

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

2021 has been another extraordinary COVID impacted year; however, once again we were very lucky to be in WA and our kids only miss one week of school at the beginning of the year. That said, the staff of Santa Clara have had maintain a state of readiness for potential lockdowns whilst continuing with normal school life. On behalf of the Advisory Council and school community, I would like to thank the teaching staff of Santa Clara. We are blessed with energetic, dedicated teachers who give 100 per cent to our children.

Our principal, Clinton Payne, does an excellent job of communicating programs and initiatives that the school is undertaking. Being a part of the Advisory Council, we get to see firsthand the behind-the-scenes thought, planning and effort that goes into these initiatives. Mr Payne, along with the leadership team including, Kristy Madafferi and Fiona Messer, have done, and continue to do an excellent job of improving our school, whether it be education standards, teaching skills or the grounds and infrastructure. You would have to be blind not to see the extraordinary transformation that the school grounds have undertaken in recent times. It is hard to believe that Mr Payne has only been here for 2 years, given all the projects that he has overseen. Notably, we still have the best lawn in the neighbourhood.... which is now protected with an attractive limestone wall!

On the leadership team, sadly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Madafferi at the end of this year. After 14 years at Santa Clara, Kristy is leaving us to take on an Assistant Principal role at St Jude's. I know Mr Payne is going to be speak further on this, so I wont steel his thunder, but the Advisory Council would like to give our heartfelt thanks for everything she has done for the school. Kristy has played a key role in the transition and handover of principals over the past two years. She applies a highly professional approach to her role and gives much more of her time than is asked. Now speaking for Matt Keane, "my eldest daughter Shayla" still regarded Mrs Madafferi as one of her favourite teachers after having her in Pre-Primary 9 years ago". Thank you, Kristy, and best of luck with your new role and future endeavours.

Throughout 2021 the Advisory Council has worked together in a constructive and harmonious way Thank you to the school advisory council for your active

participation in our school. For those of you who are new to the Santa Clara Community and to Catholic education, being a member of the School Advisory Council is a wonderful way to get involved in our school. The advisory council brings the parents and the church community together to support the Principal on school financial matters – such as capital projects and recurrent planning – and other school initiatives, and at Clinton’s request – council members can provide membership on selection panels. If you are interested in being involved in the Advisory Council, you are encouraged to nominate later in the proceedings or to make contact with me or any of the other advisory council members at a later date. It is a truly a wonderful opportunity to be involved in our school’s community.

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On behalf of Matthew Keane