

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

'Giddy' from the Land Down-Under to our Sisters of the St Joseph's Alumnae.

I trust you've all recovered, caught up with sleep and are now refreshed, following our hectic

"Many Paths, One Spirit" week-long reunion here in Sydney.

And now the memories we all made during that week (16-23 September 2018) has begun its continuous replay triggered by the sight of familiar objects, sounds and songs heard during that week, and the aromas we encountered whilst catching up and breaking bread with our long-lost sisters. And Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp and all social media streams continue to be flooded with beautiful photos; evident of a great celebration of SISTERHOOD.

AND WHAT A WEEK OF CELEBRATION IT WAS!!!!!!!!!!

A big VINAKA VAKALEVU to Fr. Epeli Qimaqima and his parishioners at St Benedict's Catholic Church in Broadway for welcoming us into their parish and allowing us the use of their beautiful courtyard, besides celebrating both our Welcome and Thanksgiving Masses. We are indebted to you, Fr. Epeli for your generosity and kindness and open-heartedness.

Our thanks and appreciation are also extended to the Fiji Sydney Catholic Chaplaincy Choir that heard our call for help and assisted us with both Masses, singing our praises through the roof. Vinaka Vakalevu.

To the Sisters of St Joseph de Cluny- thank you for your prayers, for always thinking of our Committee; visiting us when you could and supporting us with your prayers as we strived towards achieving our goal. And most of all, thank you for accepting our invitation. We were certainly blessed to have three of you with us throughout this reunion.

The Sydney Alumnae who contributed to the refreshment tables on both Sundays and those who went out of their way to organise and host gatherings (apart from the planned events) for the visiting alumnae, ensuring their visit to our beautiful city was eventful and memorable. Thank you.

Our faithful group of supporters who have always supported our fundraising activities throughout the years and especially in the last eighteen months as we planned and worked towards the realisation of our Many Paths, One Spirit reunion. Vinaka.

The SJSS Alumnae across the globe- thank you for heeding our call and accepting our challenge in enabling the three Sisters to be present with us throughout this Reunion. Your generous contributions ensured their travel and comfort during their stay. Vinaka vakalevu.

Our Alumnae sisters who made it to Sydney and joined us for the Many Paths, One Spirit, Sydney Reunion 2018. We acknowledge especially those of our sisters who struggled with their own fundraising to make this journey. And those who travelled out of Fiji for the first time. We are honoured that you chose our event as your first adventure outside of Fiji. Without all of you here, all our planning and hard work would have been for nought. Vinaka vakalevu.

And last but not in the least, our dedicated spouses, partners and families. Thank you for your patience, your support, words of encouragement and understanding as we planned, negotiated and worked our way through meetings, fundraising events and the never-ending correspondence that took huge chunks out of family time. Thank you for standing tall by our sides.

And now, as the memories live on in our minds and cause us to smile, laugh, love and appreciate the beauty around us, we give thanks to our Lord for the many blessings showered upon us and the great bond of SISTERHOOD we enjoy.

Vinaka.

Emily Koroi

Chairperson

XSJSS-SYDNEY Committee

On behalf of the AWESOME XSJSS-SYDNEY COMMITTEE.



XSJSS-SYDNEY Committee 2018.

Front: Reywan Khan, Pamela Devlin, Angela Duckworth, Grace Yee, Carol Wooley, Roslyn Lee.

Back: Yvonne Osborne, JuDe Bulatiko Slatter, Kathy Johansen, Karen Macallister, Emily Koroi, Adella Chan, Helen Black.

Absent: Amy Chan.