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REPORT FOR SACRED HEART INVERELL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 14 SEPTEMBER 2014

It is with pleasure that I present this report at the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.

I would like to begin by acknowledging the work of Fr Joe in our school as our Parish Priest and pastor. His commitment to celebrating School Masses, Reconciliation and to class visits throughout the year has been very much appreciated. I would also like to thank Fr Joe for his service on the School Board and for his involvement in our special celebrations such our Easter Liturgy and Mother's Day and Father's Day breakfasts and for his assistance with enrolment interviews. As well, thank you for being a source of support and advice to me and to the staff throughout the year.

I would also like to thank Sacred Heart Parish. The school community appreciates your care and your prayers and the opportunity for our school to be part of the parish family. Special thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council for your assistance in many ways, including helping with morning tea for Confirmation and First Eucharist Masses. I would also like to acknowledge the support of Patsy as outgoing Chair of the PPC and thank her for her support of the school in her role.

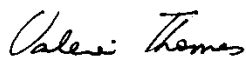
At Holy Trinity this year, we have had a number of significant events and developments which include:

- The introduction of our Bring Your Own Device program in Year 8, which has seen all students using their own iPad to support learning. A special feature of this program has been the school's commitment to put into place supports so that no student has missed out on this opportunity due to financial constraints.
- This year has seen the replacement of the primary toilets and air conditioning units in several of the primary classrooms. The latter was provided by the P&F and is making a significant difference for the students, who are now able to learn in a much more comfortable environment.
- Construction of the long awaited Sapphire Schools Primary Industries Trade Skills Centre has commenced at the school's Agriculture Plot. It will provide a classroom for student training, a four bay shed, new yards and equipment. The project will be completed by the end of the school year and will allow students to commence Certificate II in Agriculture, completing it at Macintyre High School in their senior years.

- To date 2014 has been a year of great opportunity for our staff and students. Staff have undertaken professional development to support contemporary learning practices. The introduction of the new Australian Curriculum has commenced. Through the Catholic Schools Office, funding has allowed additional work on Science from Year 5-8 to take place, with an emphasis on academic preparation for Year 7. As well as building upon their learning, students have participated in many sporting opportunities here and outside the town and region, pursued cultural opportunities through film making, chess, debating, eisteddfods to name a few. Our students have lived their faith through experiences like the Christian Living Days, participated in parish activities and assisted with community groups like Legacy and working for St Vincent de Paul. The SVDP Executive attended the Diocesan Camp in July and as a result, our school Conference held its first "sleep out" in September to raise student awareness about homelessness.
- In September, the school participated in Jump Rope for Heart. One reason for this involvement was the serious illness of one of our students this year, who required specialist heart treatment in Sydney. This project had many benefits for students around improving motor skills and fitness and it also raised a large sum of money for the Heart Foundation. As a result, the school received \$800 for our involvement and this has been donated to Catholic Mission.

Parents have again been active in the school community in 2014, serving through the School Board and P&F. The Board have assisted with financial, building and maintenance matters and overseen the canteen, in collaboration with the P&F. The P&F held a very successful Easter Fair in March and are currently running the annual Art Union, to be drawn at the Holy Trinity Race Day in October. As members of the Uniform Taskforce, parents have been an integral part of the introduction of the updated uniform style and the establishment of the Holy Trinity Uniform Shop on site.

We thank God for the many opportunities afforded to our students and our staff and pray that they may use them to glorify the Kingdom of God and to be people of love and peace to all those that they encounter.



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