

School Advisory Council Chairperson Report 2022

Covid again threw us a few challenges at the start of year and but we have made it through and hopefully it's all behind us now.

I would like to extend my thanks to the wonderful staff at St Patrick's who teach and encourage our children every day. We are very lucky to have you as part of our children's lives.

To the teaching staff and families that may be leaving at the end of this year, we wish you all the very best in your future endeavours. You have all made a positive mark on St Patricks throughout your time here.

A huge thanks must go to all our volunteers. We have a number of parents and grandparents who consistently give up their time to benefit our school community. Your contribution doesn't go unseen and is significantly valued.

I would like to also make a special acknowledgment to Mrs Robinson who does an amazing amount behind the scenes to make St Patricks what it is and she is the heartbeat of our school. After a tough year for her we are all very happy to have her back.

A Special thank you to my fellow board members, Linda Hewson (Secretary) Johannes Stassen (Treasurer) Penny Shackley (P&F Rep) Marc Chambers, Nat Nicholson and of course Brett Wilkie our principal. Your support throughout the year has been greatly appreciated.

Over the years the School Advisory Council have looked at ways to make schooling at St Patrick's more affordable to parents with our continued support of the free Mini Stars and Kindy programs. 2022 was our first year with the Low Fee initiative., we have attracted a few new families because of this. The Council has decided to trial for 2023 all textbook such as iMaths and Soundwaves be supplied by the school to again try and reduce the cost of education and make St Patricks more appealing to new families, while we support our current families.

I am very excited at the direction the school is going under Brett's leadership with the help of our great staff and I feel that the school has some really good times ahead in 2023.

In closing, I hope you all enjoy the last few weeks of term, have a very Safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year's break, and we will see you all back here in 2023 for great year.

Regards

Andrew Bushell

School Advisory Council Chairperson.

