

Chair - Final Report for 2023

I cannot quite believe we are sitting here in our final meeting of the year. I'd like to take a few moments to reflect on 2023 and the achievements of Woodbridge Primary School. This is the year that was, and it has been an important one.

The School Review took place in May this year, and the resulting report outlined several commendations and recommendations going forward. The collated material from the review has formed the content basis for the 2024 - 2026 Business Plan. A sub committee of the board has assisted in the drafting of the plan (which we have reviewed tonight) and I'd like to acknowledge Ed for his contribution to these recent proceedings.

Other significance at Woodbridge continues to be the ongoing development of the PBS framework. The steering group continues to meet and make steady progress towards full implementation of this scheme. We have heard about and seen the latest exciting updates this evening.

2023 has seen the introduction of a new literacy plan which streamlines early learning classroom teaching. One of the prominent volunteer opportunities at Woodbridge this year has been listening to students read, to enhance this plan. Volunteering roles at school, be they on a regular or as needed basis are invaluable. The offering of support, and moments of connection enrich our relationships and help to build an extended school community. Kitchen garden, coordinated by Jean this year has been amazing. Thank you Jean, I have seen for myself how our students have engaged and found joy in this alternative learning environment.

It is evident that Woodbridge Primary has had many successes this year in sporting achievements, extension groups and memorable events which have created the opportunity for our parents, carers and community to come together and help raise precious funds. One of the sponsors of our end of year student awards is Kendall Earnshaw. I've been crossing paths with Kendall at the gym and last week back at the treadmill, she shared with me how she admires our school; so warm and welcoming, the PBS implementation pretty amazing and everything so well organised.

Big thank you to our well organised leadership team : Paul, along with Rachel, Elle, Michelle and the whole crew up at Admin. All the teachers, EAs and support staff for their dedication to the students. Our year 6s will be graduating in a couple of days, and we all wish them well as they step into the next chapter of their education. I am certain they are taking with them precious memories of Woodbridge.

On another pertinent note, the close of 2023 sees the end of tenure for a couple of our members : Jean and Lynda. Thank you sincerely for your input, the support and commitment you have both shown. The door to renomination is open to both of you, each a valuable voice and we hope you will consider returning.

I'd like to pass on the news that Ed has decided this will be his last year as our community representative and we thank Ed whole heartedly for his contribution and advice to the board. As most of us here are aware, Ed was the recipient of the P&C Community Service award at the presentation assembly last week. A wholly deserved recognition. You will be missed, Ed and we wish you all good things for the future.

I'll close with extending my thanks to Deb, in her unenviable role as minute taker and communicator. Mel, our most frequent special guest and to everyone at this table for giving your time to be a part of this board and the dedication you have shown towards our school and our kids. And to me as I've taken a stab at being chair. Your patience and encouragement has meant an awful lot.

I hope for all, a peaceful festive period and new year full of possibilities.