

CHAIRPERSON'S AGM REPORT 2017  
Mrs Stephany Keeffe

Welcome to Father Michael and everyone and thank you for joining us tonight.

As usual it has been a big year with lots of exciting initiatives, results and collaboration between School Board, P&F and staff and students

St John's continues to strive to offer its students, your children; a varied range of experiences. So much has happened and been achieved this year.

The focus on our teachers providing the best possible opportunities for our students by what they do in the classroom and by the professional development they attend has continued.

IT continues to be a big focus in schools and. has been a priority of the school. We have been fortunate to have received grant for teachers' development in IT. Our focus on It has extended to our school Facebook page.

This year, thanks to grant money we began our 0-4 year old playgroups on Monday and Fridays which is great for our mothers, families and younger children.

We have seen a focus on the school community coming to know more about Nano Nagle through information in the newsletter, and celebrating our school Feast Day.

As a Board we have continued to focus on maintenance and providing the best possible facilities for the school.

Our P&F have had a very big and exciting year in which their work and fundraising over a number of years has been brought to fruition in our nature playscape for our students. We thank and congratulate them for their great work and achievement. On behalf of the school community I thank our P&F Executive: Nicole Beaver, Debra Robinson Ursula Boreham and Amber Ward.

Tonight we also recognise and thank farewell some important people who have contributed to the School community.

Damien O'Malley, our Assistant Principal RE is leaving St John's School after 4 years to join Catholic Education WA as a Religious Education Consultant. Damien has shown himself to be a multitasking person who has shared his many gifts with St John's School community. As Information Technology Coordinator, he has lead during the demanding time of major changes with Information Technology within CEWA and the school. Damien will be remembered for his sense of fun and being always ready with a joke.

Mr Tony Scally is retiring from St John's School after 30 years of dedicated service to St John's School as a leader, class and sports teacher and sports coordinator. He has taught families over a number of generations as they have come to St John's School and he has developed strong relationship with students and their families. It is thanks to Tony that St John's has developed a strong reputation as a competitive sporting school. We wish Tony well in his retirement and hope to continue to see him around the school.

Leanne Morcom is also retiring from St John's School, after 13 years of dedicated service as an Education Assistant. Leanne will be remembered for her positive and calming nature and the lovely manner in which she interacts with students, families and staff.

Sherie Townsend is leaving St John's School after 16 years, to work as a full time Aboriginal Teaching Assistant at St Lawrence Primary School. She has worked with Staff, families and local Aboriginal organisation to ensure the best possible knowledge, understanding and respect of the Aboriginal culture.

Nora Johnstone has been with at St John's School over the last two years as the Pre-Primary teacher. Nora is returning to the East with her husband Nick and their son. During her time at St John's School Nora has shown that she is a passionate and committed Early Childhood teacher. The dedication and commitment she has displayed to each individual child and their families has been appreciated.

Tonight I also take this opportunity to thank members of the 2017 School Board for the time and thought they give to our school: Stephany Keeffe, Father Larry, Brett Morrison, Stacey Ertzen Kym Trenfield Anita Chadwick and Candi Forsyth who will continue on the School Board in 2018. I thank our retiring members of the Board Jude Darby and Anita Chadwick. I thank the members of the Board for their time, support and assistance to enable St John's School to have the best possible facilities, resources and financial management during this year.

Our thanks to, Fr Larry who is so generous with his time, commitment and support of our school. Your regular visits and involvement in the school and our school parish community is appreciated.

Our thanks to Principal Maureen Barrett, and our Assistant Principals Mr Damien O'Malley and Brett Love. We are blessed to have had such wonderful leaders. We thank them for their organisation and all they have done to care and support each person within our school community throughout the year.

On behalf of the school community I thank the wonderful **staff** of St John's School. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful people working with our children.

And finally I thank everyone here for coming tonight to show your support for the school.

Goodnight and God Bless.

Mrs Stephany Keeffe