



# ST AGNES' PRIMARY SCHOOL HIGHETT

## **St Agnes' School Advisory Council – Chair Report 2023**

Firstly, I want to thank all of the people behind the scenes that ensure St Agnes' Primary School continues to move forward.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to also thank the teachers and staff for their commitment to our children this year.

The School Advisory Council (SAC) has continued to meet throughout this year, with plenty of discussions and I thought I would take the opportunity to highlight some of the projects we been working through with the school's leadership team.

- Completion of the School Building and Infrastructure project
- Parent engagement and future planning
- Future development of the Asphalt area
- Food and sugar at School
- Fete 2024
- Out of Hours School Care

This year, the St Agnes' school production returned with overwhelmingly positive feedback. 'Madagascar Jr' was the chosen theme for the production, and I think we all would agree that the students did an amazing job! It was by far the best production in my time at the school. An immense amount of work was required to get this organised and it was brilliantly coordinated by Anna Gugliucciello, Amanda Baker and staff, with a support team of wonderful volunteers.

The school renovations were completed this year which look absolutely amazing, and the students now have the best in-class facilities. We've had amazing feedback from parents, teachers and students, not only on the outcome, but in the manner which the project was managed throughout.

In 2024, we look forward to welcoming 23 new Prep students, with 9 new families amongst them. This is in addition to the 25 new students across the other year levels, bringing another 17 new families into our community. This is a testament to the work that Lachlan Foott and the leadership team has undertaken, through establishing the enrolment maximisation framework and getting out into the community to promote the future of St Agnes'.

Thank you very much to all the members of the SAC for their contributions this year. Our wonderful secretary, Charlene Vien; Luci Minogue; Carly Monahan; Joshua Ryan; Martin Cox; Felicity Langley; Fiona Newington, Louisa Di Pietro, and of course, a big thanks to our principal, Lachlan Foott.

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*Light in Darkness.*

I would encourage you all to look and engage with the various social media platforms the school is using. Please feel free to share a positive review on Facebook/Google about our school, to help spread the word about what a great job our school is doing.

We have such a great school community at St Agnes', and I urge you to get involved where you can. We have many amazing people and it is very rewarding getting to know the people around us in our school community.

As always, please feel free to raise any concerns or opportunities you may see within the school to your SAC representatives. The SAC is your voice to contribute to the school's leadership, so please continue to seek them out.

Kind regards,

Anton Duddy  
*St Agnes' School Advisory Council Chair*



# St Agnes' Catholic Primary School Highett

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting</b>	St Agnes School Advisory Council - AGM	
<b>Date and Time</b>	7:00pm – 9:00pm, Tuesday 21 November 2023	
<b>Location</b>	St Agnes' Catholic Primary School, Peterson's Street Highett	
<b>Attendees</b>	Lachlan Foott	LF
	Anton Duddy	AD
	Carly Monahan	CM
	Felicity Langley	FL
	Fiona Newington	FN
	Martin Cox	MC
	Luci Minogue	LM
	Josh Ryan	JR
	Charlene Vien	CV
<b>Apologies</b>	Louisa Di Pietro	LD

No	Agenda Item	Responsible
1.	<p><b><i>Chair's Report</i></b></p> <p>Presented by Anton Duddy</p> <p>The School Advisory Council (SAC) has continued to meet throughout this year, with plenty of discussions, most notably on the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completion of the School Building and Infrastructure Project</li><li>• Parent engagement and Future Planning</li><li>• Future Development of the Asphalt area</li><li>• Food and Sugar at School</li><li>• Fete 2024</li></ul> <p>Major achievements and highlights for the school include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• St Agnes' 'Madagascar' school production - overwhelmingly successful and received positive feedback.</li><li>• The building renovations were completed this year giving students fantastic facilities. Amazing feedback from parents, teachers and students, not only on the outcome, but in the manner which the project was managed throughout.</li></ul>	AD

A vibrant faith and learning community

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrolment growth in 2024 - welcoming 23 new Prep students, with 9 new families amongst them. This is in addition to the 25 new students across the other year levels, with 17 new families that we welcome in 2024. This is a testament to the hard work from Lachlan Foott and the leadership team.</li> </ul> <p>Concluding notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to all the members of the SAC for their contributions this year: Secretary, Charlene Vien; Luci Minogue, Carly Monahan, Joshua Ryan, Martin Cox, Felicity Langley, Fiona Newington, Louisa Di Pietro, and of course, a big thanks to our principal, Lachlan Foott.</li> <li>• Encourage all to engage with the various social media platforms the school is using, share a positive review on Facebook/Google</li> <li>• Continue to get involved in our great school community</li> </ul> <p>Lachlan to send Chair’s Report to school community via the Newsletter</p>	LF
2.	<p><b><i>Principal's Report:</i></b></p> <p><b>St Agnes’s School Improvement Plan &amp; Targets</b></p> <p><u>An Effective School has the following characteristics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared and Professional Leadership</li> <li>• Focus on children and their learning</li> <li>• Purposeful Teaching</li> <li>• Shared vision, goals and values</li> <li>• High Expectations of all learners</li> <li>• Accountability – data</li> <li>• Stimulating learning communities</li> </ul> <p><u>School Improvement Cycle</u></p> <p>In 2020 we had a school review as part of our four year improvement cycle where direction was set around four priorities. We will be reviewed again during 2024, but we are tracking our improvement over time.</p> <p><u>School Improvement Focus</u></p> <p>Centred around 4 Priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To strengthen the Catholic Identity of our school community in the context of a lived experience</li> <li>2. To engage students through a differentiated and personalised approach to learning with consistency of pedagogy across the school</li> <li>3. To create an environment that enables students to be resilient, connected and confident learners, while embracing the diversity of others</li> </ol>	LF

4. To embed a culture of cohesion, consistency and collaboration amongst all staff

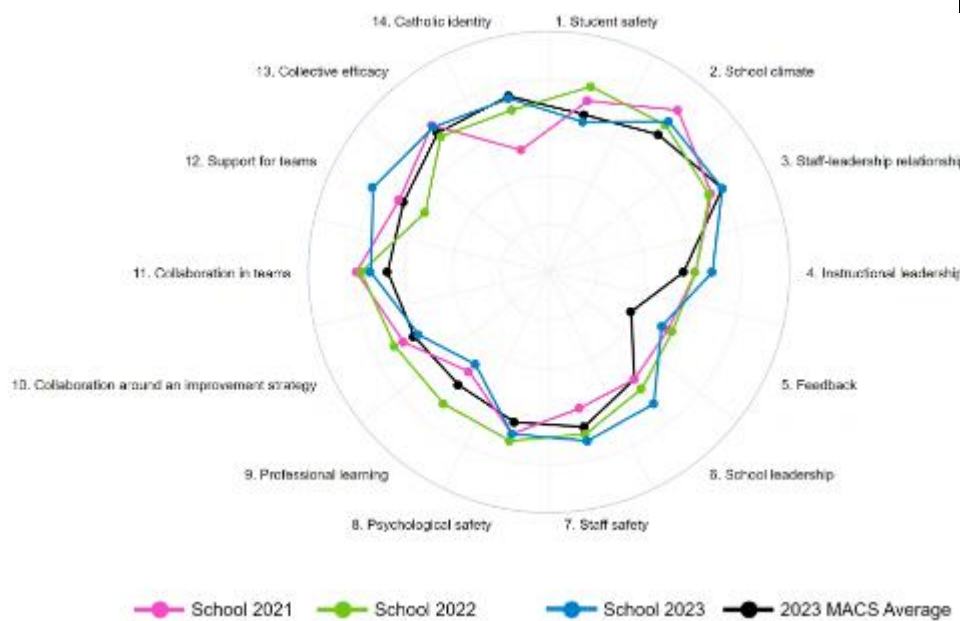
- We are tracking in the right direction with our targets and intended outcomes for these set priorities.

School Improvement Surveys (Data from 2019-2023)

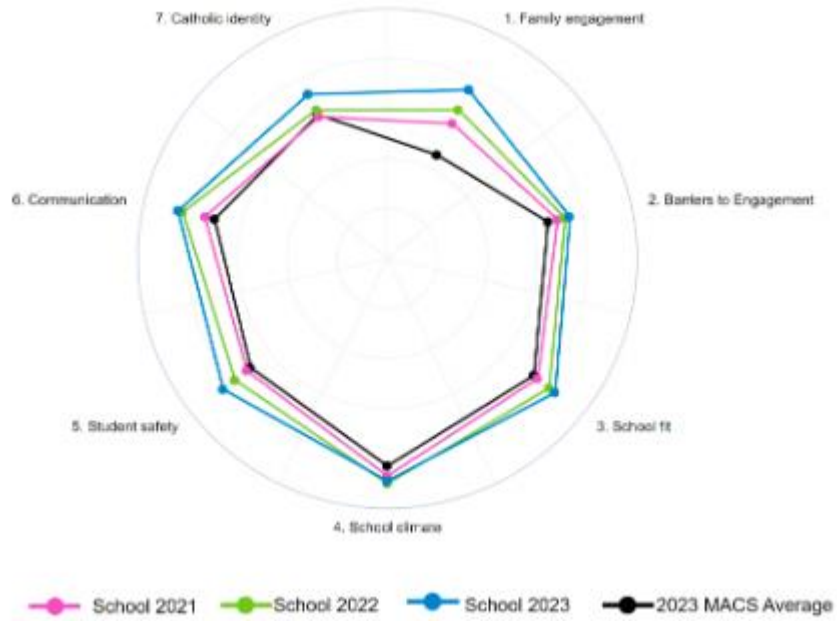
- Historic data showed an unhappiness within the school community (parents, students and staff)
- Data from this year's survey showed a significant improvement across all areas.
  - Surveys completed by 100% staff, 96% students (Y5-6), 29% of families

*Data Summary of MACSIS - 2022 to 2023*

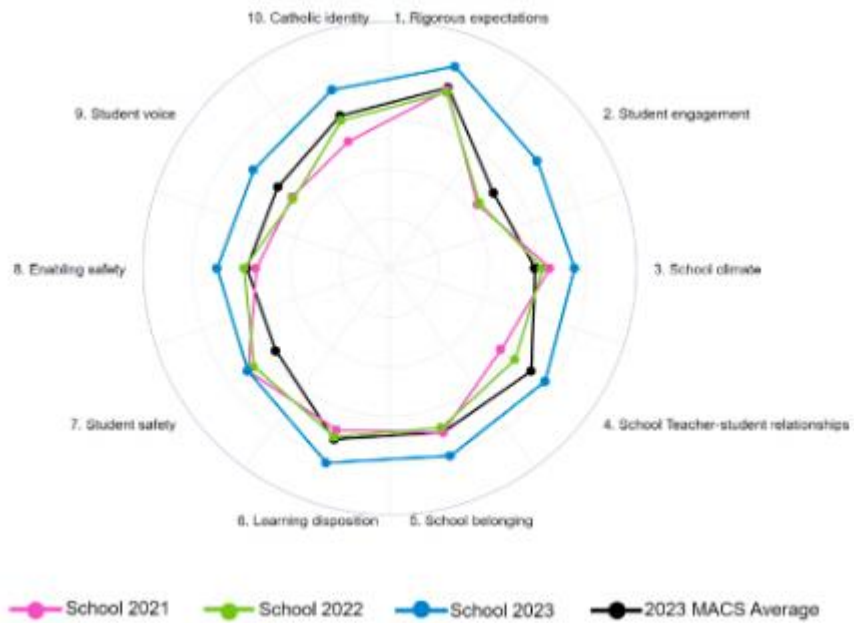
*School Improvement Survey – Staff*



*School Improvement Survey – Families*



*School Improvement Survey – Students*



**Academic Results**

- We are striving to improve academic achievement
- Post-covid our school and staff team were well placed to make the necessary adjustments to T&L
- Overall, our results in 2023 are quite pleasing
- Data from Reading & Number is strong
- Junior Text level achievement is high
- Improvement from the bottom up
- Continuing to stretch our middle/high achievers is a high priority heading into 2024

**Infrastructure**

- Renovation project completed + landscaping of Peterson Street space
- Planning commenced for resurfacing asphalt area in 2025 - \$100,000
- 90 new Chromebooks - \$60,000
- Signage - \$8,000-\$10,000
- Painting - Fascia, eaves, downpipes
- New server - \$10,000

**Enrolment Numbers**

- Prep – 23
- Year 1 – 19
- Year 2 – 23
- Year 3 – 26
- Year 4 – 16
- Year 5 – 21
- Year 6 – 18
- Strong enrolment for Prep 2024
- Overall numbers 146
- 115 → 146
- 26 new families

**Staffing 2023**

- Return to straight classes
- Anthea Georgiou returns from parental leave
- Welcome Levi Otto, Melinda Phyland (teaching)
- Welcome Kristina Eterovic & Bec Emmerson (LSO)
- Parental leave - Josie Miller
- All staffing arrangements to be communicated in next couple of days

**School Community**

- School Production, Mothers & Fathers' Day events were significant highlights. We look forward to Grandparents Day this week.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work is well underway for the 2024 Fete (March 16).</li> <li>• Year Level parish masses on Fridays</li> </ul> <p><b>Priorities for 2024</b></p> <p>Teaching and Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numeracy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Whole school units of work</li> <li>– OCHRE Daily Review</li> <li>– TIMS</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– ‘Reading Sprints’ or intensives</li> <li>– Professional development in Science of Learning &amp; Reading</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nothing “new” as we look ahead to review</li> <li>• School Improvement Review - Aug 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Compliance</li> <li>– Self-Reflection Rubric</li> <li>– Staff, student, parental involvement/voice</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Education in Faith - Curriculum engagement, parish connection where possible</li> <li>• Student Wellbeing - Meditation, Circle Time and Respectful Relationships</li> <li>• Leadership &amp; Management - Review, Reading Sprints, Peer Observation, Professional Learning (staff)</li> </ul> <p><b>To Conclude:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to all SAC members for your contribution this year. Special mention to Anton and Charlene.</li> <li>• Thank you to Luci also for your contribution to the SAC over the past two years.</li> <li>• We look forward to welcoming Karen and hopefully one or two other new members in 2024.</li> <li>• More broadly, thank you to the parent community for your support of the school and staff in 2023.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b><i>Acknowledgement of Outgoing Council Members</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luci stepping into the class prep role</li> <li>• Both Anton and Charlene (Chair and Secretary)</li> <li>• Welcoming Karen from grade 3, we can do with 1 or 2 more – spread the word if you know anyone is keen</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b><i>Election of New School Advisory Council Members and Office Bearers</i></b></p> <p>Chair: Felicity Secretary: TBA</p>	



<b>5.</b>	<p><b>A.O.B</b></p> <p>Carly raised concerns over the timing year 5 camp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coincides with the first week of school for preps and their Grade 5 buddies will be away</li> <li>• Understandably difficult to move the Grade 5 Camp, perhaps just need to communicate this to the Preps</li> </ul> <p>All SAC members thank Lachlan for the school’s growth, positive outlook, and measurable improvements over the last few years.</p>	
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**SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Date and Time**

2024 Schedule TBA

**Location**

St Agnes Catholic Primary School - Peterson Street, Highett