

February 2024

It has been another busy year for GC in 2023. I would like to thank the current Governing Council for all their hard work and generous contributions over the year along with Leadership and staff.

This year has seen some leaps forward with the ongoing Capital works that are progressing very well.

School has seen improvements including paving extended near Opal, well timed upgrade to 4 classrooms in Sapphire and hub learning area along with painting and refreshing of areas around the school.

We now have a wonderful school values mural and planting in various garden thanks to our science project work.

SRC's recommendation of a decking area near Amethyst has also come to life and we look forward to some seating that will enhance this area soon.

Fundraising have had a very busy year and with their help monkey bars and orbs have been added to the Diamond playground. There was a fantastic Disco that was put on in conjunction with school which saw so many happy faces and memories made. Other fundraising activities including bbq's, world chocolate day, and raffles along with the disco, beanies and Entertainment Books saw \$7,780.16 raised

Again, we have had wonderful support from local businesses to help us achieve these results along with the huge efforts of the fundraising committee.

Canteen has continued to operate really well and offered some creative and well subscribed lunch specials. Thank you to chef Kat and the committee for ongoing diligence in maintaining a Rite Bite compliant menu that provides healthy and tasty lunches, snacks and drinks.

OSHC continues to be a well-supported service in the school community and Simpson, Dion and team continue to keep OSHC attendees engaged, well fed and most of all cared for. The committee support has been appreciated in communicating all that OSCH do and all the necessary changes.

Grounds committee has been busy ensuring the site is safe and community views are shared. With the Capital works there has been limited opportunity to undertake substantial changes but have put together a Facilities Plan for future work.

Thanks also to our Treasurer and the wonderful input that he provides to the school finance committee.

We welcome all the new families that are joining the East Marden Primary School community in 2024 including those in the first mid-year intake. We would welcome any new members who would like to nominate for Governing Council or alternatively join on of our subcommittees: Canteen - OSHC - Fundraising.

Governing Council also would like to wish all the year 6 students that are heading off to high school all the very best. To the Leadership Team and staff, we have appreciated all of your support over the past year.

For those staff and support teachers that are not going to be with us next year, we wish you great success in your future endeavours. Those that are staying on we look forward to your wonderful support again in 2024.

We look forward to representing the school community again in 2024.

Michelle Palmer
2023 Governing Council Chairperson