

## **OSAC CHAIR – Annual Report 2022**

It has been an exciting year at OLA in 2022! The first year since 2019 with no remote learning and scope to invite everyone on site for community events. And the events have been plentiful - making up for lost time! Camps, excursions, Athletics day, parent workshops, assemblies, class masses and the big one...the OLA school fete. OSAC members have offered their support to the Fete team throughout the year to ensure a successful day. We congratulate Claire Mellican, Mel Power and their amazing fete team for their hard work and dedication, culminating in a wonderful community day and a fantastic financial result!

OLA has celebrated 70 years as a Parish school this year and what better way to observe the milestone than with the redevelopment of some of the original school buildings. A huge thank you to the Victorian State Government for providing OLA with a \$2.2 million grant to allow this to occur. Congratulations to Richard and Caitlan, who together with MACS, Jardon Group and Smith + Tracey Architects, have planned and overseen this massive undertaking and managed to deliver the project on time. What a huge effort! The community looks forward to utilising the new Community Hub and the kids are very excited about the new Library and STEM spaces.

The leadership team has continued their success with an increase in Prep enrolment numbers for 2023, with the majority being new families to the school. This is a credit to the community feel that has been instilled in the school, driven by an enthusiastic and proactive leadership team. Additional credit to Caitlan and Josy for providing seamless ongoing leadership while Richard enjoyed well deserved long service leave earlier in the year.

OSAC had 8 meetings in 2022 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 addressed including road safety, policies, curriculum and finances.

A big thank you to Jaime Picinic and Jo Hansen, who have both finished their 3-year term on OSAC. Special thanks to Jo for efficiently undertaking the role of Secretary in the past 2 years. I'm sure you will both find other ways to continue your contribution to the OLA community.

We welcome Pat Moran and Sally Wright as new members to the OSAC team and look forward to the varied experiences, insights and guidance you can offer.

We look forward to continuing to support the OLA leadership team and community in 2023.

Linda Rumsey

OSAC Chair