

## **REPORT FROM GOVERNING COUNCIL 2015**

As usual our school year has been full of events and activities. Well done to the children who were nominated to become our student leaders, you should be very proud and I hope you had a great year.

I am pleased we continued our sports day at Port Broughton, the children excelled in their events and were cheered on by parents and classmates. It was a well run day, fun was had by all and coming second for the day was a fantastic effort. Congratulations to all the children who competed for their school. Also congratulations to the children who competed at SAPSASA level, and thank you to the parents and staff who helped you get there.

Our Anzac Day Ceremony continues to be a highlight of our school calendar. Unfortunately I could not be there this year, but the feedback I received tells me it was a wonderful assembly, a special event that our wider community supports and we are very proud of, well done to all involved.

Our children went on many excursions, and have just come home from camp. They have managed to have a great learning year outside of the school grounds. At school it has been busy as usual, the Running Records program in which staff can monitor the students' progress and adjust their learning if needed is very successful.

Staff and parents have been to many workshops this year, all learning the latest learning techniques so our children can improve their learning skills even more.

Our sub surface irrigation is up and running and showing results, our oval and grounds are looking Magnificent! Well done Wayne Lee.

Our Community Swimming Pool should be up and running at long last. It has had a lot of issues, but getting the attention it deserves now. Thank you to the pool committee for their hard work.

Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers the kindy will cease operation in 2016. It will no longer be a standalone kindy. It is disappointing because I do know how much the community has put into it over the years. The only solution is to bring the kindy under the banner of SPS, but we are confident that will change in 2017. Thank you to everyone who has given so much to the kindy over the years.

I would sincerely like to thank "TrustPower Lend a Hand Foundation" for their continued support of the Snowtown Primary School. They have recently set aside monies for new school shirts for all of our students in 2016.

As I look back through this year's newsletters it is great to see how much the children are doing at school, you can see they are enjoying their learning environment. This to me reflects well upon the teachers, staff and facilities at SPS. Well done to all.

At Governing Council once again it has been good to hear positive feedback about our students, how well behaved they have been, having pride in themselves, all wearing school uniforms. This is all very positive and teachers and most of all students should be very proud of yourselves.

This year Megan McGregor, Nicole McCauley and Simon Hickman joined Governing Council. Megan has taken on Sporting Schools coordinator, and also has been working with Jemma Michael on the KidsMatter Programme. Nicole has taken on the Treasurer's job and Simon is on the Grounds Committee. Welcome aboard guys. To our other Committee members Bernie Altmann, Kelly Freebairn, Jemma Michael, Katrina Ebsary, teachers Rep Bec Jamieson and SPS Principal, Fione Love, thank you for your ongoing hard work and support in 2015.

To staff and students who move on in 2016 we wish you the best and hope you have enjoyed SPS.

Merry Christmas and have Happy New Year.

John Cummins - Governing Council Chairperson.