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Schools Advisory Council AGM Board Chair Report 2020

Good evening everyone,

I would like to present the Board Report for 2020 on behalf of Board Members Brad Durtanovich (Treasurer), Billy Ferriera, Rebecca Spratt, Alana Tonkin (P&F Representative), Fathers Johnny, Anson and Albin from the Assumption Parish, Blake Gould (Secretary), Marie Sikora, Melissa Tasila, Miranda Swann (Principal), Sue Arthur (Assistant Principal), and Vanessa Dicker (Assistant Principal). We have had the privilege of working together towards the collective success of the school and have done so keeping the children and families that we serve at the very forefront of the decisions we have made.

First, I would like to acknowledge the work of Paul Leuba who was our Board Treasurer and left the board in the middle of this year. Over the time Paul was the Treasurer, he has worked closely with Renae and Miranda and has set Assumption up for success and we are able to look to the future with a more bold and braver vision of what we could be. Thank you, Paul, for your support of the school. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Brad for taking up the position of Treasurer. Also, I would like to acknowledge the work of Renee Croft who despite all the challenges, continues to ensure that every penny we spend or that is brought in is accounted for or should I say accrued!

Could we please join me on behalf of the School community in acknowledging the wonderful work of Ms Cathy Jackson- an incredible 30 years of service to this community. Thank you, Ms Jackson, for everything that you have done and continue to do!

To continue in the spirit of gratitude, thank you to our wonderful P& F for the incredible effort they put in tirelessly through the events they organise. Their creativity, ingenuity and flexibility in working around restrictions is to be admired and is deeply appreciated. Thank you for the funding for the much-required new furniture in the classrooms. We all look forward to 2021 with faith and hope, that



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Assumption will resume to be the meeting place for the community and that our relationships continue to strengthen within our community.

Thank you to our parents and staff who helped for your hard work in building our new sensory play area. It is a wonderful addition for our Assumption students.

Assumption currently serves 467 students enrolled at the school and has 13 Pre-Kindergarten enrolments. These numbers are healthy; however, we would like to see our community continue to grow and develop to be the school of choice in the Peel region. Our current financial position is robust given the difficulties this year. The credit for our prudent, financial management and future proofing must go to the Board and in particular Paul, Renae and Brad. Thank you!

Evangelisation lies at the centre of everything the school does. This year our Year 3's participated in Reconciliation over a period of time and celebrated Reconciliation Mass on the 27th of August. Our Year 4's celebrated Holy Communion of the 18th of October and our Year 6's celebrated Confirmation on the 12th and 13th of September. A big thank you to all the staff, parents and Fr Johnny for your efforts with the children and in celebrating these major milestones in the faith development of our young people.

Our involvement, standing and recognition within the local Mandurah community is something that we can continue to be proud of. Our academic achievements are strong. Our focus on Literacy and Numeracy in the early years, see our students continue to achieve success well into the future. These results don't happen in isolation. These results are a culmination of an immense amount of work that is put in by dedicated staff every single school day....not to mention the everyday, quality teaching and instruction across the whole school that creates the space in our young people for learning.

One of the beautiful stories of this community are the friendships and relationships we share with each other. It is incumbent then on all of us in our community that we continue to reach out to each other in an effort to keep what is such an



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integral part of Assumption alive and well. We are "United in Christ" and it is through regular contact and communication that our community thrives.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Billy Ferreira and Rebecca Spratt for their service on the Board. Your support of the school and your insight and knowledge has helped immensely over the last six years. We have learnt so much from the both of you. Thank you. I would like to say thank you to you as a community for allowing me to serve on the Board. It has been a privilege I look forward to supporting the school in any capacity I can in the future.

And so, we look forward to 2021 and ask in the name of the Venerable Nano Nagle to continue to Unite us in Christ.

God Bless

Steve Gardner