



Governing Council Report

The 2023 Annual General meeting had a great attendance of both staff and parents/caregivers, it was exciting for me to be nominated again as the new chairperson for the 2023 year.

I am extremely proud of how the staff and parents and the students of John Hartley School community and how well they have soldered on with the fire that had happening to building 6 and how resilient the students and staff have been with creating a new village for the students so that they can keep on learning.

The OSHC program, run by Happy Haven has continued their fantastic work and Happy Haven staff has attended governing council meetings to keep us up to date with latest updates and informed with what is happening. Happy Haven has continued with their vacation care at John Hartley. With the steady growth of support from parents/caregivers. So we will continue the support going into 2023

The Children's Centre welcomed some new staff and navigated the challenges of having a bigger cohort of children and the response from parents/caregivers was outstanding.

We were able to hold a couple fund raising events for Mother's Day and Father's Day. With the help of Governing Council and fundraising committee, both events were very successful, exceeding our expectations.

Our SAPSASA groups did very well and had some hurdles with the weather but all participants soldiered on and got the job done, well done to them.

Our garden kitchen program which is run by Michael Reichstein has been very successful, with the students enjoying learning about how to grow and harvest different fruits and vegetables and then have the opportunity to cook the produce are skills they will have for life.

Sports was another success and students thoroughly enjoyed getting involved and congratulations to team yellow who took the prize out this year.

The year 6 graduation was a low key but fun filled affair for the year 6's. We wish them all a successful and thriving years ahead in their next chapter of schooling.

Last and foremost we said goodbye to the Principal Jo Everett she has been the principal at John Hartley for 7 years. Was a sad day to say goodbye to her, the students were upset and so were the staff, as we let that door close another opened for John Hartley with the announcement of the new principal Aaron McPherson with a stand out resume and nothing but good things said about him we were excited to hear and see what Mr McPherson will bring to John Hartley community. As they say, a change is as good as a holiday.

I am thoroughly proud of how we as a school community took every challenge thrown at us this year and came out shining. I am extremely honoured to have been able to lead and be part of John Hartley's governing council in 2023