Annual School Goals 2010

Religious and Evangelising Mission

St Matthew’s is a Catholic parish school where the faith of our community is nurtured and developed.

- Provide opportunities for the St Matthew’s community to prepare for and engage in, Catholic rituals and liturgical celebrations
  - Canonisation of Mary MacKillop
  - Promoting our Catholic Identity – Mary MacKillop Walk, statue of Mary
  - Reviewing our Easter Celebrations

Achievements

- Whole School liturgical celebrations focussed on Opening School Mass, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week prayer celebrations, Canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop, celebration of the teaching career of Mrs Del Reynolds, First Friday Masses, End of Year Mass, St Joseph’s Day and St Matthew’s Day
- Our mission areas for 2010 focussed on Project Compassion, Timor Mother’s Day cards, St Vincent de Paul, Rosies and fundraising for Indigenous youth to go to Rome for the Canonisation Mass.
- Many students throughout the year received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- Some of our special assemblies focussed on Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and ANZAC Day.
- Children worked with Artist in Residence Cathy Edwards to design prayer blocks that would be used to establish a Mary MacKillop walk. This walk was blessed at our Canonisation Mass.
- We were given a statue of Mary and the Stations of the Cross from the Parish and these will be displayed in our new library.
Student Learning Outcomes

High quality, inclusive, teaching and learning is characteristic of education at St Matthew’s.

- Supporting Lisa Cannon in the role of Curriculum Support Teacher
- Numeracy and Literacy
- ICLT in the classroom
- NAPLAN
- The Australian Curriculum

Achievements

- Mark Snart from Brisbane Catholic Education worked with staff at two meetings to analyse and respond to our 2009 NAPLAN results.
- We responded to the needs of students and teachers in the literacy and numeracy areas by employing Literacy and Numeracy teachers. The teachers worked with Years 3,5, 7 in the first semester and Yrs 2,4,6 in the second semester.
- Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 participated in the National Assessment Plan – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests.
- 10 students took part in the student organised KIDS CONNECT technology workshops.
- We began awareness raising of the Australian Curriculum and decided to take on the English and Maths subject areas in 2011.
- Mrs Lisa Cannon took on the role of Curriculum Support Teacher two days per week this year and will continue in this role next year.
- Danielle Carter from Brisbane Catholic Education worked with our staff to present ways that will increase the effective use of technology in the classroom.
Student Support

St Matthew’s students are supported, nurtured and guided so that they have the opportunity to fully access the curriculum.

- Writing of St Matthew’s Behaviour Guidelines and Procedures
- Supporting Dr Rhiarne Pronk in the role of Guidance Officer
- Identifying and supporting Gifted and Talented students

Achievements
- Behaviour committee was formed early in the year and met regularly throughout the year.
- In early Term 3 we released our St Matthew’s Student Behaviour Support Policy and Guidelines
- Our Student Council and Year 7 students continued to promote our school wide behaviour management program by promoting appropriate behaviours and the Bully Bulldozer program.
- A Gifted and talented Committee was formed and we worked with BCE personnel to raise awareness of Gifted and Talented issues within our school.
- We released our St Matthew’s Guidelines to Identifying Gifted and Talented Students.

Staff Support

St Matthew’s staff is supported pastorally and professionally so that they can provide high quality Catholic education.

- Supporting staff to meet the new Queensland College of Teacher Requirements
- Fish Philosophy
- Familiarisation with the new Southside Centre

Achievements
- We welcomed and supported new teachers: Ms Laura Smith (Yr 2 Blue), Ms Lisa Cannon (Curriculum Support Teacher), Dr Rhiarne Pronk (Guidance Officer).
- The staff took on the Fish Philosophy as a staff support theme and two of our Pupil Free days were centred around this theme.
- We used many personnel from the new Southside centre to outline to staff how the new school support system works.
- Professional development for teachers focussed on Student Protection, Information Communication and Learning Technologies; identifying and catering for Gifted and Talented students, teacher role statement and guidelines, awareness of the new Australian Curriculum, using interactive whiteboards and analysing NAPLAN results.
Information, Communication and Learning Technologies

Information, Communication and Learning Technologies is embedded as an essential part of St Matthew’s Teaching and Learning process.

- Monitoring the new financial support of this area through the P&F Levy
- New Computer Lab
- Continue Maintenance, Repair and Resourcing of ICLT

Achievements
- Interactive whiteboards were purchased and placed in all classrooms throughout the school (thank you to the Parents and Friends Association).
- 30 new desktop computers were purchased for our new computer lab.
- 120 laptop computers were purchased for the school – 15 per classroom.
- 8 docking and recharging stations were bought to house the 15 laptop computers for each year level.
- A major upgrade to our wireless system was completed.
- Parents and Friends Levy was used to support our ICLT resourcing, $36 000 was raised from this levy.

Resourcing Catholic Schools

Equitable and just administration of resources is characteristic of financial practise at St Matthew’s

- Completion of the new Administration and Learning Support areas
- Arts Centre (Drama, Music and Visual Arts) Library Refurbishment (computer lab and photocopy room), New Staffroom.
- Resourcing those areas identified in our 2010 plan.

Achievements
- The construction and refurbishment of new office, administration and learning support areas was completed. The final cost for the project was just over $700,000 of which the community contributed $320,000.
- Construction of buildings funded through the Federal Government’s Building the Education Revolution, began in Term 1 and continued throughout Term 2. The project was completed at the end of Term 3.
- Building the Education Revolution grant was $3 million and was used to build an Arts Centre consisting of a stage area, music room, visual arts room, music tutorial room and HPE office, refurbishment and expansion of our library - including building a new computer lab and copy room and because of the expansion of the library, construction of a new staff room.
- A new junior playground was constructed and is now ready for use.
Renewal and Quality Assurance

Quality assurance and ongoing renewal is a characteristic of St Matthew’s.

- Establishment of a School Board
- Official Opening of the Administration and Learning Support Building
- School Cyclical review Process: Social Action and Justice, Learning and Teaching, Reporting, Student Well Being and Pastoral Care, Staff Engagement, Monitoring and Self Review Process

Achievements

- School Board formation sessions took place in Term 3 with George Kendall from Brisbane Catholic Education Office and St Matthew’s first School Board formed. The members are Fr Marce, Mrs Colleen Hughes, Mr Paul Zietsch, Mr Ben Shepley, Mrs Lynn Faux, Mr Jason Luckhardt, Mr Steve Hammond and I. We will begin our meetings in February next year.
- The school cyclical review took place in Term 3. All areas were completed rated and reported to Brisbane Catholic Education. Areas from the validation will inform our 2011 Annual School Goals.