney as Treasurer and Leonie Davey as Secretary at the time, I put my hand up. I had done NOTHING like this previously. I had no idea what I was doing, but with great support of my fellow board members I learnt very quickly. In this position I was privileged to be part of the process of our school obtaining our fabulous principal Daniel. I have attended CEWA presentations with other School Board Chairs and was able to see how others schools are run and how they are implementing changes in this fast moving technology society we are living in, and how it is effecting our students and families. I have been involved in School and Principal reviews and also sat on the panel for staff interviews. All which has been such a personal growth experience. I am just an ordinary working parent, with limited time, like us all. But I knew I could offer 2 evenings a term, to support our school in a way I didn't think I could. I hope you can take this opportunity tonight to put your hand up and give it a go. You do not need to hold a position on the Board or our P&F, but you can take a seat and be a part of this great school community we are trying to build on. We welcome all parents to become involved in any way you can within our thriving and positive school. We look forward to seeing your faces through your commitment to your children and our school community, during the year. Thank you.

Rochelle Piavanini (Board Chair)