



# SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON REPORT 2018

Good Evening everyone and thank you for attending the 2018 Our Lady of Lourdes, Annual General Community Meeting for the school board and P&F Association. Our school continues to flourish thanks to the outstanding work of our teachers and parents.

Firstly I would like to thank our passionate and dedicated teaching staff. Your energy and commitment to guide our children is always appreciated. The ever-changing world that we live in presents challenges and new thinking all the time.

Our second assistant principal position was filled this year. I take great pleasure in confirming that Jenny Maslin was successful in her application and the position is now permanent and ongoing. Congratulations to Mr Luke Vine on completing his first year as assistant principal, I know the school community loves having you in our school. Our leadership team is now a stable base for our school to grow from.

To Mrs Addy Godwin who is leaving us this year and moving to a full time position at the Mercy campus of BCC, and Mrs Sandra Hearne who is also leaving for a position at the Marist campus of BCC. Thank you for your dedication whilst at OLOL and we wish you all the best for the future.

This year we welcomed 6 new board members. Thank you for your dedication and giving of time to the school. Your continued support, ideas and contribution is greatly appreciated. We also officially opened and blessed our nature play area, after so much community support this was an opportunity to reflect and acknowledge. Time was taken to also celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "new" school buildings which was the catalyst for the regeneration of the school.

I would now like to take the opportunity to outline a few areas that the school board has been working on during the year.

1. The School Audit Process.

Angela and the office team undertook the large task of preparing everything required for the Audit. Our school passed all areas with only minor actions nominated in the report. Many of these have now been completed, including a student code of conduct being implemented.

2. A Principal review was conducted in the first half of the year. The review takes place in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> year of a principal's term. This review provides an opportunity to stop and prop in a principal's term and outlines the professional development, accountability and renewal of contract. After information being collected via survey and meetings, I can confirm that Mrs Angela Hegney's contract has been endorsed for a further 5 years by the Bishop.

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3. Capital Works;

The school board recognised the need to upgrade our student toilets, this was in recognition of safety concerns and the need for clean, modern facilities. A plan was drafted and implemented that was fully funded by our school. The project was built by Smiths Construction and was delivered on budget to a high standard with minimal disruption to the school.

An Asbestos audit was also undertaken, and we have only one location in the whole school that is in good condition and requires no action.

4. LEAD Awards:

OLOL entered the LEAD awards for the first time and won the LEARNING award for our science and technology program out of 47 entries from across WA. Congratulations to Mrs Heelan for delivering an outstanding program to our kids.

5. The Strategic Plan for the school was reviewed this year and a community consultation and workshop was conducted. The plan has been developed with the board members and is in line with Catholic Education WA. Our plan is now ready and has been endorsed by the board. The plan will run from 2019 – 2021 and will be used to guide the direction of our school.

6. Expressions of interest were called for to explore the viability of a 3 year old kindy program. We have applied for a change of enrolment from the minister of Education. We are therefore hoping to start the program in Semester two, 2019. There is no government funding, so the program will need to be fully funded by parents. We don't for see any issues and look forward to adding this service to our school.

7. Finally, the school will be celebrating it's 100 year Anniversary in 2020. The board will be driving a working group to explore ways to celebrate this milestone. If anyone would like to be involved, please let the office staff know.

We have one retiring member from the board this year. A massive Thank you to Graham Parton for all your years of dedication to the school. You have been an invaluable member of the team and have always held the "good" of the school at the core of everything you do. We will have 2 positions available for next year due to Chris moving to the Parish representative position.

We have a very active and extremely energetic P&F within our school. Thankyou to the executive committee for your leadership this year. The group created a vast array of fundraisers that have added some amazing resources to our school. Thank you to all the helpers in all areas that the P&F are involved in.

In conclusion, I would like to Thank Angela, the teaching staff and admin staff at Our Lady of Lourdes. You all help to create a wonderful environment for our children to learn and grow within. Also a huge Thankyou to our parents for believing in and supporting our school.

Anthony Harris  
OLOL Board Chairperson