

Community Annual General Meeting - Monday 21 November 2016

Principal's Report

Good evening Fr Kaz, our Interim Board Chair Mr John Aldous and Interim Board Members, Parents and Foundation Staff members. It is a privilege to be presenting to you my first Principal report at Salvado Catholic College at the end of what has been an exciting Foundation Year. We have much to celebrate!



Good **N**ews of Jesus Christ

DISCIPLESHIP – is our calling. We are committed to deepening our relationship with Jesus.  
(Catholic Identity)

It has been wonderful to commence several future traditions in our foundation year, none more important than the celebration of Salvado Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. We look forward to enriching the Salvado Day experiences in the coming years and ensuring the day continues to be a celebration of Bishop Rosendo Salvado's life, as well as giving the College community the opportunity to learn more about Salvado and how he himself modelled peace, justice and compassion to all he met and in all that he did.

Another highlight for the year was the Blessing and Official Opening of Salvado Catholic College by Bishop Donald Sproxton and Dr Tim McDonald. It was wonderful to have Abbot John and others from New Norcia join us on this special day too, as we strive to form a close connection with the New Norcia community that was founded by Salvado himself.

This year we have participated in a number of Prayer Services as a College community and our Pre-Primary to Year 2 students and staff loved going over to St Francis Xavier church to celebrate the Assumption Mass. Our staff retreat to New Norcia was also a highlight for our Foundation Staff who were able to gain a greater insight into the life of Bishop Rosendo Salvado, as well as an appreciation for the life of a monk in their work and prayer life. It also gave us the opportunity to bond as a group of people, who have this year experienced something very special as a Foundation Staff in a Catholic school. For most of us, possibly a once in a lifetime opportunity!

At Salvado Catholic College we strive to show compassion in all that we say and do and we have been very aware of the needs of others throughout the year and have participated in various events that have raised monies for those less fortunate and instilled in our students (as young as they are) a sense of giving and awareness of social justice. An outstanding effort by all involved!

We are very blessed to be a part of the St Francis Xavier Parish. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Fr Kaz for his time and efforts in his ministry and pastoral care and presence in our College community, I know that it is appreciated by all! Fr Kaz is a very busy man, looking after the Parish, as well as 3 Parish schools in 2016. We look forward to the coming years as we continue to grow and become even more involved in the St Francis Xavier Parish, as we start having students prepare for their Sacraments as well as participating in more College Masses and Prayer Services as our class numbers continue to grow.



## Education & Learning

LEARNING – is what we do. We are committed to learning at every level.  
(Education)

At Salvado Catholic College we respect that parents and carers are the first and most influential educators of their children and we respect and have actively encouraged collaboration between the College and our parents/carers in various forms already throughout 2016 and will continue to do so in the future.

There has been much to celebrate in our teaching and learning at Salvado Catholic College in 2016. The students should be very proud of their individual efforts on their own learning journeys. They should also be very proud in the way they have come together for the first time this year and got along so well – they are amazing! All our students are very special and unique and we celebrate their many gifts and talents that they share with us each day in their learning spaces and in the playground.

Embedding the Early Years Learning Framework, National Quality Standards and Western Australian Curriculum at Salvado Catholic College in our foundation year has been very exciting and busy all at the same time. We want our students at Salvado to develop a strong sense of identity and be confident and involved learners, connected with and contributing to their world, having a strong sense of wellbeing and being effective communicators.

Our staff have done an amazing job in ensuring that we have put in place a number of support structures for the individual needs of all our students. They have worked tirelessly to provide the best possible learning environments, experiences and programmes for our students to ensure that we cater for all of their needs and have them engaged in their learning. We have prided ourselves on providing a safe, loving and happy environment for them all.

There has been some wonderful Staff Professional Learning opportunities offered this year. As we continue to grow, we are very mindful of the importance of Staff professional learning and giving them the opportunity for personal growth and development that will directly benefit the learning experiences of all our students too.



## Working together as a College Community

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Thank you to all our parents and carers who have assisted in some way in 2016 to build on the community spirit that we have worked on establishing at the College for our students, staff and families this year. We have a number of parents who have shared their talents in various ways throughout the year and we are very appreciative of this. We look forward to even more involvement from our parents and carers in the coming years as we grow and put in place even more initiatives for the benefit of our students.

The development of a strong home/school partnership I believe has been an important aspect of our success in our foundation year. The promotion of open and honest communication is vital in building a foundation for future years.

Thank you to everyone that has got involved in our newly formed Friends of Salvado. It has been wonderful to have started the building blocks for what promises to be a very pro-active parent body who will work with the College to ensure that we continue to promote the community spirit that we have worked so hard this year to develop, as well as look at raising more funds for future purchase of resources that will directly benefit the students at Salvado.

The formation of our own Salvado Playgroup in Term 2 was another wonderful achievement and supports that strong sense of community that we are striving to develop.



## Stewardship of the Environment & Resources

ACCOUNTABILITY – is not optional. We have personal and collective responsibility for our system's success.  
(Stewardship)

Our Stage One build has provided us with a modern and purpose built early learning centre, junior primary classrooms, grassed and hardcourt play areas and nature playgrounds, covered assembly area, administration building and car parks.

We have been very blessed in that our Stage One build has also allowed us to purchase resources that will benefit the College for many years to come.

We look forward to commencing our Stage Two build towards the end of 2017 and having our Primary School buildings completed for the commencement of 2019.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our Interim College Board for all their time and efforts. Firstly, thank you for accepting the invitation to join the Interim Board of Byford Catholic College initially, and for your input and contribution over the last 3 years in various aspects of a new school to assist in getting Salvado Catholic College through to the completion of its first year in operation. I sincerely thank you all for what you have contributed to the Interim Board and appreciate your commitment to being a part of the formation of Salvado Catholic College.

In 2017 we will be continuing our 3 Year Old Education Program that we commenced in Term 3 this year, as well as having 2 Kindergarten classes, 2 Pre-Primary classes and 1 Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 class. We commenced 2016 with 105 students and in 2017 will have over 170 students. Exciting times as we welcome new students and their families to our College community.

We have spent time in 2016 working on our Evangelisation Plan, focusing on the Early Years Learning Framework and the National Quality Standards as a staff and working on developing a Quality Improvement Plan. We are striving to develop a culture of self-reflection and continual improvement in best practices amongst staff and all that we do at the College. In this our foundation year, we have also worked on developing our Annual School Improvement Plan and Curriculum Plan. In 2017 we hope to finalise our Strategic Plan as we move forward as a growing Catholic College community.

To our Foundation Staff. We have achieved so much in just a short time. We are very blessed to have such a committed, dedicated and passionate staff at Salvado Catholic College and the experiences we have shared this year will remain with us for a lifetime. Being a part of a Foundation School requires that little bit more and often a whole lot more! You have all risen to the challenge and embraced everything about being a part of a new Catholic school.

What we have been able to achieve as a group is very special and I sincerely thank every single one of you for what you have done. I knew from the very beginning that I needed to surround myself with a fantastic team and I believe very strongly in each member of our Foundation Staff and thank them for bringing their many and varied talents to Salvado Catholic College.

I am very pleased to announce that in 2017 all our Foundation Staff will be returning and with excitement and anticipation we will be welcoming a number of new staff to Salvado. There will also be some staff role changes and this evening I am very proud to share with you the staffing for 2017.

What we have at Salvado Catholic College are happy, friendly and caring young students who are just great. We do what we do at Salvado for them. We want them to come to a special place where they feel safe, loved, valued, and most importantly come closer to know and love Jesus. We are all part of something very special. The foundation students, foundation staff and foundation parents and friends of Salvado Catholic College.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me on this journey thus far. I have loved the opportunity and the experience has been immensely rewarding. I feel very blessed and privileged to have been chosen as the Foundation Principal and look forward to continuing to serve the College community and striving to always make Salvado Catholic College a wonderful place to come and work, play and pray! The journey continues in 2017 and I look forward to it with much enthusiasm. Salvado Catholic College is a great place to be!

Rosendo Salvado kept reminding himself that nothing worthwhile for God's kingdom is accomplished in life without "patience, perseverance and prudence", his often repeated "three P's, which were always based on a fourth, prayer." At Salvado Catholic College we too strive to follow in Salvado's footsteps and be guided by his commitment and compassion, whilst striving for peace and justice in all that we say and do.

Peace & Happy Days!

Mr Santino Giancono  
*Foundation Principal*



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Ash Wednesday  
Commissioning of New School Staff Mass  
Salvado Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March  
Project Compassion & Mission Market  
Holy Week Prayer Service  
Prayer Assemblies  
ANZAC Day Prayer Service  
Blessing and Official Opening of Salvado Catholic College  
NAIDOC Week Prayer Service  
Staff Retreat to New Norcia  
Assumption Mass at St Francis Xavier Church  
LifeLink – Catholic Caring Agencies  
Vinnies Winter Appeal  
St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal  
Christmas Carols Concert  
Thanksgiving Mass



## **E**ducation & Learning

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Kindergarten Orientation  
Parent & Carer Information Sessions  
Health Nurse – Staff Training  
Kindergarten Speech and OT Screening  
Teacher/Parent Interviews  
Reporting & Assessment  
Better Beginnings in Kindergarten  
Loose Parts Incursion  
St John Ambulance First Aid Incursion  
NAIDOC Week Activities  
Edu-Dance  
Sports – AFL Footballer Visit, Tee-Ball Clinic  
Cross Country  
Book Fair & Open Night  
Book Week Parade  
Constable Care Incursion  
Athletics Carnival



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Assemblies  
Family Sundowners  
Harmony Day  
Movie Night  
Student Disco  
Book Fair & Open Night  
Book Week Parade  
Mothers and Father Day Stalls  
Father’s Day BBQ & Activities  
College Tours  
SJ Community Fair – Promotion of Salvado Catholic College



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Interim College Board Meetings  
Friends of Salvado Meetings  
Project Control Group for the Design & Development of Stage 2