

# CSAC

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ADVISORY COUNCIL

## REPORT

The Catholic School Advisory Group allows the school community an opportunity to provide support and expertise to the principal and the leadership team. This year we welcomed Claire Sardelich and Drew Carruthers as new members to council, and it has been a privilege to have been a part of this group for another year.

### So, what were the highlights for 2022:

- As a school we welcomed Sandro Coniglio as the principal for the first semester while Art took some much-deserved time to rest and relax. Sandro, with the school leadership group, navigated us through the complications of COVID in WA during this time while maintaining the high standards the school has kept all these years.
- Through the middle of the year, we saw the completion of the construction of the canopies outside of Years 3 and 4 classrooms along with the OHSC rooms. The costs for this construction were covered as a result of the savings the schools has made in recent years. A special thanks must go to Alex Wright who has instrumental in ensuring the school has got the best outcome possible.
- We saw the complete revitalisation of the school oval after a number of years of frustration on behalf of Art and the team here.
- The council were able to review and provide approval to proceed with the new playground proposed for the bottom oval area with a preliminary plan to have this in place from Term 2 of next year
- As we commenced term three we found out Art was departing for new challenges at the end of the year. This meant the school needed to recruit a new principal and it was our privilege to play a small role in the process. We were very lucky to have Gina apply, and on behalf of the Council we certainly wish Gina the very best for next year and beyond.

To the St Columba's Staff, we thank you for the care of our children throughout the year. Your ongoing commitment to their education and well has once again been exemplary.

I would like to wish all our Year 6 students all the best as they begin another important chapter in their lives. To the families that leave us at the end of this year I want to thank you for your support and wish happiness for the future.

So with that, I would finally like to thank Art on behalf of the school community. It has always been clear that the students at the school are first and foremost in your decision making and thoughts. Your positivity and willingness to provide the best for our children was much valued. The school and its community will be forever grateful for your time as principal.

On behalf of the of the Catholic School Advisory Council I would like to wish everyone a joyful Christmas and safe happy holiday season.

**James Inglis**

*Catholic School Advisory Council Chair*

# CSPWA

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REPORT

This year, as in recent years, commenced with restrictions in place which limited the types of events we could include in our agenda throughout the year. This did not stop us however, and we started the year with a great team of class reps across all year groups and some fresh fundraising ideas.

Our fundraising efforts this year have included: end of term raffles, crazy socks days, sausage sizzles and Subway lunches. There was a successful disco, Hayshed Hill wine drive, Tommy Sugo pasta and Italian night. In addition to this we ran sausage sizzles and cake stalls at the swimming and athletics carnivals.

We have been very fortunate once again to have a very caring and supportive community who get behind all these events so that we can raise valuable funds that go back to the school. All the fundraising efforts this year have supported the following : Cash donations to all classes for the purchase of resources, new grass on the oval, reading resources for all year levels, musical instruments and an iPad storage strolley.

The next big item we are fundraising for is the new playground. This has been initiated by a group of Year 4 students and will be replacing some of the old equipment. The CSPWA are very happy to support the students in this wonderful initiative and look forward to seeing the amazing playground in the new year.

Of course all these things do not happen without the support of the many volunteers. The CSPWA would like to thank all the class reps for their time and commitment throughout the year and we hope that you have enjoyed being part of the CSPWA. We would also like to thank the many volunteers who lent a hand at the many events held over the year. Events like the sausage sizzles, disco, Italian night do not run smoothly without the many hands. Thank you to our wonderful school community.

The CSPWA would like to thank the support of the school including staff and students. Thank you, Art, for always helping to make things happen and ensuring no problem can't be solved. Your support over your tenure at the school has been amazing and we have enjoyed working with you. The CSPWA would like to wish you all the best on your next career adventure.

The CSPWA is looking forward to 2023, with hopefully a full agenda of fundraising events and working with Gina Burns to ensure the school is well supported by the community through the CSPWA.

**Tanya Armstrong**

*President CSPWA St Columba's Bayswater*