

Thank you for attending the Our Lady of Lourdes Annual General Community Meeting for the school board and P&F Association, 2020. As we welcomed back all our students and staff at the start of our school year with what we thought was going to be a typical school year, what none of us prepared for was the year ahead, what would be the most challenging year any of us will face in our lifetime.

Our school is here to teach our children and develop their understanding of the Catholic Faith as well as the kindness and strength of humanity, which as this year has shown we needed more than ever before, we could not do this without our outstanding teaching and support staff. Your flexibility and adaptability to learn new systems including remote learning, home learning plans, response plans, and IT apps including Team and Seesaw whilst dealing with ever changing information and guidelines as well as community anxiety was incredible and to be commended. As we come to the end of 2020 what could have been a traumatising year for our children was not to be, and this is largely due to connection and positivity they had with the school and its staff, whether on campus or at home through seesaw.

Pre Covid we celebrated 100 years of Our Lady of Lourdes in February, the events throughout the weekend was a great success and the work put into these events including the open classrooms and displays throughout the decades were again a credit to the teachers and the school.

The school board met regular this year. We are very sad to say goodbye to Briony Page after her 3 years of service on the board, with Evie entering high school next year we want to say a huge thank you to Briony for your contribution to not only the board but the school as a whole. You and your family will be very much missed from our school community and we wish you all the best. Our School board of 9 is stable for 2021, with the majority of us renominating or continuing in our roles. I would like to thank Jenelle, Keith, Lauren, Emma and Gemma for continuing or renominating and providing stability and a special thank you to Gemma for providing a simple explanation of the budget that I don't understand. Also thank you to Father Wayne who is always there to support us and the wider community.

The board has had a stable year which has allowed us to focus on finishing off a few projects and planning for the future of OLOL

1. Budget:

The budget has some challenges this year with some families leaving as well as the costs associated with the contrary celebrations and Covid, however with increased students numbers hopefully 2021 will be a good year budget wise. Gemma Denton will provide more information on this in her report.

2. The Maintenance Program:

The buildings received a full repaint at the start of the year and the company will continue to maintain the schools paint work over the next 4 years.

4. Three Year Old Kindy Program:

This program has been a huge success with 20 students being enrolled, considering this is the second year of this program that's a remarkable achievement. The program receives no funding from the government and must be fully funded by those who use the service. The program has been a huge success both financially and academically for the children

#### 5. The Thomas Little Hall Restoration:

Although not a project run by the school, it has still had a large impact. The Hall has been fully restored as close as possible to original.

The old school toilets have been taken over by the Hall and were also renovated.

#### 6. Ferguson Road upgrade and staff car Park upgrade:

The Shire of Dardanup for Ferguson Road next year. The school has been consulted and I am pleased to say that we benefited greatly from the works. The entry to the teacher's carpark is more clearly defined along with new and improved access for the buses. There were some teething issues regarding drainage and updated signage for the bus area but all seems to be running well.

#### 7. IT devices

OLOL have been reviewing the devices used in the school and a staff IT committee has been formed as well as parent meetings with the plan to lease ipads for 1:1 access for students in years 4-6.

#### 8. School Uniforms

Due to supply issues with some of the uniform items the board had to make decisions on changing the girls formal shorts and pre-primary school trackpants.

#### 9. Solar Panels

We will start to research solar panel options for the school in 2021

Thank you and Congratulations to the P & F on the amazing work that you do for the school. Again the year that was planned was not to be however you still pulled off some amazing fundraising and school events including raffles, fathers day breakfast and the Sports carnival, the team is always willing to help out and lead the parent group. Thank you Ali, fi, Elise for your tireless work and enthusiasm. I would like to welcome all new P & F nominees and offer any support you require from the board.

In conclusion, Thank you to Angela for your Leadership, the Assistant principals and the dedicated teaching staff. Your positivity, stability and enthusiasm help define this school within the wider community. Thank you for all that you do for the most important people in our lives.

Finally, thank you to our parents for placing their trust in the school.

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