

## **Board Chair Report AGM 2018**

The board personnel had a few changes last year and welcomed Patrick Kennedy as the Parish representative, and Davina Davies as the P&F representative, whilst saying goodbye to long serving committee members Mike Allen and Marie Hanna. Added to this was of course, Andrew coming on board as the Acting Principal, and indeed the Principal towards the end of the year.

I would like to commend the staff of last year for the work they put into our children, with quite a lot of changes being implemented last year. From an outsiders point of view, things ran fairly smoothly across the year, and they are to be commended for that. I'd also like to extend a welcome to the new staff and executives of the P&F and hope we can all dig in together, to continue the good work we started in the past 12 months.

As always, I'd like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of our volunteering community. This is what keeps our school alive and allows our children the freedom and choices they get here at St Patrick's.

Of special note, I'd like to thank the volunteering members of the P&F and the School Board, who generously donate their time for our school, and the many mum's, dad's and grandparents who help at our major fundraising days and sports carnivals.

A Special thank you to my fellow board members, Gail Butterworth (Secretary), Sheldon Kowald (treasurer), Tania Edwards, Linda Hewson, Pat Kennedy (Parish Rep) and Davina Davies (P&F Rep). Of course, Helen and Andrew as well for your valued input to all things around the School Board. Your support throughout the year has been exceptional.

Of particular note, I would like to thank Andrew Gammon, for agreeing to take up what could be said was initially, an uncertain role as Acting Principal of St Patrick's for 12 months. The things that we as a School Board have achieved in the past 12 months can be, in part, attributed to Andrew's decision making and determination to make St Patrick's the best school it can be.

I'd like to extend my thanks to the outgoing board members in myself, Linda Hewson and Gail Butterworth. In this instance, both Linda and I are re-applying for a position on the board tonight, so best of luck to you and to our fellow nominee in Andrew Bushell. To Gail Butterworth who was the secretary of the board for a number of years and gave up her time when necessary, I like to extend my thanks to her for her efforts.

Simon Kerin  
Chairperson