

## **AGM Chair Report 2017**

Another year has flown by and as we come to the end of the school year I am pleased to provide you with an update of your school boards activities for 2017. Firstly I would like to thank my fellow board members for their dedication, commitment and good humour in what has been a challenging and exciting year for the school as some of our long term plans progressed to fruition.

This year saw a changing of the guard with six new members joining the board and the appointment of a new chair. In 2017 the OLGC Board warmly welcomed new members Kate Webster, Zana Applebee, Wayne Hicks, Jezz Gallagher, Todd Knox and the new P&F rep Jo Germano. Each new member brought a unique and valuable skill set and experiences that were readily shared and called upon throughout the year. A special mention to Zana Applebee, who in her first year selflessly took on and excelled in the role of Secretary. I would also like to thank Margie Reeler who worked closely with the Principal Mr Nic Gaglia and the school finance team to provide the board with the monthly accounts and a running commentary drawing the Boards attention to potential risks and opportunities.

Thanks to the stewardship and financial governance of past School Boards and the strategic vision of the school Principal Nic Gaglia we were able to progress a number of long term plans and initiatives. Some of the major projects completed during this year include the upgrading of the school oval, installation of new air conditioning units, resurfacing of the basketball courts and the introduction of a long term planned maintenance program. However, our major project for the year is undoubtedly the planned renovation and upgrade of the kindy area which is scheduled to commence in December of this year and conclude in mid 2018.

To oversee and facilitate this project a building sub committee was formed. We were very fortunate to put together a very experienced advisory team comprised of Todd Knox, Jo Germano, Jezz Gallagher and myself with all members having considerable building and projects experience. Aply led by our fearless Principal our scope was to overview the design and upgrade of the Kindergarten classroom and facilities inclusive of a new toilet block, new classroom design and storage facilities, school boundary fencing and security and an outdoor adventure play area. After many months of reviewing and challenging the architects drawings we finally settled on an amazing plan that meets all of the initial design and budget criteria. Strategically a revitalised and upgraded kindy facility creates a very attractive vehicle to attract new kindy and preprimary students to the school and will be a fantastic asset for OLGC for many years to come. Special mention to Todd Knox who surveyed the proposed building area which greatly enhanced the committees ability to interpret the architects plans and drawings.

Successful schools have a strong sense of community and parental involvement. At OLGC we are very fortunate to have a strong and proactive P&F who work tirelessly behind the scenes coordinating social and school events that bring the whole school together. The P&F are an important link between the parents and the school and continue to provide additional resources and support that is much appreciated by staff and students. Many thanks to the P&F and all parents and volunteers who have made such a valuable contribution to OLGC in 2017. You have all been instrumental in forging a strong sense of purpose and community spirit which helps to set OLGC apart from other schools.

Finally thanks to the Principal Mr Nic Gaglia for having the vision, passion and commitment to initiate and follow through on many of the initiatives outlined in this report. I am sure that we all agree that the upgrades to existing school facilities have greatly enhanced the appeal of the school and more importantly have made it a more vibrant and connected place for existing and future students and teachers.

Finally on behalf of the OLGC Board I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Cheers

Kevin Hopkins  
Board Chair