

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2020 AGM REPORTING ON 2019 SCHOOL YEAR

2019 presented a number of different challenges for the board. 3 principals, staff changes mid year and a budget that was looking to have a significant deficit caused by matters that were out of anyone's control.

On behalf of the board I would like to thank the staff. Periods that had the potential to be disruptive were handled with calm and minimal disruption to the day to day running of classes, and any transition appeared to be handled with ease. In regards to the budget thankyou to Ben and Maree, with forward planning and some careful spending we did finish the year in a much stronger position than earlier forecast.

Thankyou to Ben in securing a grant of \$20000 for an upgrade to the K/PP playground. We would love input into what improvements you would like to see and help with the works when the time comes. While 20k is a lot of money we would like to stretch it as far as possible and can only do this through volunteers.

Our first year being involved in the low fee initiative is something that the board is very proud of. While providing a few teething problems for CEWA

I think we can agree it has been a success for St Marys.

I would like to remind everyone about the Strategic Planning Session on the 17th and 24th of March.

New eyes bring new ideas, so if you are new to the St Marys community please come and be a voice. It's your school and your input is invaluable as what direction to take the school.

To finish I would like to thank Craig and Mitch for their time on the board. Obviously with 2 members vacating if you were thinking that it is something you would like to be involved in now is a good opportunity.