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To our affiliates & key partners

2015 was like no other year for the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities for it was the year, this small, yet incredibly active not-for-profit peak body achieved 100% affiliation for the first time.

All 103 Catholic school parent communities – the communities for whom we exist to serve – demonstrated their trust, faith and commitment to our work by voluntarily affiliating through payment of their fees and levies.

As a member based, federated body, the credibility of the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities as the voice of parents in South Australian Catholic schools is dependent on our membership base.

With all parent communities affiliating in 2015, we spoke with integrity (and pride) of representing the diverse and common views of the families of over 48,000 children and young people in the 103 Catholic schools in this state. From Roxby Downs in the north, Pt Lincoln in the west, Renmark to the east, Mt Gambier in the south and all points in between!

However, a 100% affiliation rate means little if each of our affiliated parent communities is only connected to its peak body by the payment of a fee. This year, the Federation focused strongly on working towards building our profile with Catholic school parents and connecting authentically with them through two exciting initiatives – the We’re Listening Roadshow and the Federation Ambassador program. These initiatives, along with our Building Capacity to Strengthen Family Engagement in Learning program, were three of many key highlights and successes for the Federation in 2015.

We commend this Annual Report to you as providing a summary of these highlights and our financial position as of the end of 2015.

In doing so, we acknowledge the commitment and quality of the contribution the Federation staff and Council members have made to this work. We recognise the support of our colleagues from the Catholic Education Offices, school leaders, educators and most importantly the parents who, together in partnership, form the hearts and minds of the children and young people in our Catholic school communities.

They are and will always remain at the centre of all that we do.

Monique Russell
President

Ann Bliss
Executive Director

May 28, 2016
Highlights from 2015

The following provides a snapshot of our work in 2015. Enjoy!

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We launched our We’re Listening Roadshow initiative to meet and talk with parents in our Catholic school communities. To be the ‘voice’ of Catholic school parents, we need to hear what parents think about education in general, Catholic education in particular and what they want to see happen to make sure our schools can continue to provide a unique and high quality learning experience. The information we gather informs our work as we provide the parent perspective in shaping education policy through advocacy and representation.

We developed our Federation Ambassador Initiative aimed to connect the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities with every parent in every Catholic school community in South Australia. To ensure every parent is informed, connected and heard, the Federation will liaise directly with a nominated ‘Federation Ambassador’ whose role will be to act as a conduit between the Federation and their school’s parent community.
We completed Stage 1 of our **Oral History Project** capturing the memories of two of our founding members – Nick Canny and Gen Dineen. Following the death of Dr. Des Dineen in July, we commissioned a paper on his contribution to the formation of the Federation in 1967.

(Pictured: Dr Des Dineen and Mrs Gen Dineen)

Long serving Council member and two-time past president Caz Bosch was conferred **Life Membership** at our 48th AGM in May, 2015.

(Pictured: Executive Director, Ann Bliss and Life Member Caz Bosch)

The 2015 **Tom Ffrench Awards for Family Engagement in Catholic Education SA** were announced during the Federation’s Annual Parent Engagement Conference on 30 May 2015. There were four award categories recognising leading practice across four levels of influence and impact - sector or school wide, teacher driven or parent led.

Represented clockwise from top left: South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (Sector Award), the Parent Coffee Club/Kids Matter Action Team of St Therese’s School, Colonel Light Gardens (Parent Leadership), Nazareth Catholic College’s Virginia Grantham (Class Award) and St Joseph’s School, Hindmarsh (School Award).
The third Annual Parent Engagement Conference (incorporating the 48th AGM) was held at the Mary MacKillop Centre on Saturday, 30th May 2015. The theme “The Essential Conversation” explored the importance of building a strong and effective working relationship between parents and teachers to support children’s learning and wellbeing.

Pictured: Key note and facilitator Sonia Nolan (far left) with conference participants

We hosted a Conversation with Professor Carla Rinaldi - internationally renowned advocate for children and childhood - on “Listening for Children’s Learning”.

(Pictured L-R: Deanna Margini, Professor Carla Rinaldi, Jan Millikan, Ann Bliss and Bruno Vieceli)

Having advocated successfully in the lead up to the 2014 state election for a state wide initiative to promote parent engagement in learning and schooling, we were actively engaged in the planning of the inaugural Parents in Education Week. Executive Director, Ann Bliss participated in an expert panel alongside Minister for Education and Child Development, Dr Susan Close at the Parents in Education Week Forum.

(Picture L-R: Hon Susan Close MP, Minister for Education and Child Development, Ann Bliss, Kelvin Grivell, Principal, Encounter Lutheran College, Barbara Barker, ARACY, Tony Harrison, Chief Executive, DECD and MC, Jessica Adamson)
Through our **Building Capacity Program**, we provided advice for school leadership teams, professional learning for teachers and school leaders and customised consultancy to support school communities to systematically embed sustainable practices and processes that strengthen home/school/ community engagement in learning.

(Picture: Workshop with staff from the NE Region of schools)

We surveyed parents on Catholic Education SA’s proposed transition of Year 7 into secondary settings by 2020. Information gathered from the survey and the Federation’s ongoing consultation with families will inform and shape the implementation of this strategy.

34 of our affiliated school communities applied for a share in $25,000 of Parents in Education grant funding. This funding, provided by the Minister for Education and Child Development, is managed by the Federation for distribution to Catholic schools to support creative initiatives that support the engagement of parents in children’s learning and the life of the school community. 20 schools were successful in securing a grant in 2015 (see Appendix 1 for details).
We received a great deal of media coverage in 2015 including our call for equity in funding for students in Year 7. Timed to coincide with NAPLAN testing, the article used our catch cry: Same Test. Same Curriculum. Same Expectations. Less Funding!

The Federation was represented on a range of national bodies, state-wide committees and decision making and advisory bodies within Catholic Education SA bringing the parent perspective to the shaping of educational policy and practice.

See Appendix 2 for detail of all Federation representations in 2015.

Our Team
Executive Director
Ane Bliss

Communications and Administration Officer
Leanne De Young

Finance Officer
Teresa Markovic

We continued to ‘punch above our weight’ delivering all of this and more with 1.8 full time equivalent staffing.

13 committed parents volunteered their time, energy and expertise as members of the Federation Council to expertly steer the work of the Federation.

Clockwise from top left - Paul Della, Shefia Nemer-Khoury, Sarah Wood (President to June), Rebecca Smith, Monique Russell (President from June), Caz Bosch, Uby Faddoul, Veronica Barlow, Jagmohan Ahluwalia, Kylie Ind, Simon Abbott, Jise Sanderson, Darren Whelan and Mary Avina.
FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COMMUNITIES (SA) INCORPORATED

FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2015
FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COMMUNITIES  
COUNCIL REPORT TO MEMBERS  
for the period ended 31st December 2015


Principal activities

The principal activities of the Association throughout the year were to promote the interests of parents and students in South Australian Catholic schools via advocacy, representation, service and consultancy.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating result

The Net operating surplus for the period amounted to $22,539.08 (2014 surplus was $7,474.94).

During the year no officer of the Association, firm of which an officer is a member, or body corporate in which the officer has a substantial financial interest, has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between an officer, firm or body corporate and the Association.

No officer of the Association has received directly or indirectly from the Association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value, except in the case of officers employed by the Association.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committees.

Norene Russel (President)

Matthew Fox (Treasurer)

Dated this 9 day of May 2016.
The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities  
Income & Expenditure Statement  
For the Year Ending 31st December 2015

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Surplus/(Deficit) from ordinary activities  
Transfer to reserve  
Transfer to Accumulated Funds

The accompanying notes form part of these accounts
The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2015

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**Accumulated Funds**

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities

Notes to the financial statements at 31st December 2015

Note 1  Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act 1985 (as amended).

The members of the Council have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or (except where stated) current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

Income Tax
As the Association is a not-for-profit organisation established for the advancement of education, it is an exempt entity and therefore not liable for payment of income tax in accordance with Section 50-1 of the Income Tax Assessment Act (1997).

Non Current Assets
If applicable each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The depreciable amount of all non-current assets are depreciated over useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Employee entitlements
The Provision for long service leave represents the Association’s liability to employees at the 31st December 2015. The provision has been established by the amount required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Going concern
The Council is confident of continued financial support through affiliation fees and grant income and, accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on a ‘going concern’ basis.

GST
The Association is registered for GST under ABN 71 210 887 904
Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST.

Comparative figures
There has been no necessity to adjust comparative figures as a result of changes to the Accounting Standards.

Note 2  Associations Incorporations Act 1985 (as amended)
The Association is incorporated in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985. The Council has determined the Association is not a ‘Prescribed Association’ under the act as gross receipts (excluding affiliation fees) are less than $200,000.
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<td><strong>$74,380.07</strong></td>
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The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities

Council declaration

The Council has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity, and that the special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The members of the Council declare that:

The attached financial report presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association as at 31st December 2015, and its performance for the year then ended.

At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Council and is signed for and on behalf of the members by:

Monique Russel (President)

Matthew Fox (Treasurer)

Dated this 9th day of May 2016.
INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the Members of the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities (SA) Incorporated,

Scope

I have audited the attached special purpose financial reports of the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities (SA) Incorporated ("the Association") for the year ended 31st December 2015 and comprising of:

- Income & Expenditure Statement for the year
- Balance Sheet at that date
- Notes to the Accounts
- Statement by Council members.

Council's responsibility for the financial report

The Council of the Association (the Committee) is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Association's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of members.

The Committee's responsibilities also include establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation of the financial report ensuring that it is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing standards. These standards direct that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit includes procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the material risks of misstatement in the financial report, whether due to fraud or error.

In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances - but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members in order to fulfil the Committee's financial reporting obligations under the Association's constitution. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report, or on the financial report, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.
Independence

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the financial report of the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities (SA) Incorporated presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position as at the 31st December 2016 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies in Note 1 to the financial statements.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTING SERVICES.
Certified Practising Accountant:

[Signature]

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8th April 2016

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## Appendix 1

### PARENT INITIATIVES IN EDUCATION (PIE) GRANTS

#### Summary of 2015/16 projects

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| St Anthony’s Catholic School, Millicent | Engagement and Information Workshop Series  
Providing one workshop per term on topics identified by the parent community such as 'Preparing your child for Transition' and ‘Building Resilience and Easing Anxiety'. |
| St Mary MacKillop School, Wallaroo  | 'Being the best resilience coach for your kids so they can navigate life's ups and downs' and 'How to catch and build positive behaviours'  
This project builds upon themes identified in the school’s Strategic Planning process.  
An action research approach will be adopted to develop common thinking, common language and common beliefs about working in partnership to ensure students are as successful as they can be and that the same messages are received from home and school about resilience, engagement, motivation and dealing with conflict or challenge. |
| St Joseph’s School, Ottoway       | Unity Path  
This project builds upon the success of 2015 PIE projects by holding a series of 8 x 2 hour holistic arts workshops.  
In the workshops parents will have an opportunity to increase their confidence and develop numeracy and English skills in a non-threatening environment.  
These classes have become very important for some parents at our school, and have made a marked difference in their lives, to the point where one mother is now attending TAFE and attributes this to the Parent Education Classes. |
| Our Lady Queen of Peace School, Albert Park | Teaching Children to read and write  
Specific Learning Difficulties Association of SA will facilitate two workshops designed to help parents gain additional skills to support their children’s learning. |
| St Bridgid’s School, Kilburn      | Strengthening positive identities through community connections  
Through a series of workshops, parents will gain new strategies and skills to address the needs of their children and manage their children’s behaviours in a way that strengthens their positive identities.  
Interpreters and translators will assist in sharing the messages to 22 different cultures identified at this school. |
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| St Mary Magdalene's School, Elizabeth Grove | **Inclusive Learning Communities: Parents connecting, conversing & communicating**  
This project aims to connect school families to their child’s learning by offering them English speaking classes that focus on the Catholic school experience. |
| St Joseph's School, Hindmarsh               | **Transition to School**  
This project builds upon parental engagement strategic planning undertaken by the whole school community by creating a transition to school program for children and their families. |
| St Columba’s Memorial School, Yortkenton    | **Bringing in the New Year with a Healthy and Positive Start**  
After the success of the school’s inaugural breakfast at the beginning 2015 a similar event will be held in 2016 to welcome parents to St Columba’s School and share in the opportunity to meet with children’s teachers throughout the day. |
| St Therese Primary School, Colonel Light Gardens | **Parent Pack**  
This project will provide parents with an information and resource package for new families to the school. Resources and information will include the Federation Welcome Pack, and information about the school’s ‘Coffee Club’ and ‘Parent Buddy’ strategy. |
| Mary MacKillop Memorial School, Penola      | **Parents Understanding Office 365 and Cloud Based Learning**  
This project will be an opportunity for parents to learn about Office 365 and explore what parents might expect to see in the home environment. The use of OneNote and using shared files for collaborative learning will be addressed in practical terms so that children might have support at home with any technical difficulties they might experience. Information regarding content and use by specific year level will be touched on but that will be covered by other communication with parents by teachers in an ongoing way. |
| St Mark’s College, Port Pirie               | **Bringing together families, teachers, students, old scholars and the church to engage and excel in our children’s education**  
This project will formalise a taskforce to work on identifying joint goals which will help children excel. |
**Mount Carmel College, Rosewater**

**Habits for Health Life and Work**

The intent of this project is to hold a series of Conversation Cafés to help parents and caregivers create a supportive home environment and develop healthy living habits in their families that will assist their children to be successful participants in school and society.

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**Emmaus Catholic School, Woodcroft**

**Mathematics and numeracy and the Australian Curriculum**

This project will culminate in workshops aimed at how parents can help their children with mathematics and numeracy.

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**Cabra Dominican College, Cumberland Park**

**Life After Cabra**

This event will provide parents with the opportunity to participate in a forum about career/work experience opportunities for their children with an intellectual disability. The session will also provide social networking opportunities for parents to connect with other families with similar challenges. Suitable care facilities (crèche) will be provided as these students have high care needs and cannot be left without supervision.

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**Cabra Dominican College, Cumberland Park**

**Sharing of Knowledge**

After the school’s inaugural subject expo in 2015, parents and community partners will be invited to a forum to impart their experience and expertise to students and families related to their child’s chosen career.
Committee Membership 2015

The Council and Staff of the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities represented parents on the following committees and working parties:

National

**National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) Parent Representative**
Ann Bliss

**Australian Parents Council (APC)**

- **President** - Caz Bosch
- **Treasurer** - Paul Della
- **National Executive** - Caz Bosch, Jlse Sanderson (up to June 2015), Shefia Nemer-Khoury (from August 2015) and Paul Della

**Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA)**

- **SA Council members** - Ann Bliss and Kylie Ind
- **Council Executive** - Ann Bliss

**Parents Australia Board**

- **Chair** - Caz Bosch
- **Treasurer** - Paul Della
- **SA Representative** - Ann Bliss (up to November), Darren Whelan (from November)

**State**

**Teachers Registration Board Community Representative** - Monique Russell (Deputy)

**SACE Parent Reference group** - Ann Bliss

**Parents in Education Week Reference Group** - Ann Bliss and Monique Russell
Catholic Education South Australia

South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS)

Standing Committees
- **Catholic Identity and Leadership** - Rebecca Smith
- **Finance and Infrastructure** - Ann Bliss
- **Education** - Shefia Nemer-Khoury and Leanne De Young

Advisory Committees
- **Infrastructure, Planning and Development** - Ann Bliss
- **Inclusion and Learning** - Monique Russell
- **Rural Education** - Kylie Ind (up to June) and Jo Court (co-opted from June)
- **Early Years Education and Care** - Rebecca Smith
- **Educational Programs** - Ann Bliss
- **Behaviour Education** - Monique Russell
- **Enterprise Vocational Education** - Shefia Nemer-Khoury
- **Political Strategy Advisory Group** - Ann Bliss

Working Parties
- **Child Protection** - Mary Avina
- **Review of Funding Mechanism** - Ann Bliss

Reference Groups
- **CESA Continuous Improvement Framework** - Ann Bliss

Federation Sub-committees
- **Political Strategy** - Caz Bosch, Simon Abbott, Sarah Wood and Ann Bliss
- **Parent Pulse** - Leanne De Young, Ann Bliss, Rebecca Smith