



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Geraldton Western Australia 6530

SFX BOARD CHAIR REPORT AGM 15TH NOVEMBER 2016

Sometimes the end of the year can sneak up on us pretty quickly and we say 'where did the time go' but it also gives us an opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved and sometimes we surprise ourselves on how much we have actually done.

After the events late last year with Therese moving on it left us without a principal for the commencement of 2016, one could have been forgiven for worrying about how we would deal with the loss of leadership within the school community and added pressures this may place on our team. From a Board perspective the school did not miss a beat and thanks must go to Murray, Judy and the rest of the team for their efforts during this period.

Ben's arrival to the school (along with Lise and the boys) was met with excitement and anticipation, as a board we are very pleased with the appointment and Ben's endeavours during his transition period. Our dealings as a board with Ben are always well considered and measured.

A quick thankyou to Fr Michael for his guidance and support during the appointment process.

Over the last couple of years we have seen a number of projects completed that were listed on the schools master plan which culminated this year with the completion of the carpark and entry statement. Of the 23 listed items we have completed 19. For technical reasons a couple were amalgamated into other projects and a couple removed some time ago from the original list. I would like to thank those involved for their assistance through these projects many which came about through volunteer work and coordination, I would also like to thank the SFX community for their patience during the works of the projects.

What this means is that when the Board meet next year there will be a requirement to again look forward to create short / medium and long term strategic plans in an effort to make St Frances a better place for our Kids and those that work here. I would envisage that this will be done in a consultative and inclusive manner to assist in broadening the view of the SFX Community, it doesn't mean we will get everything we want but it will assist in future planning.

Thank you to the P&F for your patience and continued efforts to make our school a better place for the kids, considerable time and effort goes in and is much appreciated. The SFX community needs to be aware that the P&F is not just about fund raising, your input and advice to the Board on matters directly relating to our parents has been great, add to this your coordination of events just to bring the school community together such as the upcoming Feast Day event on Friday 2nd of December shows a group looking for inclusivity.

To our Board, thank you for your contribution and support this year, each of you on many occasions this year has worked well outside the scope of expectation, your time and effort is very much appreciated.

To Ben and his team I reserve the biggest thanks, the education of our kids is the single most important objective. Our kids teachers do not receive enough credit for what they do and if we as a parent body can assist in making your job easier then this can only benefit the kids.

To finish I would just like to leave you with this thought: sometimes it's nice to stop looking at things as an adult and look through the eyes of the kids, you might be amazed at what you see.

In my view, we remain a School with a very strong foundation from which to grow.

I thank you and look forward to working with you in 2017.

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