

## Governing council report

2023 saw the school return to a pre-covid state and welcome back in more volunteers, parents and caregivers for large school events such as Sports Day, School Disco, the Book Week Parade and the end of year School Concert. The school welcomed a new Principal who has an exciting vision for the school and already demonstrated to be an inspiring leader. A new Deputy Principal will commence in January 2024.

The Governing Council continues to maintain a high level of governance and works collaboratively with the parents and caregivers community to ensure that we represent the views of the wider school community. Below is an update on the sub-committees:

Assets and Grounds – The school grounds have been kept neat and tidy thanks to the grounds staff. Various maintenance activities occurred over the year. The junior primary sandpit playground was upgraded in March 2023.

**Canteen** – The Canteen had a successful year and remained profitable however it remains challenging to find volunteers.

**Education** – The school continued various programs in the areas of numeracy and literacy. Decodable books were introduced to students and considered a big success. Governing Council approved the annual update of the site improvement plan (SIP). The school will introduce The Resilience Project in 2024.

**Fundraising** – Fundraising was successful due to the Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls. The money raised will be allocated to updating new items in 2024 which includes the Japanese Garden and garden beds.

**OSHC** – OSHC continued to provide a valuable service and remained a viable business.

**Sport** – Sport was a great success. The Cross Country was a terrific event to start the year in Term 1. The school soccer program which commenced in Term 2 had a high number of participants and volunteers to assist in the running of the program. The school enjoyed an amazing sports day with lots of families and caregivers coming out to support students on the last day of Term 3.

**Uniform** – The Year 5 students chose their designs for the 2024 commemorative tops. The school continues to have high levels of uniform compliance.

**Finance** – The committee oversees the financials of the School, OSHC and Canteen. Final approval was given for the 2023 budget for the school and OSHC. The Material and Service Fees for 2024 were approved after consultation by the school community.

I would like to thank all the members of Governing Council for their continued support and contributions throughout the year. Our school would not be successful without the dedication shown from all our students, teachers, and parents/caregivers.

Amber Pellerin, Governing Council Chairperson