

Good evening and welcome parents, staff, our principal Ronan and our parish priest Father Roshan. Firstly, I would like to apologise for not being here tonight, but I'm sure things will run smoothly with our more than capable board!! Secondly, thanks to everyone for making it to the St Mary's AGM.

2019 has been a busy year. It started with a new look school board, and of course, Ronan as interim principal appointed for a 12 month period after Cathy had retired. One thing was for sure: Ronan would keep us on our toes.

Through the year the board was involved in many projects and decisions. Some of these include:

A capital development plan – the process was started earlier in the year to work out how cost effective certain upgrades and renovations would be. This process can take time and there is always the question of funding and money. Our school has been on the front foot in identifying what needs to be done, and from there, starting the necessary requirements to begin the process to apply for funding.

Earlier in the year time was also spent updating the school website. It was very much in need of a makeover and the end result is fantastic. The website is very usable and should be easier to navigate, especially for families unfamiliar with St Mary's or Boyup Brook. A facebook page is now also up and running.

The school board believes the area of IT is a priority and going forward we need to do as much as possible to keep up to date with the latest devices and programmes. The Board has therefore approved the necessary expenditure to replace some existing, older and outdated devices with 20 new ipads.

There was a financial audit of the school done by Deloitte's this year which is an annual occurrence. An educational audit was run by CEWA which happens every five years. Everything was above board!! Also CEWA has recently been registered as a company. This will have no effect on the running of the school.

In term three the process to find a permanent replacement for Cathy Voak. Ronan was appointed interim principal for 2019 and we were hopeful that he would apply for the position for 2020 and beyond. As it turns out, he did and he was offered the position which he accepted.

After the library courtyard was paved and then a shade sail was erected last year the next step was to put a door from the year 6 classroom into the courtyard. This was done in the term 3 holidays and is apparently a big hit!! Thankfully the door was put in the right place.

There were lines repainted for the kids games outside and some new ones included. In the Christmas break some new decking will be laid to replace worn decking at the sandpit and front of the K/PP/year1 classrooms.

These are a few of the things done throughout the year.

Now for a few Thank You's

I would like to thank the P&F for the work they have carried out during the year to help raise funds for certain projects. Budgets are always tight for the board so the work done by the P&F does not go unnoticed. Thanks to Liz for her three years as president. The social events that really get families involved in the school are fantastic and you have been a big part of this. I hope it continues.

Thanks to Emma as well for all of the time she puts in to everything around the school, but from the boards point of view, particularly the meetings, writing up minutes and passing on any correspondence.

I would like to thank the board members for the effort they have put in this year. To Emma, Wayne, Aliesha, Janis and Charlie, I appreciate what you have brought to the board this year. I think we have worked well together and will continue to do so into the future. You guys have certainly made my job easier trying to fill the shoes left by Mick.

Lastly, thanks to Ronan, our principal. A new principal is a big change for a school, but the transition has been seamless. Your energy is infectious and your commitment cannot be faulted. As a member of the board you have been across everything and certainly our job a lot easier.

Thanks, Ronan. I look forward to working with you in the future.