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**Our Lady of Mt Carmel School**

**Annual Report to the School Community for 2024**

*Presented for the Annual Community Meeting (held 20th February, 2025)*

**Annual General Meeting of School Advisory Council for 2024**

**School Advisory Council Chairperson’s Report**

*Mr David Tropiano*

Thankyou to everyone for coming tonight to our annual community meeting. Firstly, on behalf of the school advisory council, I would like to thank our School Advisory members along with our Parents and Friends Executive who attend these meetings and do the work behind the scenes to support our school. We have had two changes to our SAC with the departure of Belynda and Bernie Mills. We thank them for their time and efforts.

This year we have completed many new projects and improvements to our school. They are as follows:

 Improvements & furniture

* Canteen upgrade to servery
* New windows and conversion of the old shed to a therapy room

 Gardens

* New mower, pruner, water tanks and a hydrawise controller.

 Technology

* New photocopier
* Security cameras
* Defibrillator
* Cellfi for school vehicle

We have managed to complete these planned works whilst still leaving the school in extremely sound financial position that you will be able to hear in the Treasure’s Report.

On behalf of the SAC I would like to thank Miss Jill and her wonderful staff for all their efforts and care they put into our children's education for 2024. We are very lucky to have such experienced staff in our small school that genuinely care for our children.

Finally, on behalf of the SAC, I would like to wish everyone the best for the rest of 2025.

David Tropiano



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**Treasurer’s Report**

Our budget for 2024 was set to run to a surplus. As per each year, the majority of our income was spent on staff wages, then the usual areas of then the general areas of Utilities, Maintenance, Improvements, Furniture and Fittings, Plant and Equipment, Gardens and Grounds, Technology and provision of curriculum programs and resources. Our spending remained within budget for staffing and all general areas.

Areas of Capital expenditure completed within 2024 included:

**Improvements / Furniture& Fittings etc**

* Canteen upgrade to servery, supply and installation of new windows and conversion of shed to a therapy room
* Furniture upgrades, garage door installation, replacement hws, air cons, fridges, shade sails

**Gardens**

* Mower, Pruners, Water Tanks, Hydrawise controllers

**Technology**

* Photocopier, cameras, Celifi, Defib

**Total Recurrent and Capital Income for 2024** $1 943,924.00

**Total Recurrent Expenditure for 2024** $1 614,150.00

**Surplus before Amortisation and Depreciation** $   329,774.00

**Surplus after Amortisation and Depreciation** $   206,054.00

**Cash in Bank as at 31st December 2024**

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| Operating Account | $   319,139.48 |
| 12 Months Term Deposit | $     99,485.00 |
| Cash Management Account | $1,164,231.93 |
| Presentation Sisters (12 month deposit) | $   259,737.76 |
| **Total** | **$1,842,594.17** |

**Initial Budget for 2025**

Our Initial budget for 2025 was submitted and is forecast to run to a surplus.

**Forecast Capital Expenditure for 2025**

IT $10,0000

Furniture and Fittings $55,000

Plant & Equipment $69,000

Improvements $230,000

* Furniture and Fittings (blinds & classroom furniture)
* Plant and Equipment (Air con replacements, garden equip, playground equip, shade sail)
* IT (replacements and upgrades)
* Improvements (doors, electrical, cabinetry, storage shed, rendering)

We have continued to allocate enough money to continue with areas of refurbishment, ongoing maintenance and gardens and grounds across the school.

**Initial Budget Figures for 2025**

Total Recurrent Income $1,933,604

Total Recurrent & Capital income $1,933,604

Total Expenditure $1,791,961

Surplus before Depreciation $   141,643

Depreciation $   111,418

Surplus after Depreciation $     15,113

**Fees**

There has been a 4% increase in fees for 2025 in line with CEWA’s recommendations.



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**Annual Community Meeting for 2024**

**Annual General Meeting of the P&F Association**

*Held on Thursday, 20th February, 2025*

**Agenda**

**Present:** Matthew Tropiano, Alyce Tropiano, Jeremy Mills, Jemma Mills, Kim Ansell, Rebecca Dreghorn, Sheree Tropiano, David Tropiano, Rebecca Dean, Danica Spear, Morgan Pope, Steven Pope, Michael O’Brien, Amy O’Brien, Stephanie McNamara, Georgina Baughan, Cassandra Young, Penny Critch, Jolinsa Jeewa, Renata Steele, Tracey Messina, Father Robert O’Bryan

**Apologies:** Helen Ansell, Michelle Crudeli, Natalie Hillier, Anthony Dreghorn

**Acceptance of the 2024 reports of the previous Annual Community Meeting in February 2025:**

**Accepted:** Morgan Pope

**Seconded:** Jemma Mills

**Reports for 2024**

**P&F PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Good afternoon, everyone and welcome.

Last year we were unable to hold a big event, and this was due to the busy nature of the year and the dwindling number of families. We however did hold Mothers and Fathers Day stalls, Tuckshop, Easter Egg Raffle an extremely well run Footy Tipping by Belynda Mills and with the support of Helen Ansell a cake stall that was held at the front of her store. The support from the school families, Mullewa locals and tourists was exceptional.

Thank you to the ladies for all of the extra effort they put into running these events.  I would like to say thank you to the Dads for coming to the busy bees to help Dale get a few jobs done that he isn’t able to do while there are students here. The school is looking fantastic.

A few of the things that we were able to donate money towards last year were:

- One book for each child from the Scholastic Book Fair

- New Tuckshop equipment

- Sausage sizzles

- Donation for new playground equipment and shade sail

We are looking for people to take on the following fundraising events:

Footy Tipping:

Easter Raffle:

If you are interested, please let Bec know.

We hope that this year we will be able to keep up with Fundraising, but we can only do this with your help. If you are interested in joining the P&F, please keep an eye out for our next meeting date. These are advertised on Facebook – both the P&F and school page, school SMS and newsletters.

Thank you.

**Accepted:** David Tropiano

**Seconded:** Cassandra Young

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT** – as per SAC Report

**Accepted:** Matthew Tropiano

**Seconded:** Sheree Tropiano

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

**Opening Bank Balance as  31st December, 2023** **$26 550**

**Income:**

Tuck shop                    $ 205.73

Mother’s Day Stall      $ 286.00

Father’s Day Stall       $ 50.00

Footy Tipping              $2,500.00

Easter Egg Raffle       $ 801.00

Cake Stall $ 800.00

Quiz Night (2023) $3,600.00

Community Farm Donation $ 25.00

**TOTAL INCOME** **$8,267.73**

**Expenditure:**

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| Affiliation Fee  Sausage Sizzles | $                                                      1 87.20  $                                                       389.91 |  |
| Mothers Day Stall | $                                                      4 74.09 |  |
| wish list items and AGM Expenses | $                                                      3 54.53 |  |
| Footy Tipping payouts | $                                                   1,784.00 |  |
| \* Plants and supplies | $                                                      1 13.64 |  |
| Tuckshop and equipment | $                                                   1,461.71 |  |
| Scholastic Bookfair donation for student books | $                                                      6 97.26 |  |
| 2023 Bogun Bingo donation not rc'd | $                                                      2 00.00 |  |
| Fathers Day | $                                                         88.36 | $    5,750.70 |

**Capital Purchase Donations**

Shade Sail $5,000

Playground Equipment $10,000

**TOTAL Expenditure                                   $20,750.70**

**Final Balance:**  **$14,067.46**

**Accepted**: Morgan Pope

**Seconded**: Jemma Mills

**Items to Action**

* Retiring Committee Members – thank you to Belynda Mills
* Election of P&F Committee Members
* Treasurer – Sheree Tropiano

**Accepted:** David Tropiano

**Seconded:** Rebecca Dreghorn

**Meeting closed: 4.06pm**

**P&F Vice President** – Stephen Pope

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**Annual Community Meeting for 2023**

**Principal’s Report**

Thank you to all of you who have attended this afternoon to support our little school and a very special welcome to our new parents within the community; it is much appreciated you have already shown your support by attending this meeting. We always have a very strong turnout for our AGM; compared to many bigger schools our numbers are much greater. We are always grateful to those willing to assist on the School Advisory Council and the Parents and Friends Association. Across the year we continued to celebrate our usual events and it is always heartwarming to know that our students always have a parent or grandparent present at these to show their support.

The school has continued to work on creating a green and fertile environment for the students to enjoy and Mr Dale Schulz has continued to plant more fruit trees and herb and vegetable garden beds. Our staff remained steadfast in their efforts toward maintaining a safe, predictable, supportive and orderly school environment so students can enter their classrooms each day ready to learn. The staff began formal training in the Berry Street Education Model alongside staff from our other Catholic schools in the Geraldton Diocese. This remains a focus of our Catholic School Improvement Plan for 2025.

Father Robert continued to lead us with the Sacramental life of the school and has always been fully supportive of adapting our Catholic practices to suit our remote and small school context, always in a liturgically correct way. We celebrated a wonderful First Eucharist Mass for our Year Three and Four students.

The school continues to ensure we are striving toward full compliance, especially in the area of curriculum. We are extremely grateful to the staff we have who are so committed to assisting the students work toward their learning goals, albeit as this is becoming increasingly more difficult when trying to attract fulltime teachers to come to Mullewa.

We finished the year with 43 students and our Year 6 students headed off to a number of secondary schools within the MidWest.

As a school community, we worked hard to achieve the goals we had set within our Catholic School Improvement Plan. These goals had lent themselves smoothly toward those we have identified for 2025.

**OLMC Review of 2024 School Improvement Plan**

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| **Area Focus** | **Goal** | **Outcomes** |
| Catholic Identity | Students will be rewarded for demonstrating the Fruit of the Spirit behaviours, in order to promote and support the Student Code of Conduct and Positive Behaviours for Learning. | The first weekly prayer of each three-week block focused on one of the Fruit of the Spirit.  Raffle tickets were given out throughout the day to students who were demonstrating the Fruit of the Spirit in focus. The raffle was drawn at prayer and the winning student received a prize.  Fruit of the Spirit banners were displayed each week throughout the school.  The majority of students could identify the fruit that was being focused on were demonstrating the attributes that the fruit represented. |
| Education | All staff will learn a greater number of strategies to keep students engaged and learn how to support them to have an improved capacity for school achievement. | Most staff participated in further professional development on the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM). Domains 1 and 2 (of 4) have now been completed.  Staff have implemented a variety of strategies from the Berry Street Education Model training, including having a welcome circle each morning, incorporating brain breaks and positive primers. Where necessary, Ready to Learn Plans were written and implemented. |
| Community | The school will have a health and wellbeing coordinator in the school to promote staff and student mental health and wellbeing. | A health and wellbeing coordinator is working two to three days a week. She has completed extensive training to support her work. In her role she identifies student needs both physically and socially then co-ordinates health agencies required to support those students. She has established extensive relationships with these agencies and ensured their ongoing presence and assistance. The role also involves working closely with the CEWA psychologist.  The timetable is always flexible and allows for her to meet with identified students in need and support them. |
| Stewardship | Purchase and install shade over the new playgrounds and create a safe play area to utilise the physical environment. | The shades have been installed and the students are using the playgrounds during the summer months. |