Chairperson's CSAC Report ACM

It has been a privilege to serve as Chair of the School Advisory Council this year and to reflect on the many blessings, challenges, and achievements our wonderful school community has shared. The School Advisory Council 2025 consists of;

Holly Vecchio- Chair

Janelle Caddy- Secretary

Vernon Vincent- Treasurer

Father Al- Parish Priest

Christina Carey- Deputy Chair

Melissa Bonatto- P&F President/Representative

Nic Gaglia- School Principal

Michael Matrakis- Committee Member

Katie Smith-Webb- Assistant Principal

This year has been one of growth, renewal, and deep community spirit. A major highlight has been the redevelopment of our Early Learning Centre — a project that has transformed this space into a bright, engaging, and nurturing environment for our youngest learners. This redevelopment reflects our ongoing commitment to providing high-quality early education in facilities that foster curiosity, creativity, and faith-filled learning.

I would like to thank our entire school community for their patience and flexibility throughout the redevelopment period. The changes brought disruption and adjustment for everyone — from altered routines and shared spaces to construction noise and shifting environments. All of our staff adapted exceptionally well, continuing to provide engaging and supportive learning experiences for their students despite the challenges. A special mention must go to our Kindy and Pre-Primary staff, who managed the most significant impact on their learning spaces with such grace, positivity, and professionalism. Their ability to maintain stability, joy, and a nurturing atmosphere for our youngest learners during this time was truly remarkable.

The School Advisory Council has also been enriched by learning more about the history of our school, thanks to the work of Assistant Principal Katie Smith-Webb. Her passion and insights have deepened our appreciation of Good Shepherd's story and the strong foundations on which our community continues to grow.

Our school remains in a healthy financial position, providing a solid base for ongoing improvements and future planning. This stability is a reflection of careful stewardship, thoughtful leadership, and the commitment of our Principal and finance team to ensuring every resource is used wisely for the benefit of our students. I would like to sincerely thank our Principal for his strong leadership, guidance, and dedication in overseeing the continued growth and success of our school community.

We are especially grateful for our teachers, education assistants, and administration staff. Their dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to our students are at the heart of what makes *Good Shepherd* such a special place. They nurture faith, inspire learning, and create an environment where every child feels valued and supported. It is through their tireless efforts that Good Shepherd continues to be a school of choice in our community, and I am eternally grateful.

Alongside these highlights, our school continues to flourish. We have seen wonderful learning outcomes, the strengthening of our wellbeing programs, and ongoing engagement from families and

parish members. Our staff live out the Gospel values daily, leading by example and modelling the faith, kindness, and service we hope to instil in our students.

I would like to acknowledge the leadership and vision of our Principal, the support of our dedicated staff, and the wisdom of my fellow School Advisory Council members. Your collaboration, generosity, and shared faith have been invaluable throughout the year.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to our parent community for your ongoing support, encouragement, and trust. Together, we continue to build a school that is faith-filled, inclusive, and centred on the wellbeing and learning of every child.

As we look ahead to the coming year, may we continue to be guided by God's grace and inspired by the mission of Catholic education — to nurture hearts, minds, and spirits in hope and love.

Holly Vecchio
Chairperson, School Advisory Council
Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School
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