

OSAC CHAIR - Annual Report 2023

It has been an exciting year at OLA in 2023! Once again OLA has showcased its love of community with multiple events being supported by our incredible families and fantastic staff. Huge congratulations to our amazing Parents and Friends team, led enthusiastically by Andy Wright. They have provided a wide range of successful events - including Family Picnic, Mother's and Father's Day stalls and breakfasts, uniform shop, Colour Run and Trivia Night. Their combined hard work and dedication has culminated in a fantastic financial result- over \$40,000- that helps enormously to contribute to school improvements.

Well being and safety continue to be at the forefront at OLA, as displayed with the roll out of the Peaceful Kids program this year and continued Cyber Safety education. OLA's dedicated staff continue to provide an engaging curriculum for the students. Specialist subjects have been on display at 2 showcase events this year - The Art Show and the upcoming Performing Arts production are amazing displays of our school talent and enhance community involvement at the school.

OLA's enthusiastic leadership team continues to promote and engage positively with prospective and existing families. Numerous school tours were offered for prospective families, while existing families were provided many opportunities for engagement through guided learning walks and classroom help programs. Families were invited to help shape the future of the school at Master Plan meetings with Smith + Tracey architects. Enrolments have remained steady and it is exciting to be able to increase the number of classes for 2024, ensuring favourable staff/ student ratios and allowing room for growth and enrolments through the year.

OSAC members were delighted to contribute to one of the many highlights of the year - the opening of the new school library/STEM building and celebration of 70 years at OLA in May. It was fantastic to see so many members of the extended OLA community-both past and present. Another highlight was the success of Grandpeople's day, it was exceedingly well attended and inclusive.

OSAC had 8 meetings in 2023 and enjoyed a social dinner. We hope that we have provided thoughtful parent insights, support and guidance for the leadership team to act in the best interest of the OLA community. A range of topics have been discussed including policies, curriculum, staffing and class structure, finances, planning and evaluation of school events.

A big thank you to Steve Bustin, who has finished his 3-year term on OSAC. Your insights regarding education and schools have been extremely valuable. I'm sure you will find other ways to continue your contribution to the OLA community in the future.

We welcome Lauren and Lucas as new members to the OSAC team and look forward to the varied experiences, insights and guidance they can offer.

This has been my second year as Chair and my final year on OSAC. I have enjoyed the role and am very grateful for the experience, insights and opportunities it has offered me. I look forward to assisting this amazing OLA community in other ways in 2024.

I wish the remainder of the OSAC team success in continuing to support the OLA leadership team and community in 2024.

Linda Rumsey

OSAC Chair