Chairperson’s Report

Welcome to the 2016 St Joseph’s School Payneham Annual General Meeting and the Chairperson’s Report.

Since last year’s AGM, I have had the privilege and honor of serving our school community as School Board Chairperson.

During the past year, the school has encouraged a strong connection between the parent community, teaching staff and the parish. We have also witnessed the many achievements of the school, of which Laurie will, no doubt, highlight further in his report. The Board and its committees have achieved a great deal in the vital roles of supporting Laurie and his staff in offering the best possible learning opportunities to our children.

I have many people and groups to thank in this report.

If I may begin by thanking Father Allan and the Parish Community for the support they have given the school. We are very fortunate to have a close relationship with the parish. Father Allan has given so much time and guidance to the children, teachers, parents and caregivers and to the school’s wider community. We also appreciate the financial assistance the parish gives to the school.

The School sincerely thanks Laurie and Ingrid for their leadership. Their hard work, leadership and dedication that they have provided to the school over the last 12 months are greatly acknowledged by the Board. They are passionate about teaching and learning and show great commitment to children. They take an active interest in the pupil’s development – and that of their staff. I thank them personally for their guidance and encouragement that they both have giving me throughout the year.

We are truly blessed with our wonderful teachers who do a great job in shaping the minds of our children and their future. There really are no words to express the gratitude for all they do. Many of them are role models and make a huge difference in the lives of our children. Their efforts are much appreciated and the Board offers each and every teacher of St Joseph’s a big thank you.

To the Canteen staff, the Out of Hours School Care, Education Support Officers and other support staff, including work experience students, volunteer readers and class reps, who contribute time and effort in support of the teachers and the school, we also say a big thank you.

To all the volunteers, too numerous to individually name, that have helped in many activities and events throughout the year. The individuals and families who have come to the working bees, who developed the Anzac Trail, cooked at the sausage sizzles, served at the canteen, helped at
the school picnic, and sports day. We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude. We thank you for your time and your continual giving to our school.

The outcomes from the various committees of the Board are integral to the success of the school.
The Finance Committee has spent many hours on the financial management of the school’s budget and has done an excellent job. We acknowledge that this can be a challenging task but well done to you.
The ICT Committee for ensuring the technologies that we are so proud of, is relevant and continually developed. The Uniform Committee for their input into identifying changes in the school uniform and the school uniform policies.
We are so grateful that we have a P&F committee that through their ideas and the events they successfully organise, have raised well needed funds to help in many of the programs, resources and equipment for the children to use. These programs are the reason we have the point of difference.
I thank you all.

I have been fortunate in having a group of knowledgeable and dedicated members on our board.
I appreciate the support from these board members

President: Father Allan
School Principal: Laurie Sammut
Deputy Principal: Ingrid Douventzidis
Deputy Chairperson: Roberto Clemente
Treasurers: Carlo Melillo and Gina La Bella
Secretary: Melissa O’Loughlin
Staff Representative: Vanessa Mercurio
Board members: Daniela Bruno
                       Danny Luccon

This year we say goodbye to Carlo Melillo who has been fantastic service to the school as the School Board Treasurer for many years. We recognise the difficult job the finance committee has had however we equally recognise the level of skills Carl has brought to the task throughout the time he has been in the position. We wish him well in the future.

I would also like to welcome Mark Annese, David Desteno and Craig Telford as new members of the Board.

May God look upon us as we go into another year in continuing our service to the school and I wish all in the New Board another successful year ahead.

John Flynn
School Board Chairperson