Annual Community Meeting - 20th November 2023

Chairperson’s Report

Welcome everyone & thank you for taking the time to attend the School Advisory Council Annual School Community Meeting tonight. This year was my second year on the School Advisory Council and my second year as Chairperson. This year has been another wonderful and productive year at St Joseph’s School. Once again, the school is in a good financial position and the School Advisory Council look forward to working together again to improve our school for the future.

A few things I would like to mention;

* Mrs Natalie Beaton has accepted an offer to act as principal for Semester 1 2024. Congratulations Nat!
* School Camp in Term 2 to Albany was a great success.
* Mums, Dads and Bubs playgroup has started and is very popular with a good turn out every fortnight.
* The new school ad has been embedded on School, Council, Visit Yilgarn and CEWA websites and will be used by recruitment also.
* Mining families are relocating to town and the school is actively promoting itself and reaching out about enrolments. Local mines are also sharing the new school ad through their recruitment avenues to encourage workers to bring their families out.
* The 3-year-old program has been running well, with 10 students on the list currently.
* The Junior Joey’s Program ran again in 2023 and was successful.
* We have steady enrolments in the early years for 2024.
* The ceiling in the Junior Classroom will be upgraded during the school holidays and the bitumen area has started its refurbishment.
* New shed shade structure has plans to be completed over the Christmas holiday break.

I would like to extend my thanks to the following;

* I would like to thank David Hamersley for Semester 1 and Bob Grant for Semester 2 for their leadership & commitment to our school, staff, students & school community.
* To Nat Beaton, Molly Brooker, Chantelle Stock and Lisa Jackson for all their hard work to deliver the highest standard of education for the students.
* To Michelle Pedrin, Petrina Pearce and Lorrae Carlson, our Education Assistants who do an amazing job supporting our teachers & students in the classroom. Wishing Lorrae all the best for her next year as she is leaving us at the end of this year.
* To Deb Maddock and Jodie Cobden who work tirelessly in the office, ensuring everything behind the scenes runs smoothly.
* To Cheryl Navales who ensures the school is sparkling.
* To Blake Serbert who ensures the gardens and surrounds are immaculate.
* To Father Matthew for celebrating our school Masses, running the You Can Do It Program within the school & also for attending camp again this year.
* To the P&F Association, Leah Gale (President), Tash Beaton (Vice President), Ashlee Freestone (Secretary) & Lorrae Carlson (Treasurer) and all the other parents who take time out to attend the meetings and continuously volunteer their time to help support our P&F Association.
* Lastly to the members of our School Advisory Council, Leah Gale (Secretary), Bob Grant, Lisa Granich, Father Matthew, Emma Warren & Michael Gravenall thank you for all your effort & support throughout 2023.

To our Year 6 students Alyssa Carlson, Gracie Lawrence and Jake Weir, we wish you all the best for next year when you start High School, we will certainly miss having you around the school.

I’m looking forward to another wonderful and exciting year at St Joseph’s for 2024.

Tash Beaton - School Advisory Council Chair