



Speech for the President – Our Lady of Fatima P&F

2025 Year in Review

Good evening everyone,

Thank you for joining us, I can't believe we are already here, reflecting on the year that was 2025.

For those of you that don't know us I am Lauren West, this is Lauren Murray, and we are the Co-Presidents. We are also joined by our fellow Pre-Primary parent, Ana Philpott in the role of treasurer.

It has been a big year of transition and learning for Ana, Lauren and myself. So, firstly we like to say a massive thank you to Jacinta, Alison, Kylee and Gaynor for all your time, support and advice as we navigated our new roles, we would have honestly been lost without you.

2025 has been a year of connection, collaboration, and community spirit. Through both friend-raising and fundraising, the P&F have worked hard to support our school and strengthen the bonds between families.

As we near the end of the school year, it's heartwarming to look back on the many events that brought our school community together.

First up was our welcome event, where we were thankfully blessed with a lot milder weather than the scorcher last year. It was a lovely afternoon. Looking over the crowd of staff, parents and kids all the way from Pre k to year 6 running around together in the water play, having a sausage sizzle or treating themselves to an Icey pole, was a nice preview of the special moments that were to come throughout the year.

Mother's Day reminded us just how wonderful our mums are. Each mum was gifted a beautiful rose, a thoughtful gesture from the students to show their love and appreciation.

The Easter Raffle was a chocolate-filled delight! Thank you to everyone who donated so generously, we were able to award 4 Easter hampers per class this year.



During Lent, we continued the cherished Fatima tradition of Rice Day. Along with our parent volunteers, the Year 6 students embraced their leadership roles, serving with pride and kindness.

The Quiz Night was a fantastic night with fun had by all that attended. It was held off site this year at the soon to be closing Leopold Hotel which added to the night's celebratory vibe. Everyone was so generous on the night, our new QR raffle ticket initiative proved to be a great way to fundraise while we were friendraising!

We also continued to support our parish through Fatima Care Meals—a beautiful initiative that highlights the compassion within our community.

This year's Disco was another hit. The parish hall looked incredible, and the kids had an absolute ball, a credit to all the parent volunteers who worked tirelessly to set up such a big event.

For Father's Day, we celebrated our amazing dads with delicious biscuits—a simple but heartfelt way to show our appreciation.

The P&F brought joy to the Athletics Carnival with the Cake Stall, fuelling cheers and celebrations with tasty treats and cold drinks.

The Crazy Camel Art Fundraiser this year proved to be another great success. A huge thank you to the teachers for making time to complete the artwork in an already very busy curriculum and a big thank you to our volunteers who are tasked with sorting out and delivering the massive order!

And finally, the Parents' Mingle Night at the Quarter Acre was filled with laughter, connection, and good company—it was wonderful to see parents from all year groups come together.

We are of course still looking forward to our biggest fundraiser of the year, our annual school dance concert. Thank you so much to those that have already donated to our silent auction and raffle, it's your generosity that makes this event such a success.



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None of this would be possible without the incredible support of our volunteers, class reps and school staff. Your time, energy, and commitment are deeply appreciated. Whether you helped organise an event, sold tickets, or simply showed up to support the school and P&F—On behalf of Ana, Lauren and I, thank you thank you thank you.

As we look ahead to 2026, we're excited about continuing this journey together. We feel very privileged getting to be a part of such a strong, welcoming community where every family feels valued and every child benefits from our shared efforts.

Thank you again, and we wish you all a safe, joyful, and restful holiday season.



2025 Annual Community Meeting

School Advisory Council Chair's Report

Tuesday 18 November

My name is Sally Jasper and as Chair of the School Advisory Council, it is my privilege to reflect on our activities in 2025. This was my first year on the Council, and it's been wonderful to get insights into the day-to-day running of a school, as well as getting a better understanding of the factors that shape its future direction.

In my comments tonight, I thought I'd highlight four areas that have been a big focus for the Council this year: enrolments, financial management, our parish partnership and student wellbeing and learning.

Enrolment trends have been a standing agenda item at Council meetings. In a single-stream school like ours, there is a fair amount of financial sensitivity to changes in enrolment rates. To this end, the school has worked collaboratively with CEWA to enhance marketing efforts this year, including improvements to our website and social media presence. I encourage everyone to check out the wonderful new website and please continue to like, comment on and share the school's Facebook posts as it really does help to spread the word about our fantastic school.

Financial governance is of course an ongoing focus of the Council. I want to commend the school leadership on their management of the annual budget. Dealing with planned and unplanned maintenance costs presents a constant challenge, but through creativity and determination they have ensured that appropriate provisions are always made for staff development and student resources. I'd also like to thank Jacinta for her ongoing work to advocate for the unique financial challenges faced by single-stream Catholic schools.

Council meetings have given us the chance to reflect on the school's strong partnership with the Our Lady of Fatima parish, with many discussions around creative opportunities for the school community to be more involved in parish activities and vice versa. Thank you to Father Ben for his ongoing support and guidance to the school, and to Ian Saverimutto who does an excellent job of representing the parish on the Council.



And finally, student wellbeing and learning. Our students have had the opportunity to participate in a huge range of academic and extracurricular activities in 2025, which not only helps to build well-rounded humans, but also provides opportunities for every child to shine. Through the principal reports provided at each meeting, we've heard about many outstanding performances in the arts, participation in a huge range of interschool sports events, first aid and resilience courses, academic extension opportunities and school camps – just to name a few! Through whole-school charity initiatives such as Project Compassion and St Vincent de Paul hampers, students and their families have also been provided with regular opportunities to show compassion and act in service for others.

Before we started at Our Lady of Fatima, my family attended one of the school tours, where I remember Jacinta describing the school as a bit like 'a country school in the city'. I have often thought of those words since, because it does feel like we've joined a beautiful country community. As the saying goes - it takes a village to raise a child, and we have a wonderful village here.

Firstly, I'd like to express my gratitude to Alison and Jacinta. One of the most important parts of the Council's role is to support school leaders in doing what they do best – shepherding the educational and spiritual growth of our children. It's been a privilege to get to know you better through our meetings this year. We are incredibly lucky to have such considerate and experienced staff leading Our Lady of Fatima School.

In addition to Jacinta and Alison, the dedicated teachers and education assistants are the heartbeat of the school. Your commitment to fostering a nurturing, inclusive, inspiring learning environment is evident in every classroom and event. Our teaching staff embody the school's values every day, guiding our students in their academic, social and emotional growth. As I've mentioned, one of the privileges of being on the Council is the insights we get into the many ways that staff go above and beyond to provide opportunities for our kids. I know I speak on behalf of all parents when I say how much this extra effort is appreciated.

I extend this appreciation to the wonderful office staff, Gaynor, Kylee and Jemma, for your support in the daily running of the school. In addition to your regular responsibilities,



you're often on the front line for helping sick kids, dealing with stressed out parents and welcoming new families to the school, and you make all this look effortless!

A huge thank you goes to the P&F for your incredible support throughout the year. Your generosity and enthusiasm genuinely enriches our school community – not only in providing funds for additional resources for the students, but also creating so many ways for students and families to build meaningful connections.

Finally, thank you to our School Advisory Council members: To Alison and Jacinta for your transparency and spirit of collaboration; and to parent representatives Claire Robertson, Luke Callier and James Newcome, and parish representative Ian Saverimutto, thank you for volunteering your time. I've appreciated the insights and thoughtfulness that you have brought to every meeting, helping to shape the ongoing success of the school, and also doing it with a great sense of fun. If there's anyone out there that would like to join us in future years, please do consider nominating!

On behalf of the School Advisory Council, thank you for coming along tonight to support the school, and we wish all our families and teaching staff a happy and safe summer break in a few weeks' time!



2025 Annual Community Meeting

Principal's Report
Tuesday 18 November

Welcome to the 2025 Annual Community Meeting, held in conjunction with our Parents and Friends (P&F) group and Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC). This gathering is always a special opportunity to come together as a community, to celebrate our shared achievements, and to look forward with hope and purpose. I am deeply grateful for your presence and ongoing support, which reflects the strength and unity of our school family.

As we reflect on the wonderful blessings that 2025 has brought us, we acknowledge the grace that has guided our journey. Following our 2024 focus on *Contemplation*, inspired by the charism of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, this year we embraced the theme of *Communion*. Our guiding Scripture, Acts 2:46, reminds us: *"Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people."* This passage, set after Pentecost, beautifully captures the spirit of togetherness and gratitude that we strive to live out in our school community.

Looking back on 2025, some of my favourite moments truly reflected our theme of Communion, by coming together in joy and purpose. From our Year 4 students spreading Christmas cheer at Carinya by helping residents craft ornaments (and maybe sneaking in a few design tips!), to the buzz of rehearsals for our upcoming dance concert, the energy has been contagious. Staff professional learning kept us focused and intentional, while our youngest students kept us honest with their priceless "truthisms". Our free lemon initiative somehow became the most popular part of our school—who knew this could unite a community? Watching students shine in sports, arts, and Creative Edge was inspiring, and sharing assemblies and Grandparents' Day with families reminded us why we do what we do. And through it all, we laughed—a lot—because nothing says communion like joy shared together.

Our focus on Communion has shaped every aspect of our work this year with a focus on unity, togetherness, teamwork, and celebrating the unique gifts of each person. We have worked in partnership, guided by our common vision: to nurture lifelong learners who live



out Jesus' message of love and peace. Through collaboration among staff, families, and students, we have strengthened the bonds that make our school a place of faith, learning, and community. As we share the highlights of this year, let us give thanks for the many ways we have grown together.

I am delighted to share the progress and achievements our school has made throughout 2025. This year marked the first year of implementation of our *2025–2027 Strategic Intent*s, which were thoughtfully developed last year through valuable feedback from students, parents, and staff. These strategic priorities have guided our actions and decisions, ensuring that we continue to grow in alignment with our shared vision for Our Lady of Fatima School.

This section of the report will outline our progress across the four pillars of Quality Catholic Education: Catholic Identity, Education, Community, and Stewardship. These areas reflect the foundation of our mission and the commitment we hold to providing a holistic, faith-filled education for every child in our care.

Through these lenses, we will celebrate the initiatives, partnerships, and milestones that have strengthened our school community and enriched the learning experience for our students. Each achievement is a testament to the dedication and collaboration of staff, families, and students working together toward our common goals.

Our school's Catholic identity remains a vibrant and authentic expression of our faith tradition, woven into the daily life of our community. Through strong connections with our parish, meaningful charity outreach, and regular Eucharistic celebrations, we continue to nurture a culture of faith and service. Opportunities for prayer, both within classrooms and as a whole school, alongside the witness of our values (respect, forgiveness, compassion and gratitude) in action, allow us to experience the presence of Christ in a real and tangible way throughout our community. In 2025, our goal was to enhance staff understanding and formation in prayer, liturgy and scripture, through the lens of the charism of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions. This goal has been met in the following ways:

- We explored the second aspect of the Sisters' charism- communion. Our staff, with support from Father Ben, Sister Veronica, Sister Marie Therese and Sister Shelley,



engaged in formation about communion from a practical and liturgical perspective. Staff completed our second pilgrimage from Tuckfield Street in East Fremantle to the original site of the parish and school in Tamar Street, following in the footsteps of the Sisters.

- Teachers have intentionally created sacred spaces within classrooms, thoughtfully incorporating elements of the liturgical seasons and weaving in aspects of the story of Our Lady of Fatima to deepen students' experience of faith.
- Classes enjoyed additional time with Father Ben, who guided students in understanding sacred etiquette during Mass and explored the key features of our Church.

In 2026, we hope to enhance this further, by continuing to enhance our liturgical, scriptural and prayer understanding, through the final aspect of the Sisters' charism-mission.

As a learning community, we take great pride in the diverse and meaningful opportunities we provide to support the holistic growth of every student. Our specialist programs in Science, STEM, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Italian, and Physical Education continue to enrich learning and spark creativity. Students have actively participated in interschool sporting carnivals, the Angelico Art Exhibition, and the Performing Arts Festival, showcasing their talents beyond the classroom. We remain committed to evidence-based literacy support and offer a strength-based enrichment program for students in Years 1 to 6. Our dedicated staff use learning and wellbeing data to design experiences that foster progress and engagement, while ongoing work on whole-school approaches in early years education, wellbeing, and English ensures consistency and excellence across all stages of learning. In 2025, one of our goals under the Education umbrella was to improve staff understanding of the role of learning design in promoting student learning and wellbeing. In this space, we have:

- Consolidated our whole school PLD approach and implemented the Ochre Science of Reading approach from Pre-Primary to Year 6. This was achieved through support from the P&F and with staff working in partnership with Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
- Worked with a Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) consultant for literacy, focusing on a coaching model to support our school-wide writing approach, with an emphasis on accelerating our stronger students.



- Worked with a CEWA Students with Disability consultant to support teachers in making appropriate environmental and instructional adjustments to support different learning needs.

Our whole school data shows growth in our focus areas (spelling, writing and reading) from previous years.

Our second educational goal from 2025 was to implement approaches to contemporary pedagogy, including inquiry. To meet this goal, our staff have:

- Participated in a staff book club, exploring inquiry learning.
- Worked with a CEWA consultant for digital technology coaching, to investigate the use of iPads in supporting student engagement, thinking skills and creativity.

In 2025, our goal is to continue to embed our whole school approaches to English, as well as begin to explore best practice in Mathematics. We also hope to further our focus on inquiry and differentiation, by investigating the impact of questioning and evidence-based approaches that support the learning needs of all students.

What truly sets our school apart is the strength of our community, built on authentic relationships and shared purpose. This deep sense of connection is fostered through collaborative partnerships among students, staff, parents, our parish, and the wider local community. In 2025, our focus on Communion has been evident in the way we work side by side to nurture a vibrant, faith-filled environment where everyone belongs. This year, one of our goals was to continue to develop our partnerships within the local community. To meet this goal, we have:

- Participated in outreach opportunities with our parish, including Fatima Care and St Vincent de Paul.
- Worked in partnership with local Catholic schools on a range of initiatives.
- Ran a range of events such as Are you ok? Day, Women's Health Week, Men's Health Week, and running a parent information session about understanding neurodivergence.
- Throughout the year, each class has engaged in an inquiry project to learn more about our local community, with some focused on supporting those in need, others aimed at strengthening connections with our parish, and several worked on initiatives aimed at making a positive difference on the environment within the wider community.



A second goal in community was to promote First Nations' perspectives and cultural diversity within our school community. To meet this goal:

- We used our Partnership Acceptance Learning Sharing (PALS) grant to promote First Nations' perspectives with students.
- We celebrated key cultural events, including Harmony Day, Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC week.
- Our staff engaged in professional learning with a CEWA First Nations' consultant to examine ways to meaningfully embed First Nations' perspectives across the curriculum.

In 2026, we want to deepen our focus on wellbeing and celebrating diversity at Our Lady of Fatima School.

In recent years, stewardship has been a significant priority at Our Lady of Fatima School, reflected in ongoing capital development projects, upgrades to classrooms and playgrounds, and substantial improvements to our digital technology infrastructure. In 2025, our goal was to continue to implement our whole school sustainability initiatives. To meet this goal, the following has been achieved:

- Each year level has continued to have an area of responsibility in the sustainability space: our Pre-Primary students are our garden gurus, our Year 1's are our Junior Litter Leaders, our Year 2 students are our Recycle, Reuse or Reduce Waste Rebels, our Year 3 students are our Compost Champions, our Year 4 students are our Worm Farm Warriors, our Year 5 students are our Waste Free Lunchbox Wonders and our Year 6 students are our Senior Litter Leaders.

A second goal in stewardship was to enhance school-wide marketing approaches. To meet this goal:

- We worked with the CEWA marketing team to re-imagine our school wide branding, learn more about social media and redevelop our school website.

In 2026, we aim to implement our newly developed marketing plan.



As I conclude this report, I would like to express my gratitude:

- To our amazing students. We are incredibly proud of everything you have accomplished this year. There is something truly unique about being a 'Fatima' student, and we feel privileged to learn alongside you and watch you grow.
- To our parent and grandparent community. We deeply value the partnership we share with you. Thank you for your unwavering support, the kindness you show, and the genuine way you engage with our staff and school life.
- Our dedicated Parents and Friends (P&F) team continues to lead the way in creating vibrant community events, tirelessly supporting student and family social activities, and fundraising for playground and resource upgrades. Their work reflects true collaboration, reminding us that these wonderful opportunities thrive when we all contribute. A special thank you to Lauren, Lauren, and Ana for their incredible efforts in their first year of leadership. You have brought energy, creativity, and commitment that has made a real difference.
- Our outstanding School Advisory Council provides invaluable wisdom and support to our leadership team. I truly look forward to each meeting, knowing I will leave with deeper insights and a broader perspective on the topics we discuss. A special thank you to Sally for her exceptional leadership in her first year as Chair, and my heartfelt appreciation to Luke, Claire, James, and Ian for their commitment and contributions that strengthen our school community.
- To Father Ben and the parish. We are deeply grateful for their spiritual guidance and religious leadership throughout the year, particularly their support in preparing students for the Sacraments and leading our Eucharistic celebrations. Their presence and commitment continue to enrich the faith life of our school community.
- To our teachers and education assistants. Parents and community members, I hope you recognise the gifts of this group of people. They are simply outstanding, in fact, one of the best teams that I have worked with. They have not just spoken about communion- they have lived it. Their generosity of spirit, commitment to our school and constant focus on the best interests of our students fills me with gratitude. Alison and I are blessed to lead these wonderful people. My thanks also goes to our Teacher Leader, Domenica Carrello, for the additional guidance and support she provides to Alison and myself. At the end of this year, we farewell Clare Keightley as she prepares to welcome her second child, Jaymie Smith, who will be



joining Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Joane Krog, who is moving to Northam, and Education Assistant Sophie Franks, who is relocating to Mandurah. We are grateful for all they have contributed to our school and wish them every success in the future.

- To our amazing Administration team, Jemma, Gaynor, and Kylee. Thank you for the laughter we share and the incredible professionalism you bring to every day. Your hard work, expertise, and flexibility are invaluable, and I am deeply grateful for the way you lovingly support our students, staff, and families in all that you do.
- My immense thanks to Alison. Your compassion toward students, staff, and parents is an incredible strength that shines through in all you do. Your leadership has been marked by care, understanding, and a genuine commitment to the wellbeing of our entire school community. Thank you for the countless ways you have supported and guided us this year.

I wish everyone a joyful and blessed Christmas, filled with laughter, peace, and time shared with loved ones. As we celebrate the gift of togetherness, may we carry this spirit of Communion into the new year. We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2026 for another year of faith, learning and community.