



CARNARVON
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
"Walk as Children of Light"

Carnarvon Christian School

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 17th May 2020

Chairperson's Report

Welcome to you all this evening, and thank you for your support of this school and your attendance today. We give thanks and praise to God for the continued successful operation and witness of Carnarvon Christian School over the last 12 months, particularly during these unprecedented last few months with the COVID-19 emergency.

I wish on behalf of the Board to thank all our teachers and other staff, who work with great energy, commitment, skill and loving care, not to mention exceptional flexibility. This enables this school to be such a great educational and nurturing environment for all our students, even in the midst of turbulent times.

We farewelled two teachers, Natasha Roche and Annette Binks, at the end of 2019, and express our gratitude to them and to God, for their dedicated hard work here at our school. At the beginning of this year we welcomed Megan Thomas as our Year 4 teacher.

No doubt our biggest challenge this year, has been the COVID-19 health emergency, which took the world by surprise and continues to wreak serious havoc around the world. This led, as we all know, to schooling for our students going fully on-line for a period, and only back to face-to-face interaction for the last three and a half weeks. The Board commends our Principal and his dedicated staff team for their flexibility and considered responses to each new challenge as it arose. As we are all aware, ongoing alertness and flexibility will continue to be required.

Our other major, but less spectacular challenge, is to deal with the changing economic and social conditions in Carnarvon and their impact on our school enrolments. Our numbers have dropped significantly this year, but fortunately we have been able to maintain our staffing levels so far. We continue to pray about this and that we will have the wisdom required to negotiate these challenges.

I wish to thank sincerely all members of our school community who assisted in innumerable ways by volunteering and supporting our school.

I wish to thank Board members Natalie Smith and Deon Lenstra for their time and work on the Board and wish them God's blessing. A huge thank you to Tochi Eze for her continued contribution to our Board even though she is now working in Geraldton. We welcomed Geoff Edwards (from Strathalbyn Christian College), Theona Mitchell Smith and Chantal Vanderwal as new Board members and thank them for their willingness to be involved and their input so far.

I am pleased to report that the updated CCS Constitution passed by our 2019 AGM has been approved by the relevant authorities.

This year we are due for our regular Re-registration process as a Non-Government School and this has and is, entailing a huge amount of extra work, particularly for our Principal, James Shaw. Please keep this whole process and those involved in your prayers.

Once again, Carnarvon Christian School depends totally, under God, on the committed support and hard work of parents and carers, children, teachers and other staff, and the Board members. Therefore please accept my gratitude on behalf of the Board to you all.

Please continue to pray for God's blessing on this school and all those involved in it.

Thank you for your attendance and participation this evening.

John Tomkins

Chairperson

Carnarvon Christian School Board