

BOARD CHAIR REPORT 2016

How quickly the end of 2016 has come! I wish to commence by thanking everyone for their contributions to enrich our school community in so many different ways. Special thanks to the members of the P&F and the parents and staff that support their initiatives, you are the foundation of our strengthening community spirit.

As Chair of the School Board I have had the privilege of meeting with a motivated and passionate group of people regularly throughout the year.

I wish to acknowledge our Principal Mr. Sam Fontaine and the close working relationship that we have established. He has settled in extremely well into our school and his positive energy and dedication is noted by all. I hope that your years at St. Andrew's will be enjoyable with many more happy years ahead.

To all that served on the Board this year, thank you. Juggling family, work and voluntary commitments is challenging. I appreciate everything you have given. Special thanks to Jo our Secretary, Bede our treasurer - the extra time that it takes to fulfil these roles was most appreciated.

To our Principal and Assistant Principals, your contribution to the Board has not gone unnoticed. Your experience, dedication and vision have been invaluable, thank you Sam, Fintan and Warren. A special thanks to Gwen Carroll our P&F representative on the Board - you attend both group meetings and assist with P&F events and to Nancy Enriquez our Parish representative on the Board - you attend both Board and Parish Meetings keeping both groups updated, sincerely thank you all.

It has been a year of change, and change can be challenging but we will continue to move forward in to 2017 with consistency and positivity. Sam will discuss all our wonderful highlights of our school community but sadly we say good bye to some of our St. Andrew's family.

First and foremost I must acknowledge the wonderful service and dedication of Mrs. Emma Greaves, Our Reading Recovery and Support Teacher for the past 12 years. We will miss her joviality, professionalism and friendship and wish her well in her new appointment.

We say farewell Sherie Blakiston. We thank her for all that she has done for the students this year and wish her much happiness in her future endeavors.

We welcome back a number of staff who have been on parental leave. They are Michelle Forzatti, Caryn Tenney, Donna Troman and Kelly Stapleton. We wish them all a warm welcome as they re-join the school community of St. Andrew's.

I wish to acknowledge the staff as a whole and the number of different roles that a number of staff are taking on for 2017. It is refreshing to see such a willing and collaborative staff that work together for the benefit of all at St. Andrew's.

Thank you to all our dedicated staff, your contributions are very much appreciated and we look forward to another successful year in 2017. I would like to make special mention of the Administration and Leadership teams. Lesley, Muzzie, Jacqui, Warren Fintan and Sam.

They have done a huge amount of work behind the scenes to make ensure that this school runs as well as it does.

My family has been part of the St Andrew's Community since 2010 when Ellyannah was granted a place in Pre-Primary after we returned home from Port Hedland. I still remember my first P&F meeting I attended and gingerly put up my hand to be secretary, and due to unfortunate events ended up in the role of President that first year. After two more years on the P&F exec I moved over to be Board Rep and later as member of the Board for the last three years. Myself and my family appreciates the sense of community we have had here at St Andrew's and would like to thank the teachers that have helped shape our daughter into the person she has become today. We as a family have made some strong bonds that we will treasure for years to come.

To all that we have interacted with over our time at St Andrew's we thank you and wish you all the best for where ever your future takes you, enjoy your journeys as will continue to enjoy ours.

Good luck and God Bless.

Kate Mesiti
St Andrew's School Board Chair 2016