



## Catholic School Advisory Council

*23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020*

### Chairman Report

Good Evening,

On behalf of the St John Paul II Catholic Primary School Advisory Council, I would like to welcome you to the Annual General Community Meeting for 2022.

As I stand here in front of you all the Teachers, Administration and Parent group I sincerely Thank you all, not only for your attendance tonight, but for your ongoing support for our students with the continued Education ethos of “Christ Centered - Child Focused”

This year we have slowly reverted to some sort of normality, we have seen our students explore many learning opportunities and continue to develop at their own pace and capabilities and that is a testament to the work done behind the scenes in collaboration from the Leadership team and teaching group.

We have seen the departure of long-standing Principal Chris Lamb and I genuinely thank Chris for his tenure at the SJPII, and wish him and his family all the best for his next chapter.

With departure coming new opportunities, I was fortunate to be part of the recruitment process for the new principal which was a great experience to be part of the next stage of our school community.

So again, I welcome Martin Tucker to the school community and look forward to many years of not only works closely together, but to see your experiences and vision flow into our school environment.

On a sad note, I say **Good luck** and acknowledge Tim Maxwell for all the amazing work and passion that he has brought into our school community of many years and wish him every success next year at Mary MacKillop Catholic Community Primary School.

I was fortunate to attend Tim’s 50<sup>th</sup> a few years ago, with all guests musically entertained all night by the Birthday boy, So I’m sure Mary MacKillop have a treat coming their way.

I would like to thank leadership team, under the guidance of Martin, for his support of the Advisory Council as we navigated our path into a new way of operating. To the Assistant Principals both Tim and Nick thank you for your input, direction and humour at not only the formal meeting, but your tireless work across the school community.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to the members of the Advisory Council - Mel, Sam, Magodi, Amour and Paul. Thank you all for your energy, dedication and focus this year as we worked with the multiple **Principal's** and the school leadership team to benefit the students, staff and families of the St John Paul II community.

Each year sees change so we farewell both Amour and Paul as they take on new ventures and we wish them both well.

As always, our children were meticulously prepared for all Sacraments throughout the year - Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, thank you to the teaching staff for your time and passion in preparing our students, with a special mention to the Sisters, Deacon Nicholas and Father Vinh for their support, guidance and wisdom.

This year especially, the School and Parish community have strengthened its union seeing the new Church come to Life, hopefully this time next year our school community would have had many celebrations in our **new Church**, which will be the true symbol of community.

I came across this quote by **Pope John Paul II**, which is appropriate for the next chapter of our School and Parish community.

**A community needs a soul if it is to become a true home for human beings.**

**You.. the people must give it this soul.**

On behalf of the school community, I would also like to thank the P & F for their continued fund-raising initiatives which have helped to add much interest to our school community.

It is an honour and a privilege to be afforded the role as Chairperson of the Advisory Council and I remain excited about the future of our school and look forward to working with equally passionate and enthusiastic parents as we support and develop existing and future strategies, to the betterment of the school.

As for now, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy, safe and blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year. I thank you for your attendance this evening and for your continued support of our wonderful school community.