

2018 BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY – Donna Gow

The 2018 School Board has had a very busy and productive year.

This year we have had a heavy focus on marketing our school in the hope of increasing enrolment numbers for 2019. A few of our ideas that have come to life are;

- Our directional sign on the corner of Morley Drive and Marda way, this is the blue sign pointing into Marda Way for those that are unaware. Many people drive past our street not knowing there is even a school there. Hopefully this will create awareness for passing traffic
- Advertorial in the education section the The Record
- An article in The Record about our 60th Anniversary celebrations
- Shopper docket at our local shopping centres
- We also received great exposure when our school took out a first place in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival.

Hopefully by getting our children participating in events like this, will put our name out there.

As for moving forward into 2019 the Board will still be focusing on marketing and getting our great name out into the wider community.

On May 25th we celebrated our 60th anniversary, much time and thought was put into the planning of this wonderful event. We started with our mass in the morning which was followed by morning tea in our hall with our school and Parish community. It was a well attended event, many of our past students, teachers, principles and Sisters of Mercy were in attendance. I'd like to thank the P & F, board members, staff and Fr Stan for all their hard work and commitment into this.

We have achieved great improvements to our school in 2018,

- With the installation of 65 inch TV's into Kindy, and Yrs. 1,2,& 3
- New contemporary furniture in Yr. 2, which the children have really enjoyed.
- New garrison fence along the parish car park
- Upkeep of the painting of all indoor areas
- Speed humps and new gates at the parish drive through area

2019 is looking to be just as productive, we have plans in place to

- Resurface the carpark of Parish and school
- This will include marking of bays as well
- The IT and library also has plans for redevelopment
- Finally our staff room is in desperate need of expanding, so this also will have a redevelopment

At our October Board meeting we were informed of the impending retirement of Mrs Gaudoin. The Board would like to thank you for your 45yrs of service, your passion for education, your love of the children has made you a valuable member of our school and wider community! We wish you all the best for your retirement!

On the 14th September I had the pleasure of being on the panel for the appointment of our new principal! With a strong field of applicants, Mark was certainly a stand out applicant! After all of his hard work, dedication and commitment to our school already, we could think of nobody more deserving of the appointment. So again I congratulate you on your newly appointed position and we know you will have a bright future at our school.

This year we will be saying goodbye to a few of our Board members, Vicki Paolo, thank you for your time on the P & F as Board rep and for your amazing treasury skills, you will be missed. Good luck in your new ventures on the East Coast with your family.

Shanker, what a great secretary you have been for the last few years. It has been a pleasure to work with you. Thank you for your time and commitment to the Board and our school, it doesn't go unnoticed!

And finally after 8 years on the board, 4 years as P & F rep then the remaining as a Board member and Chairperson for 3 years, this will be my last! I thank you all for the amazing opportunities the school has given myself and my family. I have made some amazing friends, some that I know will remain lifelong friends.

God bless you all!