

# Governing Council Report

The beginning of 2020 saw Snowtown Primary and School Based Preschool burst out of the gates ready for an exciting year ahead. Little did we know that by the end of Term 1, we would be flying blindly into uncharted territory.

Snowtown Primary and School Based Preschool's response to COVID, I must say, was second to none. The staff took it in their stride and did absolutely anything and everything to help their work colleagues, parents and especially, their students to cope with the overwhelming tidal wave of change. This just shows the dedication to our children's wellbeing and education that Snowtown Primary and School Based Preschool has.

Even though restrictions were in place, the students still had such great opportunities in 2020. Opportunities such as SAPSASA, The Amazing Literacy and Numeracy Race, Harmony Day, Sportsday - which saw us take out the shield and also come first in Corner Spry - well done everyone! Students also did the Virtual Cross Country, a Gratitude project - The Rosemary Bryant Nursing Foundation art prize competition with a runner up and 3 shortlisted, Primary Mathematics Association Maths and Numeracy Powerful Learner Challenge Winning and Highly Commended entries, National Reconciliation week winners, Be Active Days, Colours Day - which had students raise money for the Snowtown Hospital, Jump Rope for Heart, Science Fair, Tennis Hot Shots and plenty more throughout the year.

Kids Matter was a little different this year not being able to invite family and members of the public and we were all saddened by the news of Lloyd Carter's passing, he was such a lovely part of our day and we will miss him. The committee worked extra hard to find special items for the kids bags this year to give them a boost of excitement and show them how much the community cares about their Health and wellbeing.

We are so lucky in our small school to have such big opportunities. We have After School Sports which, thanks to Megan, give the children great access to many different sports throughout the year. We also have a music teacher which is really amazing for the kids as well. Paul has given kids the feel good magic of music by offering Drum and Guitar lessons, running the choir and introducing new instruments such as the Boom Whackers during music lessons.

To the Governing Council team, Katrina Ebsary, Bernie Altmann, Belinda Stringer, Nicole McCauley, Kerry-Ann Cocks, Nick McCormack, Amanda Harris, Megan McGregor, Sarah McGregor, Emma Cronin, Hayley Flynn and Trish Boschetti, thank you for taking the time to be on the committee, your help and input throughout the year is very much appreciated and valued.

Well, we have made it through one of the most unusual years to date. We are braver and stronger than we have ever been and 2021 better be afraid because this year has proven that there is nothing that the staff and students of Snowtown Primary and School Based Preschool can't handle. I for one am very proud to say, well done everyone! What an amazing school we have!

