



ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING – 21 November 2022

Treasurer's Report

I am delighted to report that as we come to the end of 2022 St Joseph's School is in a sound and secure financial situation with a healthy cash reserve for 2023.

The 2023 initial budget has been completed, accepted by the School Advisory Council and submitted to Catholic Education WA for approval.

During 2022, in accordance with the budget, we have carried out the following:

- Maintenance of External Lighting and installation of new LED equivalent.
- New flooring to the ECE classroom and the Admin area.
- Repairs to fly screen doors and windows.
- Tree lopping in the school grounds.
- Pest Control of the school grounds.
- Removal of old non-slip tiles and installation of new non-slip tiles in the school playground.
- Fire extinguisher maintenance and replacement.
- Testing and tagging of all electrical equipment.
- Installation and repair of shade sails in the playground area.
- Purchase of Subaru Forester – new vehicle for Principal.
- Purchase of ten Apple iPads for Senior Classroom
- Purchase of three Apple MacBook's for Teachers
- Purchase of two Dell Optiplex Desktop Computers.

Our major source of income comes from the AEARF (Australian Education Act Recurrent Funding) Commonwealth Government funding and State Government Grants.

AEARF Grants to be received in 2022 will include:

Primary Base Funding per capita - \$227,000

Low SES Loading - \$71,110

Location Loading - \$171,735

Size Loading - \$194,477

Co-responsibility support - \$397,310

State Government Grants to be received in 2022 will include:

State Per Capita Grant Kindergarten - \$23,496

State Per Capita Grant All Primary - \$46,944

Major Expenditure for 2023 as indicated in the budget will include:

- Sandpit Rejuvenation
- Bitumen Area Improvement
- Junior Room Ceiling Replacement
- Painting of the Junior Room
- Eaves Repairs
- Shelving Sports Shed
- Wifi and Switch Upgrade – we are still waiting for parts for this due to worldwide shortages – ETA May 2023.

I would like to thank the P & F Association for their continuing financial support. This year they have donated \$2,000 towards our school camp and \$1,700 for the Teachers' wish list. Everyone in the school benefits from their hard work and fundraising achievements.

I can confirm the exciting news regarding our school fees for the 2023 academic year, just in time to brighten your family's Christmas.

St Joseph's School has been approved to keep our school fees the same, despite rising inflation which is impacting all of us. This is made possible as a result of changes to the overall funding for Catholic schools in Western Australia.

As a result, and in consultation with Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA), the school advisory council has endorsed that school fees are to remain the same for 2023 as per the following table. This table outlines the fee structure for each year group.

Pre Kindy \$60 per year (\$1.50 per week) – payable in advance each term.

Kindergarten \$100 per year (\$5 per fortnight)

Pre-Primary to Year 6 \$250 per year (\$12.50 per fortnight)

Building Levy \$50 per family (\$12.50 per term)

Catholic Education in WA provides an affordable school choice for more WA families than ever, and our school remains committed to providing the high quality, Christ-centred and child-focused education that our families have come to expect.

I hope families will welcome this news as indicative of our school's commitment to meeting your family's needs. We are strongly committed to delivering the highest quality education alongside our other programmes in 2023 and beyond.

Deborah Maddock
Treasurer