#### **Christ the King Chairperson School Board Report**

On behalf of the Christ the King (CTK) School Board I am pleased to be able to table this report on the school's activities for the 2018 year. 2018 was a big year of changes for CTK. We saw the completion of the learning building renovations, had a new principal start her new tenure with us after the departure of Liz Keogh to another school in the southwest region, farewelled some long-term teachers with us and welcomed some new teachers.



The building works have now been completed, after a few delays and design issues I am happy to say that the new learning spaces have proved a hit with students and teachers alike. The new colour scheme on the outside facias brings a modern vibrant feel to it and the upgraded learning spaces are providing our students with the tools for new and exciting ways to engage in learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Helena Card as our new school principal. She is already hard at work bringing her wealth of experience to our school and I would like everyone to join me in congratulating her in obtaining the new principal's position and make her feel welcome throughout her time with us.

We also farewelled Kathy McCarl and Steven Pestrin at the end of last year. I would like to offer my thanks for all their hard work and dedication to CTK over their many years with us. Genevieve Spencer and Elizabeth Rowley have replaced them as the new Yr4 and Yr1 teachers as well as Emma Heinrich as the new Key Literacy Teacher. I hope they are settling in to their new roles and wish you happy and rewarding times at CTK.

# **School Board**

The school board met twice a term this year and some of the items reviewed and discussed were:

- Schools Annual Improvement plan and the five-year plan
- School Funding
- Building reworks and refurbishment
- Review of 2019 Budget / Class structures for 2019
- Staffing for 2019
- Fee Structures for 2019 (of which I'm happy to say have not increased)
- Assessment of school uniforms with a focus on more modern attire for the girls
- The implementation of an early learners' program
- Marketing Strategies
- Reviewing all the other relevant reports from School Leaders, Teachers, WHS, and P&F

I would like to thank all the school board members for their efforts, dedication and time devoted to our school.

#### **Finance**

I am pleased to report that CTK finished the 2018 year ahead of its budget with a carry-over surplus of \$129,618. I would like to thank Helena and Simone for all their hard work in achieving this outcome. I would also like to thank the P&F and fete committee and volunteers for all their hard work that made this possible.

Some of highlights of the 2018 budget were:

- The completion of the school building works at a cost of \$1.4 million
- 40 New Pro books
- 23 New Desktops
- 16 Pro books for Year 6 class

In preparing the Budget for 2019 the following extra considerations were made:

- Integrating the new Yr6 class and associated equipment
- Enrolments for 169 Students
- General running and maintenance costs of school
- Allowances of payment of new \$600k loan for building works
- New IT equipment leases and purchases
- Planning of future building works for school

The current budget leaves a surplus of \$127,000 which will be used to pay down loans or plan for future school upgrades and building works.

## **School Fundraising**

I would like to thank Renae Beer and her P&F for all their hard work running the P&F committee this year. This important part of our school allows for extra fundraising to support the school grounds and children.

Major events organised by the P&F committee this year include:

- Sports day cake stall \$602
- Harmony Day Pizza Lunch \$433
- Easter Raffle \$681
- School Fete \$14,726
- Sausage sizzle \$195
- Various other food days \$1,428 including Disco \$317
- School Banking \$404
- Quiz night \$1,400
- Wine Drive \$4511
- Entertainment book \$350

A total raised of approx. \$24,730 (including fete). An absolutely amazing effort.

2018 will be the last year for a school fete, Leonie can no longer be the fete coordinator due to family and work commitments. I thank her for her hard work over the last two years running the fete. As our biggest fundraiser of the year and a chance to show off our school to the local community it is my hope that someone will be willing to step up to this important roll again in the future.

## Religion

I would like to thank Teresa Pascoe for the great work she does in the area of Catholic Identity for the school. This year the school and children participated in many social justice activities including

Walk a Mile for Hutt Street, Vinnies Food Drives and Christmas Appeal. Visits to two local Aged Card Homes, Caritas Project Compassion and Fun Run, Bookweek Book Sale.

#### **Teachers Report**

Once again, the school has an amazing program of learning experiences, governed by the school curriculum but with the flexibility required to cater to individual students' needs.

Again, we have seen a big focus on STEM and the open night highlighted just how important it is for our students in today's society. The projects, problem solving and creations that they all came up with were a marvel to view.

Teresa Pascoe has been continuing her great work introducing students to coding and computational skills.

There have been focuses on the teaching of math, the importance of student wellbeing to learning, the continuation of the reading to learn program and continued work with the children on the importance of sustainability to our world.

The children and teachers have been using the new learning spaces to their excitement and delight and customising them to suit each class and students likes.

I would like to give my thanks to all the wonderful teachers and support staff that give the best each day to the education and well-being of our children.

### **Conclusion**

2018 was a big year for CTK, a new principal started their new journey with us, the major building renovations were completed, some long-term teachers retired and new teachers have now commenced. The school will feel a little different as new people use their expertise to try and better the running of the school and the education of our children. I am delighted to say that it is beginning to feel organised and coherent after an uncertain period. I am excited to still be part of this unique small school community. We all come together from all religions and ethnicities to better the education of our children using the Catholic ethos of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan as our guiding force.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank:

- The 2018 members of the school board: Jason Edwards, Davin Lambert, Sam Robinson, Luisa Partridge, Anne Marie Hall and Helena Card for all their time, efforts and dedication to the welfare of our school, its name, the grounds and all the children entrusted to its care.
- Helena Card as our new principal for the time and effort she is putting in to creating a better place for all our children to learn.
- Teresa Pascoe for her hard work as the School's APRIM as well as the countless hours she puts into educating our children and us about the online and social media environments ever present in today's world. Not to mention the running of the school library.
- Simone Brewster for her hard work in balancing and planning the school's finances and budgets.
- Di Fulwood for organising all the after-school sporting events
- The faces of CTK Meri and Niamh for their friendly helpful natures.
- All the teachers and support staff for their relentless work in educating our children.
- To the Parents and Friends of CTK, for their kindness and drive in making the school community one of the best in the south west region.
- And lastly the students of CTK for their constant smiles and friendly natures that makes this school a joy to be a part of.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Davin Lambert and Luisa Partridge, who are leaving the school board, for all their time and efforts. I look forward to welcoming four new members to the school board in 2019.

With warmest regards

Jason Gunther

Chairperson Christ the King School Board