

Board Chairpersons Report 2017

I would like to start off by thanking the School Staff, Board Members, Parents and Friends Executive and all parents for their hard work and support throughout this year.

As a Board we have had a very busy and productive year. Firstly, the ongoing work to the Nature Play areas has taken many hours of discussion and research. We can proudly say we are nearly finished and I'm sure you'll agree the playground looks fantastic. It is used by all classes and not only enhances the look of the school but also has educational merit in the ongoing development of the students that attend Our Lady of Lourdes. All up the Nature Play area came at a cost of \$50,300.

This year we also celebrated the Year of Mercy and this was even more significant for us as a result of our links with the Mercy Sisters. As this was a focus for the year there were many events in which we took part in as a community. I would like to thank the Parish, Board, P&F, Staff the wider community for their involvement.

In Term Three, I took part in interviewing for the Principalship of Our Lady of Lourdes while Dan Wood is on secondment to Catholic Education WA as a School Improvement Advisor. It was a strong field and we congratulate Mark Ryan on his appointment and look forward to working with him in 2017.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the 2016 School Board for their hard work and dedication. The Board will remain the same next year with no outgoing members. However, there is room for one more member, which we hope to fill for 2017.

Thank you
Donna Gow
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