

## **School Advisory Council Report 2022**

The Holy Rosary School Advisory Council retained three of its previously elected members, Leah Weedon, Deanella Purdie and Phoebe Smith, and added Melissa John and myself, Lisa Russ for 2022. We welcomed Julie Cole as the Holy Rosary Parish Council nominated representative, along with Monsignor Paul as Parish Priest and the school Principal as our ex-officio members. The role of the School Advisory Council is to support the principal throughout the year, with a focus on financial matters of the school.

We had the pleasure of working with Mr Steve Dowie for terms one and two, who so passionately engaged himself and Mrs Jenny Dowie into the Holy Rosary School community, bringing some wonderful projects to life during his time as Principal. It was a sad farewell to Steve, and whilst he is no longer present, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank him for his leadership and contribution to Holy Rosary School. The Advisory Council continues to work across high priority areas with Mrs Melanie Resuggan following her appointment in the substantive Principal position in term 3.

2022 saw the establishment of our community garden complete with fruit and vegetable produce, chickens, and a worm farm. Together with a drive for recycling and waste minimisation within the school, our children are not only proudly involved with these projects but learning about sustainability and the positive impact they can have on our environment. Additional garden landscaping and school busy bees earlier this year has the school grounds looking amazing.

The school boundary fence replacement work was awarded to a local Derby business and has been completed, not only improving the aesthetics of the grounds, but ensuring the safety and security of our children and school.

In the absence of a P&F committee this year, school events and fundraising activities such as the Colour Run and canteen takeovers have primarily been taken on by the school staff, so thank you to the leadership team, Ms Jesseca Frances and all staff involved for their extra efforts. The contribution of volunteering parents, particularly with year 6 camp fundraising efforts also deserves to be mentioned.

It's been a pleasure being part of such a committed group this year who are so passionate about operating in the best interest of Holy Rosary School. It truly is a lovely community to be a part of.

Lisa Russ

Chair