

Part 2: School Community Report 2017

At the Annual General Meeting in February 2017 the following office holders were elected:

- Joanne King – Chairperson
- Jess Martin – Secretary
- Wayne Neate – Treasurer
- Jodie Woodward – P&F Representative
- Ex Officio members: Susan Scanlon, School Principal
Fr Victor Lujano, Parish Priest

The Board met each month to review the school's finances and to assist and advise the Principal on items that had significant impact on the school's budget. Capital expenses for 2017 comprised:

Item	Cost
Purchase of Hiace Bus to replace the Rosa	49,309
Library Refurbishment & Asbestos Removal	231,760
Furniture/Equipment including library furniture	28,521
IT Equipment – replacement of WIFI, Routers etc.	7,106
Total Capital Expenses	\$316,696

Salaries at \$1,917,827 continued to be the school's greatest expense. The net operating result for 2017 showed a deficit of \$322,476 mainly due to the increased cost of staffing. The closing bank balance as at 31 December 2017 was \$557,259.

Summary Position for 2017	
Opening Balance 1 January 2017	879,735
Operating result for 2017	-322,476
Cash reserves as at 31 December 2017	557,259
Less: January 2018 salaries	-197,529
Balance	\$359,730

In terms of school maintenance and upgrades, all asbestos was removed from the school Library and the old Music Room on the Hendsman boundary line of the property was dismantled and removed. The work was carried out by H & M Tracey who successfully tendered for the contract. The removal of asbestos from the library meant that the walls and ceiling had to be removed and the library was stripped back to a shell. Carpets, soundproofing on walls replaced in 2014 was rendered useless and had to be replaced. The library was completely refurbished and is now a contemporary learning space designed for primary aged children. The exterior of the school was repainted and an annual maintenance contract entered into with Philip Hood Painters. The Board and Principal are mindful of the fact that finances will need to be carefully monitored in 2018 as school reserves are not likely to increase significantly in the near future.